Dear Parents, Friends and Students of St Vincent’s School,

**School Uniform and School Rules:** Being members of St Vincent’s School requires commitment. Two aspects of commitment are related to our school uniform and school rules. Our school uniform is not meant to deny individuality. Rather the school uniform is a symbol of our school and helps our students to identify with the school and develop a sense of belonging within our school community. The school uniform is an equaliser for all our students, countering the negative effects of peer pressure. Wearing the uniform correctly encourages a sense of pride in appearance and what the uniform represents, our school community. Through wearing the uniform correctly students demonstrate a commitment towards our school community.

The same can be said for school rules, when we follow the school rules, we show we are committed to our school community. This commitment towards the school uniform and school rules helps towards building positive relationships at school level and will hopefully help students to understand the importance of commitment throughout their lives, beyond school. I invite staff, parents and students to think about their commitment to St Vincent’s School, as members of this school community. An updated Uniform Policy for our school can be found on our school website.

**Learning Journey:** On Thursday 15th September, the classrooms from Kindy to Year 6 will be open from 3:15 – 4:15 for parents and children to engage in this year’s Learning Journey. If this time is not convenient, parents and friends will have the opportunity to enjoy the Learning Journey at our Open Day for our 60th Anniversary Saturday 17th September, where the classrooms will open following the 10am Mass until 2pm.

The Learning Journey is a wonderful experience for your child/ren to share their learning and for you to engage in learning conversations with your child at school. The Learning Journey is an opportunity for the children to showcase their learning and to celebrate their successes and challenges. The Learning Journey also forms part of our reporting process to parents in Term 3 and it is an expectation that one or both parents attend the Learning Journey with their child. Be prepared to be inspired and blown away by the growth and progress of your child. We look forward to seeing you there on the Thursday afternoon or at our Open Day.

**Grandparents Mass:** Will be celebrated next Thursday. Please see Mrs Byrne’s section within this newsletter for further details. I look forward to meeting the grandparents of our community.

**Staffing:** Miss Bianca Van Ryt will be going on long service leave at the end of this week. Miss Brodee Reynolds will be teaching PP Gr to the end of the term. Miss Reynolds is an experienced teacher and has worked within our school in a relief capacity. On behalf of our school community, I wish Bianca a happy and safe leave.

**Happy Fathers’ Day** to all the dads, and those who take on the role of dad. Our P&F will be hosting a Fathers’ Day stall tomorrow, please be sure to send some money with your child tomorrow. Big thanks to the ‘fantubulous’ P&F.

**Welcome** back to Mrs Cook. A sincere thank you to Ms Julie Gibson for helping in the office while Mrs Cook was away.

Congratulations to Ruth and Tony Thomas on the birth of baby Joseph, brother to Poppie and Jon. Also to Marsha and James Espiritu on the birth of Jace Lionel, brother to Myeisha (PP GR) and Rhys (past student).

God Bless ...  
Karmela Messineo  ...  Principal  
Spirit – Peace - Wisdom

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**Thought for the Week:**  
Never believe that a few caring people cannot change the world. For, indeed that’s all who ever have.

**2016**  
*If you judge people, you have no time to love them.*  
Mother Teresa

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**Coming Home:**
**Canteen:** The Canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please see the new canteen menu on our website or the School Office for a copy.

**Uniform Shop** is open 8.35–9am Mondays and 2.30–3.15pm Wednesdays. Eftpos available.

Our St Vincent's students reaped the rewards of our carrot produce on Tuesday thanks to Mr Holbrook. There were some interesting shapes and sizes but that did not deter these hungry bunnies!

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**P&F News – Term 3, Week 7 2016**

** Fathers Day Stall**
Fathers Day stall is on tomorrow morning, Thursday 1st September. Gifts range from $2 - $10. Students are advised to bring their money in a marked envelope with their name. Volunteers are required and all help is very much appreciated to make the morning run smoothly.

**Athletics Carnival**
Subway lunch order forms for the carnival will go home next week.

**Fun Run** prizes have arrived and they will be going home late this week or early next week. All results for fund raising will be published shortly.

P&F Committee
MERIT AWARDS

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RELIGION

**Reconciliation Commitment Masses – Saturday 3rd or Sunday 4th September**

The Commitment Masses for Reconciliation will be held this weekend at 6pm on Saturday and at 9:30am on Sunday. During the Sunday Mass, fathers and grandfathers will receive a special blessing from Father for Father’s Day. It is essential that all children involved in the Sacramental Program attend one of the Masses with their parents and hand in their enrolment forms at the Mass.

