Hello Vincent Community.......  

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very proud of our school staff and students here at Vincent SS. Lately, we have all been working on our school rules. Last week we focussed on ‘being successful’. Our students were all able to tell me what ‘learning behaviour’ and ‘being successful’ looked like in the classroom.

In my regular walks around the school and every classroom each day, I have definitely noticed a great improvement with our students and how they are going about their learning.

This week our School is focusing on ‘being safe’. This means saying positive words to each other, being in class on time all the time, keeping our hands and feet to ourselves and of course, walking on the concrete.

Our staff are constantly catching our students doing the right thing and rewarding them with Vincent Vouchers, stickers, treats and lots of positives. On the other hand, if our kids do the wrong thing, every student knows that we have a ‘time away’ area at lunchtime that we use to retrain our students who break the rules.

Our School, great school.

Support Staff Day

On Friday last week we had a special lunch (with chocolates) to say thank you to our fantastic Vincent SS Support staff. We value the great work our teacher aides do to help ALL our students with their learning; the cleaners and how fantastic they keep the school for our students; our grounds man, Mr Aldo and his hard work keeping everything working; our Office staff who keep all the boxes ticked and the paperwork flowing; and each and every staff member who supports our school.

On Assembly on Monday, special badges were presented to our Teacher Aides as another thank you.

Every Day Counts

We are encouraging students to come to school 100% of the time. Those attending will receive an invitation to a rewards party every second Friday.

Pie Drive Pick Up

Tomorrow, Thursday 11 September
From 2.00pm until 3.00pm at the Hall.

Can you spare a few hours every week?

The P & C is desperately searching for volunteers to help with Tuckshop.
If you are interested, please contact Jenny Buckby at Prep.
Hello Vincent Community...

Parent Teacher Interviews
Make sure you get your tuckshop voucher.

At Vincent, every child will improve their reading. We must work together to help our students be the best learners they can be. Over the next few weeks teachers will be inviting parents in to have a chat to discuss your child’s learning and learning goals. It is that important that we work together, that we are saying thank you to all parents who attend teacher meetings, by giving your child a tuckshop voucher to spend at the tuckshop.

Please fill in the teacher meeting note and return to your child's teacher. Get in quick...

Prep Enrolments for 2015
We need YOU

After the holidays we will start enrolling students for 2015. Our school is a wonderful community asset. Have you seen us lately? If you have prep age children for next year, get ready to enrol. If you have family, tell them to come to Vincent SS. We need you to spread the word – Vincent SS rocks...

Yours in Quality Education
John Kratzmann
Acting Principal
Vincent State School
Phone: 47280444

Reading goals
The number of students achieving their reading level goals and sight word goals is increasing. Good job!

Literacy Group
Many of our staff have participated in ‘Literacy Group’ in their own time. This is a Term 3 action research project with Garbutt State School staff and experts from our Regional Office. Our project has focused on our spelling groups and teaching students the phonemes, or sounds, of our alphabet’s letters through special activities. Staff will celebrate their successes on Thursday.

Reading In The Park
The ‘Townsville Bulletin’ reported a fantastic turnout for this year’s day for reading in the park. If you went along with your young children, we hope you enjoyed yourselves. Reading with children from a very young age is very important. Children learn to value books. Children learn how to look at pictures for clues about the story. Children learn to recognise sounds and new words.

Staff Training
Our teachers were presented with certificates for their participation in our three week course ‘Essential Skills in Classroom Management’. The course teaches staff effective strategies for managing behaviour. Many teachers across the state have now received this valuable training. Well done!

Child Protection Week
This week’s focus is ‘Be Safe’. It is also national Child Protection Week. Parades over the term in ‘Be Safe’ week have trained students to identify their five safe people. We hold up a hand with our fingers splayed as a symbol. This comes from the Daniel Morcombe Curriculum that commenced in recent years. Your child should be able to identify some safe people at school and at home and one person in a ‘role’ or ‘job’ that is a safe job that they can go to if they feel unsafe if they're walking home alone.
Lunchtimes are a chance to play with our friends.

WORK BEGINS ON MURAL

It’s all in the planning...

♫ This is the way we colour our wall…….♫

Our students enjoy reading and sharing books every day.

We learn together at Vincent State School.

♫ This is the way we colour our wall…….♫
--- Museum of Tropical Queensland ---

BACKYARD SAFARI - Photography Competition

Head out into the dark, unmapped heart of your backyard, bushland or beach with camera and pith helmet in search of small game and other inspiring and intriguing subjects.

**PRIZES INCLUDE:**
- Canon equipment valued at $2000
- One-on-one workshops with award-winning wildlife photographer, Darren Jew
- Winning entries featured in an upcoming exhibition at the Museum of Tropical Queensland

Everyone who enters with receives a 15% discount on Canon photographic equipment!*

**ENTRIES CLOSE 31 OCTOBER 2014**

Full details at mtq.qm.qld.gov.au


Competition Partner: Canon Collective

*Discount applies to full priced items.

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Heatley Secondary College

**Invite Year 6 and 7 students to a DISCO**

**Friday 12 September** *(Theme: Sport)*

Tickets are $5 and available at the Vincent State School Office.

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TOWNSVILLE PCYC Wellington Street, Aitkenvale

**DISCO**

**Friday 19 September**

**$5 Entry**

Prep to Year 7 – 6.00pm to 8.30pm

Come along and b ring your friends. There are prizes to be won.