

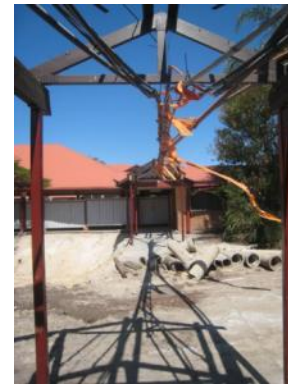






# 2009 LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our review of the 2009 school year. We are sure the various reports, articles and photographs will give a true reflection of what has been a successful and enjoyable year.

After years of planning, designing and consulting our building project has now started! We are well on the way to achieving our new school. Hopefully it will be well worth the wait. It is hoped by the time school resumes in 2010, we will have a new tuckshop and an extension to the After School Room, a relocated uniform shop, an extended staff room and separate reception areas in the office for students and parents. We are also aiming for the drive-through area to be complete.

Despite the building project life at St Vincent's has been as busy as ever.





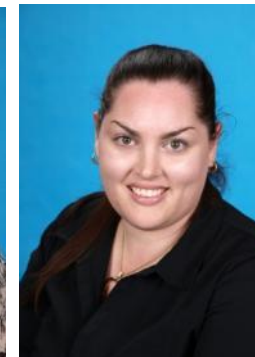
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In 2009 we farewell Jenni Fleming who resigned from Brisbane Catholic Education and Zoe Parry who will be job sharing at Jubilee School, Gaven. Selina Cameron, Bernadette Mills, Lauren Fields and Dave O'Shea are on leave for 2010. Paul Rees and Tammie Pile return to St Vincent's.

We thank Carlene Mulhall, Kellie Garske, Lee Brooks and Trish Pickford who complete their contracts with us at the end of the year. We thank them for their contribution to the shared stories and vibrant memories of St Vincent's and hopefully we will see them back here one day.







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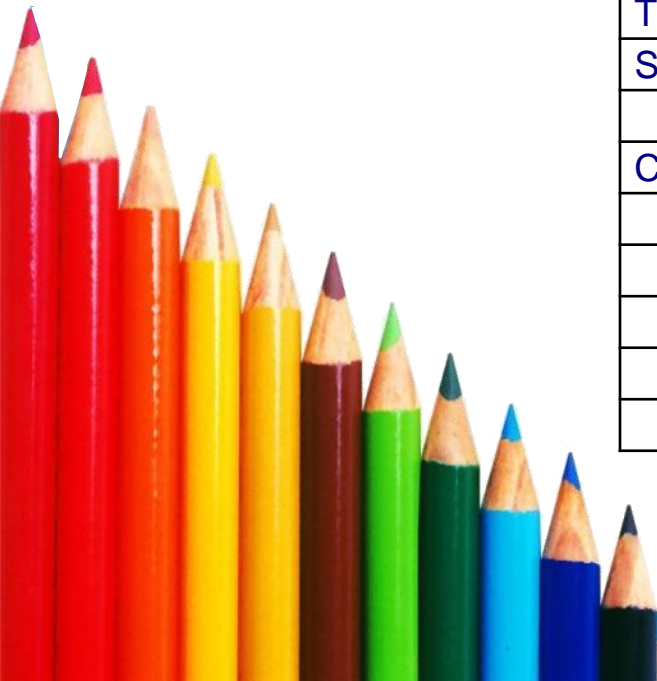
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## Thanks to our outgoing committee

Title	Name
President	Tony Lenan
Immediate Past President	Julianne Young
Vice President	Grant Bull
Treasurer	Ashley Course
Secretaries	Shelley Jeffrey
	Belinda Sheppard
Committee Members	Sally Cluff
	Krysten Davis
	Anita Tanna
	Marty Stone
	Jason Cunningham
	Tanya Albertson





# STAFF @

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**Staff - 2009**

Principal: Kerry Rowlands APRE: Vicki Johannes APAs: Chris Clurey, Christine McLeish  
Parish Priest: Father Dan Ryan



