Hello Vincent families!

My name is Damien Tillack and I am acting principal while John Kratzmann is on leave. I also welcome Donna Nicolosi as Acting HOSES, Ashleigh Domio as Year 1/2 teacher and Kylie Locke as Support Teacher for Year 1/2. Kassie Koppe is our acting Support Teacher: Literacy and Numeracy. Ilma Murray-Prior is our Connectedness Officer.

I was previously acting principal at Ravenswood State School and Scottville State School near Collinsville. Before that, I worked in our regional office as a Principal Education Officer Student Wellbeing. I have been teaching since 1996 and I am married with three young children.

The main focus this year for the Townsville region’s schools is reading. One of the biggest gifts parents can give their children is reading time. Vincent students can borrow books from the library which is open every day now. Younger students also get a home reader. I encourage you to read a book with your children every night. It makes them feel secure and it's a special time every night. Ask questions about the cover and the pictures on the page too.

We start STRIVE lessons next week. STRIVE is a vocabulary program where we build students’ vocabulary through a great fun lesson. These will be held in the library. A great part of this program is that students learn words that they may not know and they can use them in their writing and speaking.

On daily assemblies I have focussed on Being Safe and on some of our key questions for this week, "What have you learnt today?" and "How have you learnt today?"

I’ve been really pleased to see almost every student in full uniform. Wearing a full uniform makes our students feel proud. Well done! It is also good to see so many students coming to school every day. Brilliant! The attendance table shows what a huge hole is left in children’s education when they are away a lot from school.

I look forward to meeting lots of you at our Health Expo on Monday at 2.00pm!

Kind regards,

Damien Tillack
Students who attended regularly and had wonderful behaviour for the term were rewarded with a movie and pizza on the last day of term.

**Term Two Gold Winners**

Students participating in the Bridge Program will have the opportunity for an Adventurous Journey at Bluewater on Friday. All students are looking forward to taking part.

**Science EXPO**

**Wednesday 23 July - 2.00pm – 2.50pm**

Next Wednesday, Vincent State School will hold a Science Expo.

Children will take on the role of Scientists and experiment with reactions of different foods and liquids to see what happens when base materials are miced with acids.

Children will NOT be involved with harmful substances. The acid used, will be vinegar. The children will participate in three different types of activities.

Parents are invited to attend to see their future scientists in action.

**Retuning Your TV**

As a final step in Australia’s move to digital only TV, the ABC and WIN will change frequencies today in Townsville. All viewers will need to retune their digital TV.

There may be unavoidable temporary outages to all TV channels today and Thursday.

Visit the Digital Ready website or call the Digital Ready Information line on 1800 201 013, 8.00am to 10.00pm, 7 days.

**Tuckshop**

Our tuckshop is presently opening on Monday, Tuesday and Friday only.

Unfortunately it did not open yesterday as our volunteers were not available.

It will open again on Friday. We very much want it to open at least 4 days per week.

However, this depends on you, our parents and friends. We need two volunteers who will man the tuckshop on a Thursday.

If you think you may be able to assist with this, please call down to Prep and see ‘Miss Jenny’.

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