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

P&F Family Fun Sundowner: Thank you to the families who were able to attend last Friday’s event. Attendees had fun kicking up their heels and dancing to the tunes of the Mucky Duck Bush Band. A huge thank you to the P&F team for organising this event and managing to secure the very popular entertainment.

Pupil Free Days: Next Friday 3rd March and Tuesday 7th March are Pupil Free Days, in addition to the Public Holiday on Monday 6th March. Staff will be attending an overnight and day Faith Retreat to New Norcia on the Friday. On the Tuesday, Staff will undertake a Maths Professional Development Day. Students will resume school on Wednesday 8th March. I wish all students and their families a happy extra long weekend.

Code of Conduct: As mentioned in my first letter of the year, St Vincent’s Code of Conduct is located on our school website. The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to describe the minimum standards of conduct in all behaviour and decision making to ensure the safety and well-being of all students. The Code applies to all members of the school community and not just staff. All school community members are expected to put the safety of students ahead of every other relevant but secondary consideration. I will briefly outline each Conduct Statement (CS) within each newsletter.

CS1 – You act safely and competently.
“You are responsible for conducting yourself in all things such that there is no speculation, doubt or ambiguity that you do so in the best interests of students. You must take reasonable steps to avoid situations where your decisions or behaviour could be interpreted as putting students at risk. You must also notify the Principal as soon as possible if you found yourself in such a position of ambiguity so that you can explain the circumstances.
You notify an appropriate person or the Principal of any information relevant to maintaining student safety and well-being, or any observation of questionable, unethical or unlawful behaviour, including breaches of this Code, and intervene to safeguard the student if the circumstances require it.
You seek advice, assistance and second opinions from experts and Principal as necessary.”
Specific behaviours;
• Drop off and pick up MUST address this CS. Drive through rules, as stated in newsletters, must be adhered to.
• No student is to be approached/disciplined by anyone who is not a parent, staff member or student of St Vincent’s School.
• Information regarding (including photos of) students is not to be taken and/or circulated without the express permission of the students’ parents. This includes discussion of students, families and staff on the world wide web and amongst community members.
• Be mindful and vigilant of child’s/children’s internet activity.

Respect: I regularly remind our students about the importance of addressing people using names and looking at people as we speak and listen to them. All this comes down to one word, ‘respect’. When we have respect for ourselves and others, we take greater care to make more informed choices especially when those choices impact upon others. Respect should not be given to some people and withheld from others. Everyone deserves respect, our human dignity demands that of us. I encourage all to recognise the face of Jesus within every person encountered.

Letter from the Executive Director of Catholic Education in WA regarding the Royal Commission: The Royal Commission has uncovered many harrowing accounts from around Australia of abuse that is both shocking and difficult to fathom. As a faith filled community it is important for us to stand together and support all who may be a victim of, or affected by, child sexual abuse. Dr Tim McDonald, the Executive Director of Catholic Education in WA has written a letter to all members of Catholic school communities. The letter can be found on our school website under “Notes”.
I have included a prayer in support of those who have been affected by abuse.

Christina and Michael Harkin, together with Aoibh (PP GR) have welcomed baby Shea to their family (born on 21st February).

God Bless … Karmela Messineo – Principal
Spirit-Peace-Wisdom
Prayer for Victims of Abuse: Loving God,
We pray for those who have suffered the injustice, humiliation and pain of any abuse – within our churches and the wider communities across Australia. In your mercy, create opportunities for these men, women and children to share their pain, reveal their struggles and expose the hurtful actions of others.
We pray for wisdom and guidance in order to deal with the realities of what has happened in the past.
We pray for healing for those who have been abused. Strengthen them and their carers with the certainty of your love.
We pray for sensitivity and wisdom to all who minister to the victims and survivors of abuse.
We pray that into the future children everywhere will be protected from all forms of violence.
We pray that the Church responds with love and action in order to heal injustices.
We pray for ourselves in this school community that we will remain a positive force and help us to spread the love of God to all.
May your Spirit draw us together and strengthen all of us with the truth of the Gospel.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

RELIGION
Ash Wednesday Mass – Wednesday 1st March
Next Wednesday 1st March, students from Year 1 – 6 will attend Mass to celebrate Ash Wednesday and the first day of Lent. Our school Mass will be held at 11:10am in the Church. We invite school community members to join us for this special celebration or alternatively, attend the 9am Mass. On this day, children in Kindy and Pre-Primary will have a special visit in their classrooms from Father Daniel who will talk about the ashes and give every child a blessing.