Kerry Rowlands Vicki Johannes Christine McLeish Jocelyn Armstrong Rafal Balik Carmen Bint Christine Blackwell Daniel Bloxside Nicola Bogunovic Tina Bondolfi Joyce Borg Jenny Bradshaw Peter Brennan Lee-Ann Brooks



Bernadette Burns Michelle Carlstedt Sally Chalker Lucia Church Therese Cook Kate Dawson Nicole Dirie Anita Eldridge Zonie Elgar Maria Feodoroff Lauren Fields Jenni Fleming Andrew Foster Alisa Gage



Kellie Garske Melinda Gravina Karen Greinke Elizabeth Grippo Peter Guest Veronica Hands Jacinta Hogan Colin Hoy Jessica Johnson Bernard Kearney Damian Kelly Debbie Kelly Leanne Kiehne



Julia Little Nicole Marriott Tania Matus Carlene Mulhall June Noblet Sarah O'Brien David O'Shea Tony O'Shea David Pickford Patricia Pickford



Kris Raatz Lorelle Rawlings Father Dan Ryan Sharon Simmons Marty Stone Julie Taylor Colleen Tootell Carmel Vincent Jacqueline Ward Damian Wood Janine Yates

Absent: Chris Clurey, Julianne Bull, Michelle Leskiy



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At the beginning of this year we launched 'Mercy Qualities,' our new school based values program. Mercy Qualities is based on the history of our school and our school motto, 'Misericordia' which means mercy. Mercy is God's compassion; God's loving kindness reaching out to all. Mercy is love in action. Misericordia highlights our historical connection to the spirit of the Mercy Sisters who founded our school.

Our school covenant, together with the attributes of our religious patrons, St. Vincent de Paul and Catherine McAuley (the founder of the Mercy Sisters) provide us with our nine Mercy Qualities;

Quality Relationships  
Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion  
Dignity and Justice  
Spirituality and Faith  
Care and Compassion  
Honesty, Integrity and Trustworthiness  
Embracing Life  
Stewardship  
Responsibility





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Over the course of the year our children were introduced to each of the Qualities at our Monday prayer assemblies held in the church. They have participated in a variety of school and class based activities chosen to enhance their understanding of each Quality. The Mercy Qualities incorporate Religious Education, SOSE and aspects of HPE. In particular, we have used the Mercy Qualities program to incorporate many of the concepts and activities of the newly released Brisbane Catholic Education program, 'Religious Life of the School.'

Mercy Qualities has at its core personal action. At St. Vincent's we strive to live our everyday lives according to the Mercy Qualities. Together, staff, children and parents endeavour to build and maintain a community which values these qualities in our every day lives and where we each strive to be more like Jesus. As a community which celebrates readily we so often witness Mercy Qualities in action.

Newsletters, level and prayer assemblies and liturgies have been used to spread the word on Mercy Qualities. By example, staff, parents and children are living and modelling Mercy Qualities in our school community. Our weekly awards recognise that our Mercy Qualities are well and truly alive in the behaviours of our children.

We thank staff, families and children for their assistance in bringing the Mercy Qualities to life at St. Vincent's.







# PRAYER & WORSHIP @

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Our St Vincent's Catholic school community is a community that we all feel very proud to be a part of. Together we have celebrated Masses, Reconciliations, Liturgies, Camps, Reflections and Prayer Assemblies.

The children, through the support of their families and the creativity and efforts of staff raised thousands of dollars for those less fortunate. Caritas Australia, Children's Missions, Rosies & St Vincent de Paul to name just a few.

Many children, staff, families and friends of our school attended St. Vincent's Parish masses throughout the year, continuing the strong link between parish and school. We would like to thank the children for the wonderful work they have done in the various liturgies we have celebrated throughout the year at class, school and parish levels, and for the support of their families, staff and parish priests, Fr. Dan & Fr. Peter. We would also very much like to thank Sue Thomas and the rest of the Parish Team.







