



ST VINCENT'S VIEW

VISION STATEMENT

*The school is Catholic and therefore the vision is based on the Gospel Values.
Our motto is SPIRIT, PEACE & WISDOM and we try to encompass this in all that we do.*

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

Staff Commissioning Masses: During the Parish Mass last Saturday night the school staff, Board and P&F Executive members were commissioned in our service to our school. The commissioning service reminds all school community members that together we are working for the benefit of all our students. As educators, we are ever mindful of the very important role parents play in the education of their children. As the Second Vatican Council put it: the role of parents "is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute." The Staff have committed themselves in their particular responsibilities in the lives of our students, but are under no illusion that their efforts can replace those of parents.

Parent/Teacher Information Meetings were a great success! Thank you to the many parents that were able to make the meetings. The meetings highlight the importance of having a positive and well-informed relationship between staff and parents. We are in partnership in wanting the best for our students and children.



Swimming Lessons: Swimming lessons commence next week, for two weeks, for PP to Year 6 students. Whilst this time significantly impacts upon the teaching and learning timetable, there are many learning opportunities for our students as they participate in the swimming programme. The students learn basic survival skills around water and further develop; their listening and organisational skills, as well as building upon their stamina, perseverance and resiliency. Please help your child by labeling everything and thus avoiding loss of items as well as consequent stress.

P&F Family Day: Our enterprising P&F will be hosting a **Family Fun Sundowner** on **Friday 17th February** and they have managed to book the very popular 'Mucky Duck Bush Band' for the event! Please highlight the date and join our school community to celebrate the start of the 2017 school year, meet new people in our school community, catch up with each other and have fun. Entry is a gold coin donation. Gates open at 5pm, band starts at 5.30pm. BYO picnic. Snacks and drinks will be available. There will be a prize for the best costume. Please refer to the information letter the P&F have sent home. Dust off the cowboy boots and see you there!

Making Jesus Real – MJR: Have you ever been smiled at by a stranger? Did you initially think it was strange? It's a bit of an indictment upon the times we are in, where we are suspicious of everyone and everything. At St Vincent's School I **challenge** everyone; be they student, staff, family or community members to be the positive difference in our world. Greet everyone you come across with a smile, look them in the eye and say hello. Watch the response from the other person and note how you feel as you leave the school grounds.

This year we are focusing on the mantra "God Moments are Everywhere". Within every day, take the time to identify the God Moments, even within the dreariest of days.

Staffing: Mrs Helene Iriks is on long service leave. We wish her a happy and restful break.

Letter from the Director of Catholic Education WA: Dr Tim McDonald has written a letter to welcome new and returning parents and caregivers to WA Catholic Education. The letter is on our website under "Notes".

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

Thought for the Week:

Being a GOOD PERSON does not depend on your religion, status, race, skin colour, political views or culture. It depends on HOW YOU TREAT OTHERS.

2017

GOD MOMENTS ARE EVERYWHERE

Coming Home:

- P&F Family Night note
- Pre-Primaries 'On-Entry Assessment Program' note
- Canteen Menu Term 1, 2017

Coming Up

Term 1 2017

February

Thurs 9	Kindy Parent Information Session in the Hall at 2.15pm
Fri 10	Prayer Assembly Yr 6 GR
Mon 13	Prayer Assembly Yr 5 GR PP - Yr 6 Swimming Lessons
Tues 14	PP - Yr 6 Swimming Lessons
Wed 15	PP - Yr 6 Swimming Lessons
Thurs 16	Better Beginning Presentation for Kindy Parents/Carers 9am in the Hall PP- Yr 6 Swimming Lessons
Fri 17	Prayer Assembly Yr 5 GR PP - Yr 6 Swimming Lessons
Mon 20	Prayer Assembly Yr 4 GR PP - Yr 6 Swimming Lessons
Tues 21	PP - Yr 6 Swimming Lessons
Wed 22	PP - Yr 6 Swimming Lessons
Thurs 23	Yr 5 Healing Mass 9am PP - Yr 6 Swimming Lessons
Fri 24	Prayer Assembly Yr 4 GR PP - Yr 6 Swimming Lessons

P&F NEWS

P and F News – Term 1 Week 2 2017

P&F Family Night – Friday 17th February. Come along and dance to the Mucky Duck Bush Band. Gates open 5pm to 7.30pm.

P&F Meeting: Our first meeting will be held on Friday 17th February after assembly in the Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Your new P&F Committee for 2017 are:

President:	Tamara Nzima
Vice President:	Tracei Taylor
Treasurer:	Jenny Ghilardi
Secretary:	Katie Waudby



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Book Club
to help build
our classroom
resources

orders are due: 16 February 2017



CANTEEN

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

UNIFORM SHOP is open 8.35 – 9am Mondays and 2.30 – 3pm Wednesdays. Eftpos available.