Project Compassion – Annual Lenten Appeal
Next Thursday, each child from Kindy to Year 6 will receive a Project Compassion box. Each year Caritas Australia launch its annual Project Compassion Appeal during Lent. Caritas Australia’s annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal is an extraordinary, ongoing demonstration of the faith, love and generosity of the Catholic congregation and caring supporters throughout Australia to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Project Compassion demonstrates how love for our neighbours can transform lives this year. Your donations throughout Lent to Project Compassion, support this wonderful organisation and truly make a difference to many lives. You are welcome to return your child’s Project Compassion box to the school office at any time before the end of the term. Thank you for your generosity.

Sacramental Dates 2017
Holy Communion (Year 4) – Sunday 18th June at 11:30am
Confirmation (Year 6) – Friday 15th September at 6pm
Reconciliation (Year 3) – Tuesday 21st November at 6pm

Seesaw App for Kindy – Year 4
Have you begun sharing in your child’s learning using the Seesaw app? We encourage each family from Kindy to Year 4, to download the “Seesaw Parent” app onto one or more devices (mobile phone, iPad, laptop) then scan your child’s personalised QR code to get started. If you have any questions about Seesaw, please see your child’s classroom teacher.

Kirsty Byrne - Assistant Principal

ADMIN
NAPLAN PARENT INFORMATION: Today, parents of children in Years 3 and 5 will receive an information flyer about the NAPLAN testing period for 2017. The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy will take place for these students on the 9th, 10th and 11th of May (Week 3 Term 2). Please read this information carefully and if you have any questions or concerns don’t hesitate to ask your child’s class teacher.

SCHOOL COUNCILOR BADGE PRESENTATION: There will be a special badge presentation at Monday’s Assembly (27th February @ 8:40am) to St Vincent’s School Councilors for 2017. It is a special moment where the parents of our leaders present them with their badge and we acknowledge their roles and responsibilities as a school community. If you are free Monday morning, please come along.

SCHOOL WEBSITE – P&F: Last Friday morning I attended the first P&F meeting for the year. Thank you to all who attended. You may have noticed that the P&F are displaying information on up and coming events at our school on the display board on the side of the Kindy block. If you cannot get to school, all important information from the P&F will be located on the school website under the ‘P&F Association’ tab. This can be found under the ‘Community’ drop down menu. You can also find the names of our wonderful P&F Executive and an outline of what the P&F is and does for our school community (worth a quick read if you are unsure).

Steve Blake – Assistant Principal

Thought for the Week:
Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything (George Bernard Shaw)

2017
GOD MOMENTS ARE EVERYWHERE

Coming Home:  
✓ NAPLAN Parent Information (Year 3 and 5)
**Coming Up**

Term 1 2017  
**February**  
Thurs 23  Yr 5 Healing Mass 9am  
PP - Yr 6 Swimming Lessons  
Fri 24  Prayer Assembly Yr 4 GR  
PP - Yr 6 Swimming Lessons  
Mon 27  Prayer Assembly Yr 3 GR  
Tues 28  SHROVE TUESDAY

**March**  
Wed 1  Ash Wednesday Mass 11.10am (Yr 1-6)  
Kindy & PP Ashes following Mass  
Fri 3  PUPIL FREE DAY  
Mon 6  LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
Tues 7  PUPIL FREE DAY  
Fri 10  Prayer Assembly: Mrs Johnson

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

**Uniform Shop** is open 8.35 – 9am Mondays and 2.30 – 3pm Wednesdays. Eftpos available.

**DID YOU KNOW THAT…?**  
✓ The Mucky Duck Band was formed in 1974 and some adults remember the Band playing at their own primary schools.  
✓ Miss Robbins is participating in the Rotto swim as a support crew member. Her group are raising money for “Make a Wish Foundation”.  
✓ Miss Norton’s Dad came to visit the school last week and the Year 1’s discovered he is the Principal of MacKillop College in Busselton.  
✓ We already have a large amount of LOST PROPERTY. Please check to see if anything is missing and please label all items.  
✓ Ben Dawson Yr 6 GR participated in the biggest basketball tournament in the southern hemisphere, the Dandenong Classic, as a member of the Rockingham Bulldogs. He won with a 3 pointer on the buzzer, 45-44!

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**P&F News – Term 1 Week 4 2017**

**FAMILY SUNDOWNER:** Thank you to all the families who came along last Friday night to join us and the Mucky Duck Bush Band for some boot scooting fun. It was fantastic to see so many new faces. There were so many smiles and lots of laughs were heard. We also wish to mention how nice it was to hear so many please and thank you’s from everyone’s cherubs at the canteen. Thank you to the staff who joined us too on the night and to all of our helpers who set up, manned the canteen, and helped pack down. Thank you so much. Your support of these community events really makes all we do worthwhile.