**Grandparents Mass – Thursday 8th September**

**Next Thursday**, at the 9am Mass, the Pre-Primary and Year 5 classes will lead the Parish in celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We invite all grandparents to come along and celebrate with their grandchildren. Grandparents whose grandchildren are in other year levels will be able to attend the Mass with their grandparents. An invitation and RSVP slip was sent home on Tuesday. If your grandparent/s will be attending, please return the RSVP slip to school by Monday 5th September. Grandparents who will be attending with their grandchild/ren are asked to meet outside the school hall at 8:45am. The students who have returned their reply slip will be handed over to the grandparent/s from the hall. Each year, Grandparents Mass is an exciting event on the St Vincent’s calendar and one that we always look forward to. Due to the 60th Anniversary Celebration, Grandparents Day will be celebrated with Mass followed by morning tea. We look forward to a special morning with all of our grandparents in the school hall.

**Sacramental Dates 2016**

**Reconciliation (Year 3)** – Tuesday 15th November at 6pm

**60th Anniversary:** The invitations have been sent out and RSVPs have been coming in. We are so excited to hear a number of former students, staff and community members will be attending. Have you given your RSVP to the school office? The day will be a great celebration of our wonderful school over 60 years, it would be wonderful if you could join us on the day.

Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal

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**Did you know that...?**

- Miss Wylie’s Nonna was making fresh spaghetti in PPGO this week.
- Year 3 boys have been creatively constructing lots of different movable vehicles in the cubby area.
- Mrs Bull’s daughters have been chosen by the examiner from C.S.T.D. to dance in the performance at the Crown.
This term in Pre-Primary Green we have been practising our measuring skills, in particular measurement of length. We have been measuring using blocks, straws and unifix cubes. We have compared big and small, short and long, tall and short.

Each Pre Primary student then went on to measure how long their footprint was using wooden 2cm cubes. Their footprints measured between 7 and 10 blocks long. Miss Van Ryt's foot was 11 blocks long! Most footprints measured 8 blocks long with only one Pre Primary student having a footprint of 10 blocks long.

We had so much fun tracing our footprints and measuring how long our feet are! Next, we are going to learn how to measure weight.

Here are some photos from our investigation time.
COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bialik College aims to collect 1.5 million buttons for a Holocaust Memorial, representing the life of each child killed in the Holocaust.

Please collect any spare buttons lying around and send them to school with your child on Monday, 19th September. We will do a visual display of the buttons before collecting and sending on to Bialik College. Thank you for supporting this project.

For more information: http://www.bialik.vic.edu.au/community/button project.

ATTENTION MUMS AND DADS: Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents of children aged 4 – 12 with a behaviour and/or emotion problem (eg ADHD, depression, anxiety disorders, oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorders or an eating disorder) to fill in a short survey. The survey takes about 20 minutes. Participants have the option of entering a prize draw to win one of fifteen $50 vouchers for Coles Myer. If you would like to participate please go to http://tinyurl.com/UWAParent Study. Your responses are entirely confidential. Need more information? Please contact Kim on 0403183228 or kim.eaten@research.uwa.edu.au.

The City of Kwinana recently conducted an extensive survey to find out more about the wellbeing of Kwinana residents, and a consultant will be presenting the results of this survey at a public forum. We hope that community groups and service providers will be empowered by this information and use it to help direct some of their activities, while also developing a better understanding of the local community they are operating in. The presentation will be followed by a session of speed networking which will give attendees the opportunity to get to know each other, and relevant local groups/organisations. The event will be held on Wednesday, 7 September 2016, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, Ken Jackman Hall, Darius Wells Centre, Corner Robbos Way and Chisham Avenue, Kwinana.

UNDERSTANDING ANGRY EMOTIONS: This one night seminar helps you understand anger and turn it to your advantage. It is a useful starting point for a comprehensive exploration offered in the eight week Anger Management courses for men and women. Held at Darius Wells Library, Level 1, Robbos Place, Kwinana on Wednesday 14th September from 6 to 8.30pm. Cost is $30. Places are limited, so please phone 6164 0200 to enroll.

PARENT WORKSHOP –The Right to Feel Safe. For parents of children aged 0 – 11 years. Protective Behaviours provides families with strategies to keep children safe and cope with situations that threaten their well-being such as bullying, child abuse and domestic violence. Places are limited. To register contact Elaine Jensen on 9528 0333 customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au. Warnbro – 5th September 9am to 12 Noon at Warnbro Community Library, Swallowtail Place. Rockingham – 6th September 9am to 12 Noon at Rockingham Central Library, Dixon Road, Baldivis – 7th September 9am to 12 Noon at Mary Davies Library, 17 Settlers Avenue, and Safety Bay 8th September 9am to 12 Noon at Safety Bay Library, 197 Safety Bay Road. Parents only.

THE BIG DISPLAY VILLAGE LAUNCH PARTY/BBQ – Saturday 3rd September from 12 Noon to 4pm, Cnr Gilmore and Challenger Avenue, Kwinana Town Centre (opp. Kwinana Market Place). The launch of the new 16 home display village with a big day of fun for the whole family. Activities galore, plus the chance to win amazing prizes. Win $1000 cash with Nova 93.7