# COMMUNITY CARE @

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## St Vincent's Community Care

"Reaching out; Making Connections.  
"Respecting dignity and diversity;  
Building quality relationships;  
Practicing hospitality;  
Celebrating with others."

(RE guidelines)



**Colleen Tootell**  
*Community Care Coordinator*

The ongoing care of our students, families and staff is an integral part of the culture of St Vincent's. My role is to provide "pastoral care, general personal advice, comfort and support to all students, families and staff." (NSCP)

In 2009, I have been employed two days a week as St Vincent's Community Care Coordinator. I am also a teacher and have enjoyed working at St Vincent's on and off for many years. As a mother of three young boys I understand the range of emotions that go hand in hand with the joys, trials and tribulations of raising young children!

My role is to listen and support without judgement. Sometimes it's helpful to come in and have an informal chat about concerns you may have. Alternatively you can talk to me over the phone or email me.

I have been employed to support students and the wider school community by providing an effective communication link between parents and the school. There is an established and successful referral process here at St Vincent's and I can help you determine who it is you need to contact in any given situation. I am also able to put you in touch with welfare and support agencies in the wider community.

During the year I have worked closely with our school counsellor and staff to provide support in cases of bereavement, illness, family breakdown or other crisis and loss situations." (NSCP.) This year I facilitated the 'Seasons for Growth' program which supports students in grief and loss circumstances such as divorce/ separation/ serious illness/ death of a loved one. I have loved this aspect of my role and will be offering this program again in 2010.

Earlier this year we established "Class Parent Representatives" who worked together to organise social gatherings each term. This has been extremely successful and I am very grateful for their support and input. It has been wonderful to see so many people involved in the social life of our fantastic school.

I look forward to working with you in 2010.  
Best wishes to you and your family!

Colleen Tootell.  
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# P&F ASSOCIATION @

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## FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

## BUSHDANCE

## SCHOOL DISCO

Once again our P&F has been very active, both in organising social functions and in raising funds for the school. Unfortunately St Vincent's Night had to be cancelled due to the building project but there were still many P&F sponsored events. The P&F also monitored the development proposed for Surfers Paradise Golf Course. The P&F's major project for 2009 was a joint project with the school - the purchase of 250 netbooks (30 per year level) to support learning across the school.

We thank our President Tony Lenan, Past President Julianne Young, Vice President Grant Bull, Treasurers Ashley Course and Anita Tanna, Secretaries Shelley Jeffrey and Belinda Sheppard and Committee Members Sally Cluff, Krysten Davis, Marty Stone, Jason Cunningham and Tanya Albertson for their efforts and contributions this year.

## TRIVIA NIGHT

## FAMILY PORTRAITS

## Dads & Kids CAMPOUT



## MOTHER'S & FATHER'S DAY STALLS



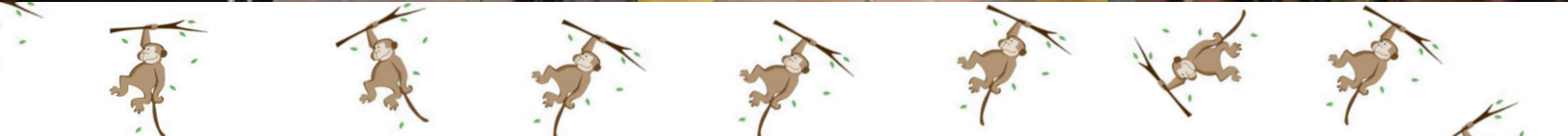




# THE MUSICAL @

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## JUNGLE FANTASY

What words are available to describe our musical "Jungle Fantasy"? Superb! Amazing! Wonderful! Our school was abuzz with the excitement of our theatrical success.

Over 80 wonderful Grade 5, 6 and 7 students acted, sang and danced to the best of their ability and were entertaining, engaging and professional.

The cast not only demonstrated brilliant acting and musical abilities, they also showed great cooperation and teamwork during performances and throughout the very long rehearsal schedule.

As usual the cast was supported by a huge number of staff and parents. Everyone's contribution was extraordinary!