**SHROVE TUESDAY:** Next Tuesday the 28th February the P&F will host a pancake recess for all students from Year 1 to Year 6. We would greatly appreciate if you could help us by making a batch of pancakes or pikelets. They can be delivered on Monday afternoon at pick up or dropped off on Tuesday morning at drop off. Toppings will include butter, jams, vegemite, and a dairy and nut free chocolate paste. Children will be welcome to come to one of the stations set up in the back and top quadrangles and have a pancake. We do suggest that you still pack recess for your children in case we run out of pancakes or they are still hungry. We look forward to filling some bellies on Tuesday.

**ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE:** St Vincent’s Primary School has been selected to hold polling for the State Election on Saturday March 11. We will put on a sausage sizzle from 10am to 3pm or unless we sell out before this time. We will be sending out a roster to all families asking for volunteers. Many hands make light work so it would be fantastic if we can have as many volunteers as possible to take shifts during the day. If we get enough helpers, we can even roster just ½ hour shifts. The last election was a lot of fun and a great way to meet new families in the school. This is usually a great way for dads to get on the BBQ too.

**DATES TO LOCK IN YOUR CALENDAR:**  
Tues. 28th February – Pancake Day for Shrove Tuesday  
Sat. 11th March – Election Day Sausage Sizzle  
Thurs. 16th March – Easter Raffle tickets sent home  
Wed. 29th March – Staff Morning Tea – Positivity Project  
Wed. 5th April – Return date for Easter raffle tickets and Easter Busy Bee  
Thurs. 6th April – Draw Easter Raffle  
Mon. 24th April – Send out Disco note with pizza order  
Thurs. 4th May – Mother’s Day Stall  
Tues. 9th May – Return of Pizza notes – Order with Al @ Dominos  
Fri. 19th May – Disco  
Fri. 25th August – Adults Only Quiz Night  
Thurs. 7th September – Father’s Day Stall  
Fri. 1st December – Disco

**P&F Committee**
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## Music News

So far this year in music, children have been experimenting with rhythms with plastic cups to varying degrees. It’s great to hear feedback that kids are at home wanting to experiment with sound and colours all over the house – they should not be using glass cups for this for obvious reasons. If you wanted to get yourself a set of cups from Big W for $2 (a set of four) just for children to experiment with at home.

Year 3 parents, children will be bringing home recorder for practice. Although this is not compulsory for children to practice, they have been taught that they should not be blowing hard on the recorder and if they do, please feel free to remind them about being “disciplined” in their blowing. Also if you are interested, they can purchase the app for the method we are using if they are really keen. Year 4 students will be starting their recorder experience shortly with the school set of recorders which have been disinfected and cleaned.


Soon to come – during one lunch time a week, I am looking to start a Music club where children will be able to come in during lunch and experiment, play and create music with the instruments we have in the school, or bring in their iPads and create music using Garage Band or even try their hand at some mixing of music…

**Mr Poole - Music & Performing Arts Specialist**

## Science News

We have had some exciting discoveries in our school this week.

Kindy – looking at animals and plants that we found in our school and our garden  
Pre-Primary - growing sunflowers and looking at what plants need to grow  
Year 1 – drawing and observing earthworms and snails  
Year 2 – metamorphosis of mealworms  
Year 3 – making claims about living/non-living things  
Year 4 – germination of plant seeds and flowering plants  
Year 5 – collecting water from leaves  
Year 6 – the purpose of yeast as a microorganism

We found some caterpillars in their middle of their changes on the school oval.

We would love you to visit our Science room to see what we have been doing. Please feel free to come in, with your child, from 8.20am until the bell, to see our discoveries.

Reduce/Reuse/Recycle – On the lookout for:
- pop top bottles
- water bottles

**Michelle Barjaktarevic – Science Specialist**
SPORTS NOTICES

FACTION CAPTAINS

Year 6 students were given the opportunity to address both their Year 6 peers and Year 5 students in Week 2, and give reasons why they should be Captain of their faction in 2017. There were some pretty impressive speeches. The votes were placed and all counted, with captains being announced at the end of Week 3 after what was an agonising wait for some!

I would like to congratulate the following students, but also recognise those who were brave enough to step up and put themselves forward. Votes were very, very close so well done to all who nominated. Those who put themselves forward but did not make it as Faction Captain will be seen by myself as a ‘Vice Captain’ and will be given other roles during the upcoming carnivals and sports events.

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SWIMMING

It has been brilliant to be at the pool every day during Week 3 and 4 watching all of the hard work on improving stroke techniques and water confidence. There has been plenty of fun being had as well!

I am looking forward to seeing some of this practice being put into action during the Faction Swimming Carnival on Thursday 30th March and the Inter School Carnival on Thursday 6th April. More information will follow soon.