SCIENCE NEWS

In Science this term all classes from Kindy to Year 6 are learning about Biological Sciences, how things grow and change in our environment, from plants and animals to micro-organisms.

Thank you to the Blogg family (Michaela and Bethany – Year 5) who donated our first earthworm farm and many slimy earthworms, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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:

- Glass jars
- Meat trays
- Strawberry containers
- Brownes yoghurt 1L tubs



Michelle Barjaktarevic – Science Specialist

ADMIN

Website and Digital /Absentee Note

Welcome back everyone! Please take a moment to check out our school website as it is a wonderful way to access information about what's happening at St Vincent's. Under the 'Communication' tab you can find an updated term calendar, newsletters and important notes that have gone home for you to access digitally. One particular feature I displayed at the Parent Information Evening on Monday was the Digital Absentee Note. This allows you to fill out your child/ren's absent form online and it will be sent directly to the classroom teacher. It is extremely easy to use and thank you to the parents who have already started using this function.

The site can be found at www.stvincents.wa.edu.au

Important Notes that need returning

The beginning of a new school year is marked by the vast amount of information and paperwork that heads home. Since returning to school, the following notes have hopefully made it home and need returning ASAP:

Swimming Lesson Permission
 Swimming Lesson Enrolment
 Photo Permission
 Technology Permission
 IPad Permission (Year 4 – BYOD)
 IPad Home & School Agreement (Year 4 – BYOD)



If you cannot locate one or more of these forms (and you have checked the deep, dark depths of your child's school bag with no avail) they can be found and printed from the school website under the 'Notes' section. Please return all notes completed to your child's classroom teacher.

Steve Blake – Assistant Principal

RELIGION

**Commencement Term Mass**

Last Friday, students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 attended our first whole school Mass to commence the year. It was a wonderful way to begin the school year and the students' singing was outstanding as always. During the celebration, Father Daniel blessed our Year 6 Student Councillors and our new statue of St Vincent de Paul. The statue of St Vincent will soon begin a weekly pilgrimage to each class throughout the year.

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

At the Parent Information Evening on Monday, the Kindy to Year 4 teachers introduced parents/carers to the new Seesaw app. This exciting app will be used to create a digital portfolio for each student and to share the learning journey of students instantly with their families. To learn more about this awesome app, please view the following link (<https://youtu.be/pzlrDR84KY>). Parents/carers would have received a QR code on Monday, and we encourage each family to download the "Seesaw Parent" app onto one or more devices (mobile phone, iPad, laptop) then scan your child's personalised QR code and start sharing in your child's learning from home or work. If you have any questions about Seesaw, please see your child's classroom teacher.

Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal

Hello from the Physical Education Teacher: I am very excited to be at St Vincent's this year as the new Physical Education teacher. It has been a lot of fun so far, meeting all of the happy faces in my new classes, playing lots of games, competitions and team building activities.

We are kicking off early with our swimming lessons every day in Week 3 and 4 for all PP – Yr 6 students at Kwinana Recquatic Centre. Hopefully everyone has returned the St Vincent's permission form and In-term Swimming Enrolment Form by now. If you have not received it, or need the information again, copies of both forms are available in the "Notes" section of the school website.

I am looking forward to seeing what the rest of the year here at St Vincent's will bring.

Miss Terri Robbins – Physical Education Teacher

Program Update OSHClub NEWS

Hello and Welcome back to all Families and Friends of OSHCLUB of 2017. We are pleased to release the very first newsletter for 2017. OSHCLUB welcomes all the families who have joined us; we hope you are having as much fun as we do day after day. Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable break.

This week we have been receiving many new kinders at OSHCLUB which is a good sign for us. If any families have any suggestion or concerns please feel free to update the Parent's Communication Book at the Sign in Area and your feedback on our Weekly Journal.

The staff have been following up on children's interests to create a program which your children will enjoy while being at our centre. We ensure that your child/ren will enjoy the learning moments. Our mission is to enhance children's wellbeing by strengthening individual resilience and building confidence through play. At OSH the children enjoy coming to our centre daily to participate in the fun, educational activities which include arts and crafts and outdoor physical activities.

Friendly Important Reminders:-

Please remember to sign in and out of the centre every morning and afternoon.

Please ensure your contact numbers are updated online, in case of emergency.

OSHCLUB has a "Nut Free Policy", we do not provide or allow foods that contain nuts.

"No Hat No Play" is a strict OSHCLUB policy, please pack a hat.

Breakfast and Afternoon Tea will be served at OSHCLUB.

My Time, Our Place is the National Framework that our Services use. This is to ensure that programs developed for children in care are to a high quality standard.