# WHOLE SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS @

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Throughout the year we gathered often as a community to celebrate and learn together. We gathered together as a community in celebration of children's rights and in support of Daniel Morcombe and his family. On World Environment Day we committed to reduce our carbon footprint to help save the planet. We realised during Harmony Day that we are unique and special. Our Early Years staff and students celebrated what is unique and wonderful about childhood. Book Week celebration connected students across the school, reading for enjoyment. Not only do our Days of Celebration create great learning opportunities, they also help to make St Vincent's a great community.







# TECHNOLOGY @

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## DATA PROJECTORS IN ROOMS

23 classrooms at St Vincent's have had a data projector package installed, providing teachers with a fantastic teaching and learning tool at their fingertips. These classrooms have had a ceiling mounted projector with speakers and cabling installed. This certainly brings learning and teaching into the 21<sup>st</sup> century at St Vincent's and will progressively change the way traditional lessons are delivered in the future.

## KIDS CONNECT

On May 27 and 28, eight students from year six participated in 'Kids Connect' at the Gold Coast Convention Centre. The children were provided with a selection of topics to choose from and then worked in a small group with a teacher, on an individual topic.



## 30 NEW MACBOOKS

St Vincent's invested in 30 Mac-books in Term 1 to broaden the scope of multimedia work students are able to access. Applications such as i-movie, Garage band, i-DVD and photo booth have allowed students to create projects for integrated units of work and Digifest. Many students in the senior grades have been using the Macs to produce engaging and creative projects.







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## ICT NETWORK UPGRADES

St Vincent's has made good use of government grants in 09. As part of an infrastructure upgrade grant St Vincent's has been able to upgrade all data and telephone cabling to an industry recognised standard. As a consequence St Vincent's will have a 'state of the art' network capable of meeting growing demands in a large school.

## 250 NEW NET-BOOKS FOR CLASSROOM USE

We were very pleased to receive our order of 250 Dell Latitude net-books at the start of Term 4. This has enabled all year levels to have access to an additional 30 computers for more hands on computing in the classroom. Thanks to the generosity of our P & F in supporting school priorities we were able to afford such a great resource. Each net-book proudly displays the plaque - 'Proudly provided by the St Vincent's School P & F Association 2009.'







# HEALTHY & ACTIVE @

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The activity never stopped this year!! We hit the ground 'running' with Runners' Club. Prep and Year 1 participated in Small Sports. Bluearth in Year 2 and Dance Cart in Year 3 – 7 had our students rocking and rolling on the oval. Everyone was 'in the swim' with lessons for Years 3 – 7 at the beginning of the year and Year 1 – 3 at the end of the year.

Cross country, track and field and interschool sport had people moving in Term 2 and 3. We had Oz Tag, hockey, AFL and more development programmes operating during the year.

In Term 4 students in Years 4, 5, 6 & 7 chose a number of different sports to try rather than Interschool sport – and it proved to be a resounding success.







# YEAR 3 NAPLAN @

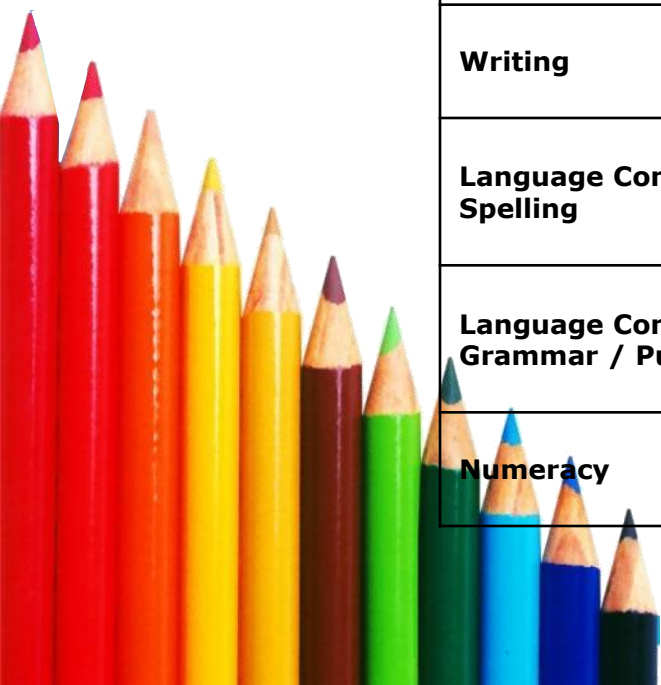
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## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy 2009 - Year 3 Results