Whilst we are on the subject of swimming, on Saturday 25th Feb, I am kayaking to Rottnest in support of a solo swimmer taking on the Rottnest Channel Swim.

My role is to paddle 19.7kms in a straight line, from Cottesloe to Rottnest for 7 hours, while feeding Paul (the swimmer) via a stick with a cup on the end of it!

Our team are raising funds for MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION so any donations/spare change will be very much appreciated by us and the kids. If you wish to donate please do so via the school office or myself. This charity was chosen as Paul’s cousin has had a big battle with Hodgkin’s Lymphomia, and Make a Wish has provided her with some enjoyment and hope in times of darkness.

Terri Robbins, Physical Education Teacher

ANNOUNCING 2017 PRODUCTION - PETER PAN JUNIOR Auditions for Year Five and Year Six students will commence Wednesday – Week 6 (8/3/17). All auditioning material can be found on St Vincent’s Webpage under the Communication Tab look under “Notes”.

Katherine Johnson

‘ROCKS TO RAP’ DVD

If you have a copy of this DVD, our Library would like to borrow it as our copy is missing. If you have a copy you do not want we would be more than happy to accept it as a donation to the School.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TUNING IN TO TEENS – Raising your teenager a challenge? This is a program to boost parent/teen connection. FREE six session parenting program for parents of teens aged 10 – 18 years old. Wednesdays 6.30 – 8.30pm and Thursday 9.45 – 11.45am (Creche available). Refreshments provided. For more information contact Reception on 6164 0500 to register your interest. The course will be run according to numbers.
PICNIC IN THE PARK – Ridley Green, Hewison Road, Medina on Monday 20th March 2017 from 9.30am to 11.30am. Families are invited to BYO picnic and help celebrate culture and diversity. Children’s activities, story-telling and cultural dress ups will ensure a good time for all. You are welcome to bring along something that represents your culture, like traditional dress or music. For enquiries ring 0429 904 324.

24:7 South Youth Group
For all youth in Years 7-12
Every Friday night @ 7-9pm in the Kolbe College Gym
For more info call Ming Yan 0414 998 043 or Matt 0421 746 858

KIDS ARE KIDS THERAPY FOR CHILDREN (26 Parry Avenue, Bateman): The dedicated, caring and professional team at Kids are Kids! Provide specialized therapy to all children aged 0 – 18 years including speech pathology, physiotherapy, assessments and screenings, workshops etc. They are a registered service provider of NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme), HCWA (Helping Children with Autism), Better Start for Children with Disability and DSC (Disability Services Commission) Early Intervention Services. Contact 9313 6566 email: info@kidsarekids.org.au.

LEGAL ADVICE AND REFERRAL – Last Saturday of the month from 9am to 5pm. “Pop up” legal clinics on Saturday 25th February, 25th March and 29th April at the University of Notre Dame Australia, Law School (ND11), Moutat Street, Fremantle. The clinics will be run by experienced lawyers and will offer FREE legal advice. Appointments will be for approximately 45 minutes and must be made in advance by ringing 9433 0745. Advice cannot be provided on migration matters. Email: fremantle.legalclinic@nd.edu.au.

KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE will be presenting ‘THE WIZARD OF OZ’ at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre on 16th March at 7pm, 17th March at 11am and 17th March at 7pm. Adults $20, Concessions $15 – on sale now! For bookings please contact Mandurah Performing Arts Centre 9550 3900 www.manpac.com.au.

KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY – Wednesday 15th March (tours at 9.30am and 2.30pm). Registration is essential. 25 Dowling Street, Rockingham. Telephone 9592 1500 fax: 9592 2833 email: info@kolbe.wa.edu.au. Kolbe is currently holding interviews for entry into Year 9, 2019.

MERCEDES COLLEGE OPEN MORNING – 14th March from 9am to 12 Noon. For a personalised tour of the College visit the College website. Mercedes is an innovator in girls’ education with a rich history and tradition. The College is committed to a high quality Catholic education offering a wide range of spiritual, academic, cultural and sporting programs. Bookings are essential and can be made by visiting www.mercedes.wa.edu.au. Telephone 9323 1323 for more information.

ROTARY CLUB OF KWINANA SWIMARATHON followed by a free sausage sizzle on Sunday 26th February 2017. Registration is 10.30am – 11.20am, Swimarathon 11.30 – 12.30pm and Sausage Sizzle 12.30 – 2pm. The venue is Kwinana Recquatic Centre, Chisham Avenue, Kwinana. $10 for adults, $5 children. Gold coin donation for spectators. All funds raised go directly to End Polio Now. Participants to swim lengths of pool consecutively during the course of the hour – minimum of two lengths. Separate lanes available for young children to swim according to choice. Enquiries to Genevieve 0448170601 or James 95924987.