- We have a Weekly Diary in which is documented all experiences the whole group contribute to each week with photos, which is near the sign in sheet.
- Observations are required to undertake by educators on individual and groups of children on a daily basis and extended on either the same day of attendance or the next time your child attends OSHCLUB. Some of the observations are included in your child's journals which will be handed in at the end of the year.
- Our Daily Program and our Nutritious Menu are displayed on our Notice Board

OSHC program phone: 0428744575

Coordinator: Thilagam Ratenam or Thila

Assistants: Lisa O'Regan and Ravneer Kaur

OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000



Noah Beckwith spent two weeks in Thailand training and fighting at the Muay Thai Umponthep Gym in Bangkok. He had a 5 round, points decision victory over a Thai boy at the Supanburi Regional Show.

Noah became the youngest boy from the Thai Boxing Pit gym to fight in Thailand under trainer Blair Smith.

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Registration Information

If you are keen to play **NETBALL** for **SAINTS NETBALL CLUB** (previously St Vincent's NC), registration dates and information are as follows:

February 9th and 15th, 3.00 – 3.30pm, St Vincent's PS, 114 Parmelia Avenue, Kwinana.

Fees are \$120 for all players, 50% to be paid when registering. Dresses \$55, 50% to be paid when registering. Competition starts 29th April, play Saturday's at Mike Barnett Stadium, Rockingham. Ages from 6 – 17 year olds! For any further queries please contact Tanya Halliday on 0414886792.

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE Open Day on 15th March 2017 9.10am to 10.40am and 4.20pm – 6pm. To RSVP for Open Day and further information contact the Registrar, Kelly Lister, on 08 9414 4055/enrolments@emmanuel.wa.edu.au. They are now interviewing places for the Year 7 intake 2019 and accepting online Academic & Music Scholarship Applications for 2018 and 2019.

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE will be holding a Sporting Teams and Legends Quiz Night on Friday 19th May (6.45 to 7pm start). Tables of 10, BYO snacks and nibbles. 18+. For more information please contact 9414 4054.

Perth Brain Centre are holding **ADHD AWARENESS INFORMATION EVENINGS** on Wednesday 15th February from 7 – 8pm at Currabine, Suite 4, Northgate Currabine, 94 Delamere Avenue and Thursday 16th February from 7 – 8pm at Suite B2, The Attadale Business Centre, 550 Canning Highway, Attadale. Places are limited so enquire by calling (08) 6500 3277 or through the contact page at www.perthbraincentre.com.au to reserve your place. Refreshments provided.

Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre **SUMMER TWILIGHT CONCERTS** on Saturday 11th February, 6pm to 8pm (Diamond Dave and the Doodaddies *Red Hot Blues*, 11th March, 6pm to 8pm (Two Cent Professionals *Swing-Pop Party Band*) and 8th April, 5pm to 7pm (The Fling *Powerhouse Celtic*). Bring a picnic, listen and relax under the trees in the pleasant atmosphere of Chisham Square.

MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES (Saturdays during school terms) by Lea Cullen Lynes ADPA (Dance) WAAPA, BA (Music Theatre) WAAPA. Class sizes are limited to 20.

2.30 – 3.30pm – 5 to 7 years (\$12 per week)

3.30 – 4.30pm – 8 to 12 years (\$12 per week)

4.30 – 5.30pm – 8 to 12 years Tap (\$12 per week).

Enrol at koorliny.com.au or 9467 7118.

FRANK KONECNY COMMUNITY CENTRE have a wide range of Classes and Courses for Term 1 2017 including Art Groups, Computer Classes, Coffee Mornings, Sewing Circle, programs Just for Kids and Health and Fitness. Go to their website for these and many more. Bookings are essential. Please phone the Centre on 9439 2470 or email frank.konecny@inet.net.au.

MULTICULTURAL GET-TOGETHER. Ladies: you are brave to make a journey to a new country, you and your children are settling in. English is your second language so it might be hard to make new friends. Come along and meet other families who have moved to Australia. You are welcome to bring your children. Held on the first Monday of the month from 11am to 2pm. 3rd April, 1st May, 3rd July, 7th August, 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November and 4th December. Level 1, Relationships Australia Office, Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre, Kwinana. Please call Anne or Allison on 6160 0500 or Sherry on 9265 5584 for more information.

CITY OF KWINANA has a full list of Term 1, 2017 Programs (6 February to 7 April) on their website at Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre, John Wellard Community and William Bertram Community Centre. If you wish to register for any of these programs please ring 9236 4320 between the hours of 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

Did you know that...?

- ✓ The Kindy Parent Information session is this afternoon at 2.15pm.
- ✓ Most classes have a great return rate for signed notes return. Well done, students and families.
- ✓ Swimming lessons start tomorrow.
- ✓ The Year 4 students have been very responsible as our first bring-your-own-iPad students.
- ✓ The Year 6 classes are investigating the speed and places a photo can travel on the internet, as part of their cyber-safety awareness lessons. The results are eye opening and highlight the absolute necessity of 'being careful'.
- ✓ Jacob Scoon
Discus 22.35 M record
70 M 1st
Long Jump Placing
200M 1st
Coastal Cup Athletics Cockburn
- ✓ Mia (2 GR) and Khloe (PP GO) have puppies called Lolly and Birdie. The puppies are super cute!