	State Mean	St. V's Mean	% achieved Benchmark Queensland	% achieved Benchmark St Vincent's
<b>Reading</b>	385.5	424	92%	95.6%
<b>Writing</b>	394.6	426	93.6%	98.9%
<b>Language Conventions - Spelling</b>	375.6	416	88.8%	96.7%
<b>Language Conventions - Grammar / Punctuation</b>	394.3	421	89.4%	93.3%
<b>Numeracy</b>	372.4	393	92.3%	93.3%







# YEAR 5 NAPLAN @

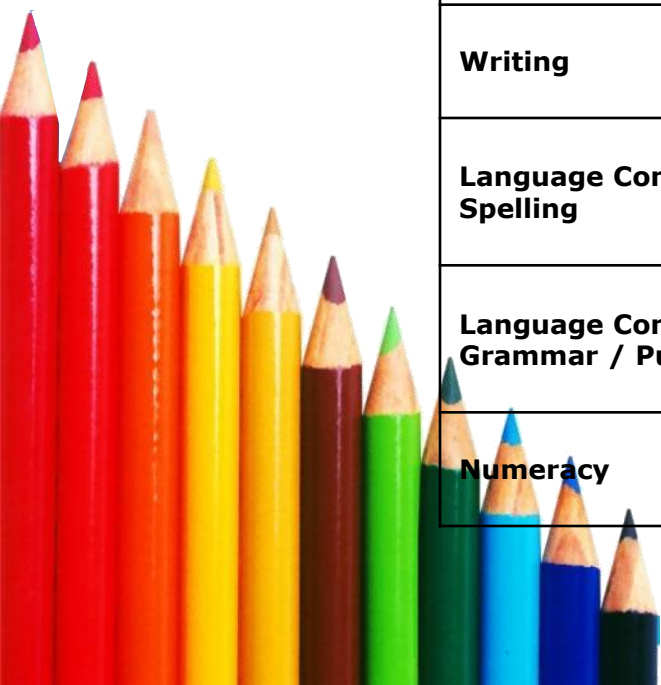
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## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy 2009 - Year 5 Results

	State Mean	St. V's Mean	% achieved Benchmark Queensland	% achieved Benchmark St Vincent's
<b>Reading</b>	477.8	508	89%	98.9%
<b>Writing</b>	465.9	500	89.8%	97.8%
<b>Language Conventions - Spelling</b>	466.1	492	89.9%	100%
<b>Language Conventions - Grammar / Punctuation</b>	586.5	521	89.6%	100%
<b>Numeracy</b>	470.4	497	92.7%	100%







# YEAR 7 NAPLAN @

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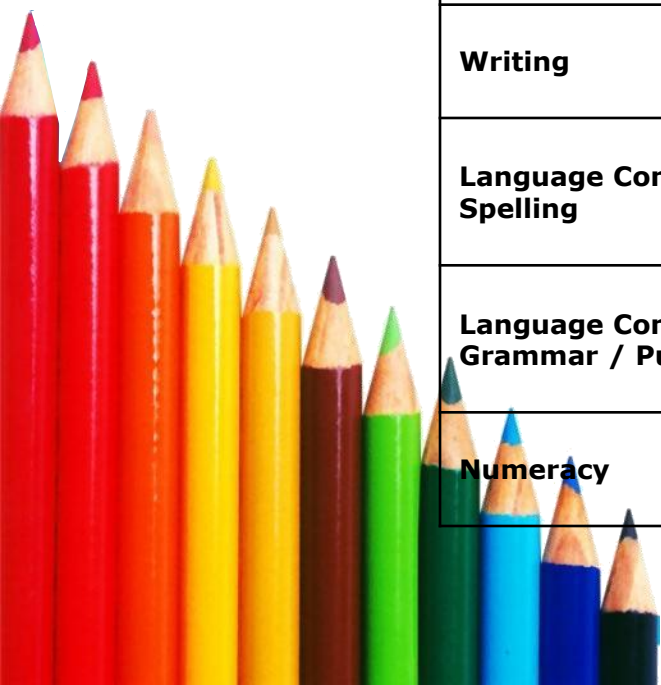
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## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Literacy and Numeracy 2009 - Year 7 Results

