Week 9 • Term 4•2014

Hello Vincent Community!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our School is a positive behaviour for learning school. We believe that students respond much better to positive reinforcement than being negative. This means our teachers and school staff reward students who are doing the right things with positive comments and small rewards.

Each week we target behaviours that our students need to improve on, then we teach these behaviours in the classroom and when we catch our students showing the behaviour in the class and playground, we reward with a positive comment and a Vincent Voucher. Ask your child how many Vincent Vouchers they have on their passports. Kids love them. See the pictures of kids in our Vincent Vouchers club.

Every Day Is Important

Please remember that every day is important, right up to the very last day of school next week. The end of the school year is exciting. I expect all students to be very well behaved every day, including the last day of school. Please remind your children that each day is important.

Ronald McDonald House

Last Wednesday Mrs MP took our Bridge Program students up to Ronald McDonald House to present several paintings that the Bridge Kids produced. The Bridge program is run at school throughout the year for the older students and focusses on building a range of skills including community spirit. Our students presented two wonderful bright colourful paintings. Channel 7 and WIN were there to cover the event. I was there also; I drove the bus. I was very proud of our students and their shining community spirit.

Christmas Carols Evening

This is going to be a blast…Come along, enjoy and see your children in action (next Monday afternoon). There will be also gourmet hotdogs and drinks for sale, a cent sale and plenty of displays showing our awesome work.

School is Out of Bounds

Parents, please remind your children that school is not a playground during the weekend or afterschool. We have security patrols nightly. Our school grounds is definitely out of bounds when the school is closed.

2015 BOOK LISTS OUT TODAY
Smoking ban extended from 1 January 2015

The use of cigarettes, other tobacco products and electronic cigarettes within five metres of school land will be banned from 1 January 2015. This applies before, during and after school hours, and on school holidays and weekends. The ban doesn’t extend over neighbouring residences or businesses.

Instrumental Music for 2015

Year 3 and 4 students this year are encouraged to take up Instrumental Music next year – the school pays for the lessons. Fill in the bright yellow form and hand it in at the front office as soon as possible.

Learn the flute, clarinet or saxophone (woodwind instruments), trumpet, trombone or euphonium (brass instruments) or drums and glockenspiel (percussion instruments)!

The High Five

We use the High Five every day at Vincent to solve our problems. Students are taught to use one or more of these: Talk friendly, Ignore it, Talk firmly (“Stop it! I don’t like that.”), Walk away, Report it (to a safe adult).

Next week’s Hour of Code

Next week, students in 57,000 classrooms around the world will learn their first Hour of Code (computer science), jumping into a field that can change the rest of their lives! If you have a computer at home, you can register your child and they can have fun no all the activities:

1) Choose from final tutorials
   Every Hour of Code tutorial is now ready. We’ve been adding more options and improving what’s available every day.

2) Watch inspiring video chats
   Throughout the next week, Sheryl Sandberg, Bill Gates, Ashton Kutcher and more will chat with classrooms around the country. Tune into the live chats, or watch the video archives.

5) Help translate Code.org tutorials
   Join our translation project and learn more about our translation process at code.org/translate.

As this will be the last Vincent Voices for 2014 all the Vincent SS Staff would like to wish all our families a Safe and Merry Christmas and Happy 2015.

Remember School Restarts Tuesday 27 January 2015
Bridge Program Students visit Ronald MacDonald House

Pictured Far Left: Students posing with ‘Ronald’.

Left: Students and Ms Barb Guy with the paintings donated to Ronald MacDonald House.

Left: Our students performed well under the pressure of news crews.

‘Books in Homes’ Gift Presentation

Students Of The Week

Vincent Voucher 25, 50, 75 and 100 Club Winners.

ENROL NOW FOR 2015

Tell your family, tell your friends…. 

Our School – a Great School
END OF YEAR
Christmas Celebration

Monday 8 December
3.30pm to 5.30pm

Our School Instrumental Band will be playing at 3.30pm

Join in with the classes as they sing all your favourite Christmas Carols from 4.30pm!

Watch our Signing Choir and AUSLAN Interpreter in action!

VIEW
CLASS DISPLAYS IN
THE HALL
FROM 3.30PM

Coloured Clothes Day!
Have fun wearing Christmas Colours!

Enjoy A Picnic Dinner!
Gourmet Hot Dogs with cheese and grilled onions and Cold Drinks will also be on SALE!
(Provided by your P&C Association)

Buy a ticket in our raffle!
Win a Cowboy Mascot Octopus (all hand made) or a beautifully knitted doll.
Tickets only $1 each

Please come along and celebrate with the Vincent State School community as we celebrate all that is best about our school!