WOMAN'S HEALTH DAY - Tuesday 28th February 2017. Moorditj Koort will be holding a day for the ladies in our community. FREE. Lunch is provided. At the event there will be special visitors from the Heart Foundation and breast screen WA, Therapeutic Massage, Pap smears, Light Exercise info, Hairdresser (cuts only) etc. From 10am to 3pm at Moorditj Koort, 150 Gilmore Avenue, Medina. For further information contact (08) 6174 7000 email: info@moorditjkoort.com.au.

SAVER PLUS can assist you with school costs. Match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for education costs including school uniforms and text books, computers, laptops and tablets, excursions and camps, music tuition and instrument hire, sports equipment, uniforms and lessons. You may be eligible if you have a Health Care/Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself. Contact Jacqui Brooker 9265 5586/0418663585 for more info.

KUMON WELLARD EDUCATION CENTRE – Kumon Maths and English Programmes develop calculation ability and reading ability, concentration, the confidence to learn independently etc. For more information telephone 0472982499.

TRIPLE P POSITIVE PARENTING PROGRAM for families living in Kwinana with children 2 – 12 years.

15th February 2017 – Raising Confident, Competent Children

22nd February 2017 – Raising Resilient Children

Venue is Frank Konecny Meeting Room, Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre, Cnr Robbos Way and Chisham Avenue from 9.30 – 11.00am. FREE. Presenter is Nadia Sinkovich. For bookings and information please contact Kwinana Early Years Service office on (08) 9439 1838.

The 4families program of Relationships Australia WA in partnership with the Australian Red Cross will be holding **FREE Social and Emotional Wellbeing workshops** for Aboriginal community members. Men, women and children are welcome. Fridays – 17th, 24^h February, 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st March and 7th April, 2017 from 10am to 2pm. Morning tea and light lunch will be provided. Venue: Medina Aboriginal Cultural Community Centre, 13 Leasham Way, Medina. To book please contact Donna on 9225 8803 or email dbrahim@redcross.org.au or Angela on 6164 0651 email: angela.ryder@relationshipsaustralia.org.au.

A four week course for women, **MANAGING ANGER AND STRESS FOR WOMEN**, will be held at Relationships Australia, Lotteries House, 7 Anzac Place, Mandurah on Mondays 6th to 27th February from 6.30 to 9pm. \$60 per person (\$30 concession). Places are limited, so book now on 6164 0588.

24:7 South Youth Group

For all youth in Years 6 – 12 every Friday night @ 7 - 9pm in the Kolbe College Gym.

We hope to see you there! For more info call Ming Yan 0414 998 043 or Matt 0421 746 858.



The Abruzzo & Molise Sporting Club inc. invite you to celebrate with lunch at **IL CARNEVALE** - 30 Brook Road, Wattle Grove on Sunday 19th February 2017 from 12 to 5pm. Dancing, a Parade and Games. Prize for best mask and best dressed. Adults: \$35 Members/\$40 Non-Members. Children 5 to 12: \$15, under 5 Free. Bookings are necessary so please call Maria on 6110 2565/0415781514 by 13th February.

Boys and Girls can play fun games of **CRICKET** with their friends. Join the fun, sign up at PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/WA. Your local Milo T20 Blast Centre: Perth Scorchers Milo T20 Blast Centre, Kwinana. Mondays 6pm – 6.30pm, 13th February – 3rd April. Contact Tony Ashton 0407 175 952 for more information.

GET in2 fun GET in2 CRICKET, girls and boys aged 5 – 8 years. Visit PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/IN2CRICKET to find out more. Local Centre is Northern Peel Milo in2 CRICKET CENTRE. Mondays 5pm – 6pm, 13th February – 3rd April. Orelia Park, Orelia. Contact Brodie Green 0411 056 578.

CRICKET for girls and boys aged 7 – 12 years. Perth Scorchers Milo T20 Blast Centre, Kwinana. Starting Monday 13th February from 5pm at Orelia Park, Orelia. For more information contact Tony Ashton 0407 175 952 or visit playcricket.com.au. FREE come and try night – Monday 13th February at 5pm at Orelia Park.

CYPRESS is a long term FREE postvention support service for children and young people between the ages of 6 and 18 who have been bereaved by suicide. Counselling – individual, group or family is provided by professional bereavement counsellors. Referrals to CYPRESS are open to agencies, schools, individuals, families and friends and can be made by telephoning 92632150 or emailing cypress@anglicarewa.org.au.