	State Mean	St. V's Mean	% achieved Benchmark Queensland	% achieved Benchmark St Vincent's
<b>Reading</b>	532.6	547	92.7%	98.8%
<b>Writing</b>	525.1	550	91.1%	98.8%
<b>Language Conventions - Spelling</b>	538.8	540	91.9%	98.8%
<b>Language Conventions - Grammar / Punctuation</b>	533.9	543	90.8%	96.3%
<b>Numeracy</b>	538.8	540	94.5%	98.8%



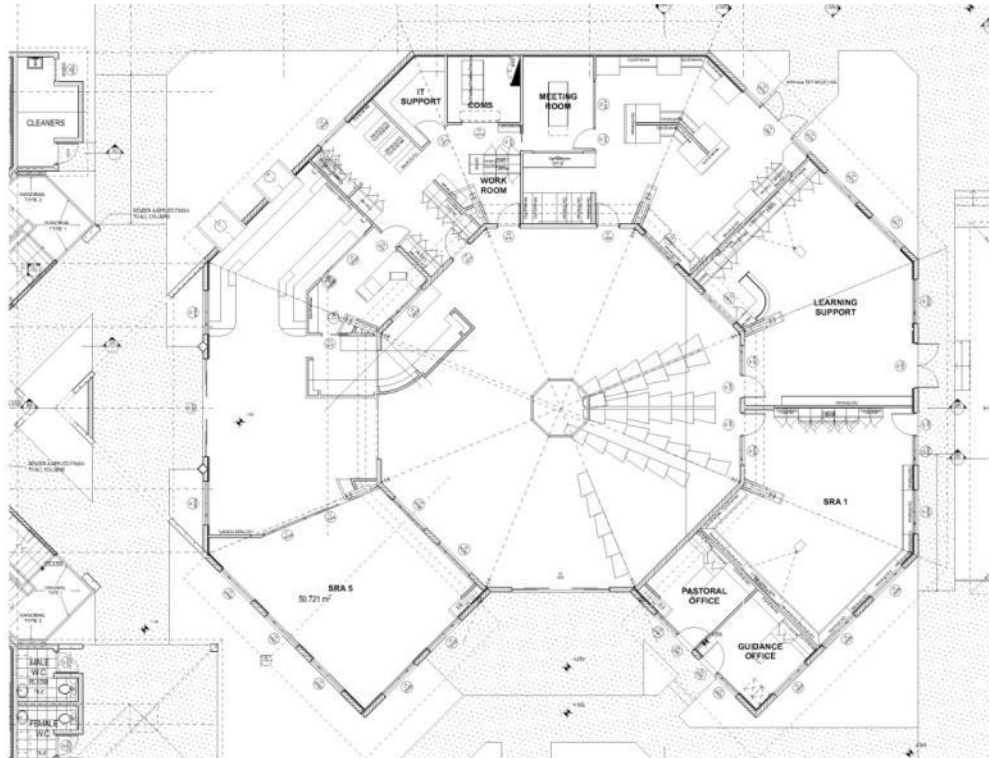




# THE RESOURCE CENTRE @

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## GOOD-BYE OLD LIBRARY

While we look forward with great anticipation to a new 21st Century Resource Centre, it was with sadness that we watched the school library slowly being demolished. In amongst these times of change, we celebrate the shared stories and vibrant memories of the past.

The St Vincent's Library was originally built in 1986. Bernadette O'Brien packed up the library from the original site at Surfers and was given the task of setting up what was then a library capable of accommodating a projected enrolment of 400 children. Twenty-three years later, the school has grown from a single stream to over half the school being four streams. Bernadette has once again helped with the momentous task of packing up the library.

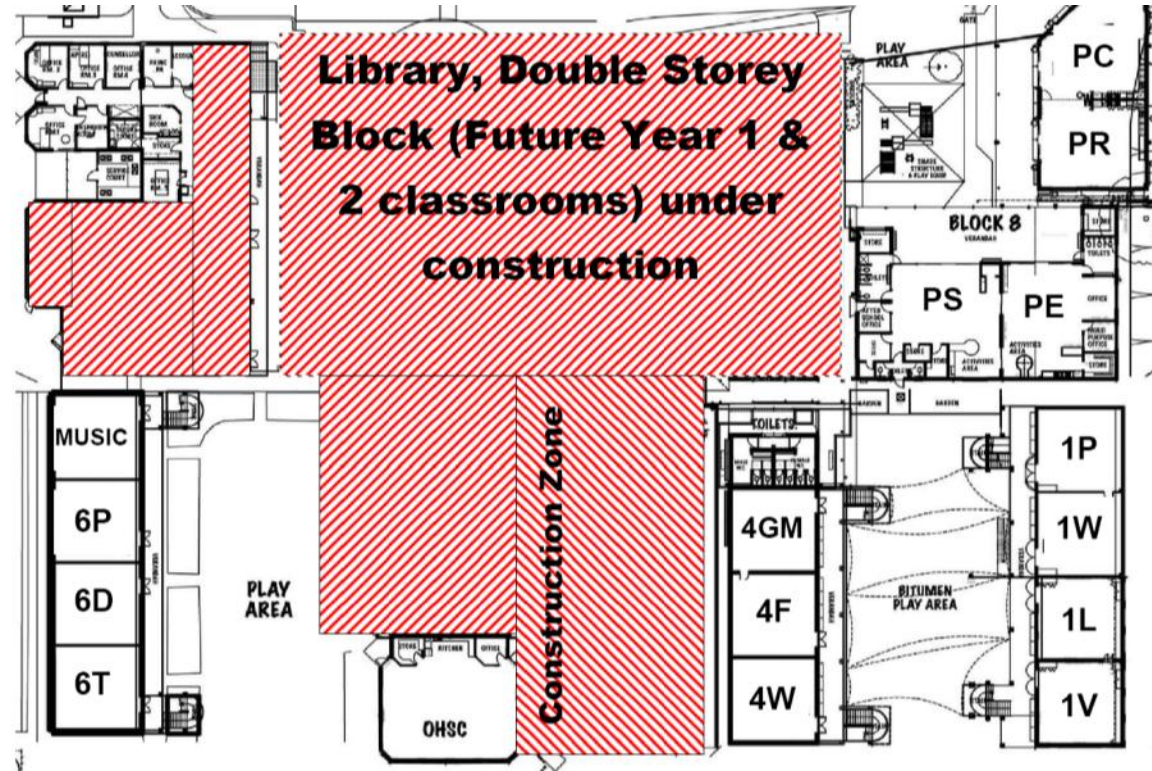




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We congratulate and thank our committee for 2010

Title	Name
President	Tony Lenan
Vice President	Ashley Course
Treasurer	Maurice Frawley
Secretary	
Committee Members	Julianne Young
	Anita Tanna
	David Pickford
	Clay Ross
	Belinda Daniels
	Letitia Anderson
Ex Officio member	Coleen Tootell

Schools everywhere are finding that P&F is only one form of School support organisation and one that seems to have become dated as our lives have become busier. I suggest that during 2010 we review the structure of the P&F and a new school support organisation model is possible - newer, more flexible and more participative and the support of many families will ensure we retain and enhance the wonderful reputation developed over many years.

