



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,

Code of Conduct: CS 2 – You give priority to students' safety and well-being in all your behaviour and decision making.

"*You accept that you and all adults have individual and joint responsibility for the safety and well-being of students. *You ensure the safety and well-being of students are the primary focus of your actions and decisions and take precedence over any other considerations. *You support the safety, health and well-being of each student, promoting and supporting decisions and behaviour that contribute to the student's self-confidence, safety and wellbeing. *You recognise that all information about students collected by school staff is done so on behalf of the Principal and for the benefit of the student. Therefore, all information is disclosed to and accessible by all who have a need to know it in order to support the education, safety and well-being of the student. *You recognise the importance that students' education continues without interruption or disturbance. *You disclose to the Principal any information that a reasonable person would recognise may be relevant to the safety and well-being of students so that the Principal may make appropriate decisions to manage any risk to them. This includes any relationship with any person who may have been accused of harming children or acting unsafely towards them."

Specific behaviours;

- Drive through rules, as stated in newsletters, must be adhered to.
- 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.
- Make appointments to see teachers outside of teaching time, 8.30am-3pm.

Professional Development: Last Thursday afternoon, straight after school, staff drove up to New Norcia to attend a staff retreat. Whilst the temperature hovered around the 40°C mark, all staff were inspired by what faith, hope and determination can achieve. This week, teachers attended a day's maths workshop focused on geometry.

Royal Commission: Recently the Director of Catholic Education WA (CEWA), Dr Tim McDonald, attended the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuses in Sydney. In an email to all employees within CEWA Dr McDonald wrote, "I spoke about governance and child safety structures and policy in place in Catholic Education Western Australia. Archbishop Costelloe attended the Royal Commission hearings along with metropolitan Archbishops from other states, and spoke frankly and openly about the Catholic Church's failings, acknowledging the real hurt and suffering experienced by survivors of abuse, and answering questions about the Archdiocese of Perth's ongoing work to seek healing and reconciliation. Now that the final hearing of the Royal Commission has concluded, Archbishop Costelloe has published a pastoral letter, as well as a video conveying the same message, for the Catholic Community of the Archdiocese of Perth, including Catholic schools. Please view the Archbishop's video here: http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Our_Archdiocese-Archbishop-Videos.htm. As Catholic educators and leaders we share the Archbishop's sense of shame for the horrific wrongs that children and young people have suffered in the care of the Church and Catholic schools – we also share his responsibility to make our Catholic schools safe places where all students can flourish in their learning and truly experience the Gospel." The pastoral letter can be found on our website under 'Notes'.

State Election Party Commitments and Election Sausage Sizzle: With the upcoming election this weekend, both major state political parties were asked to respond to some questions from CEWA. The responses can be found on our website under 'Notes'. Don't forget to vote and enjoy a sausage sizzle as provided by our 'fantabulous' P&F, thank you to all who have volunteered to help at the sausage sizzle. If you're willing to help and haven't let the P&F know, please contact them, as they'd appreciate all offers of help.

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

Thought for the Week:

Acts of kindness, even in the simplest way are what makes our lives meaningful, bringing happiness to ourselves and others (The Dalai Lama)

2017

**GOD MOMENTS ARE
EVERYWHERE**

Coming Home:

➤ Faction Swimming Carnival notes

Coming Up

Term 1 2017

March

Fri 10	Prayer Assembly: Mrs Johnson
Mon 13	Prayer Assembly: Yr 2 GR Aqua Safety Presentation (Yr 5)
Tues 14	Holy Communion Enrolment Mtg 3.30pm in the Hall
Wed 15	"Hero Day" dress up
Fri 17	Prayer Assembly: Yr 2 GR St Patrick's Feast Day Mass 9am (PP/Yr 5)
Sat 18	Holy Communion Commitment Mass 6pm
Sun 19	Holy Communion Commitment Mass 9.30am
Mon 20	Prayer Assembly: PP GR
Tues 21	HARMONY DAY PP – Yr 6 Faction Buddy Lunch Faction Buddies St Joseph's Feast Day (19 th March) Mass at 9am (Year 2/4) Holy Communion Lesson 1 3.30-4.15pm
Fri 24	Prayer Assembly: PP GR The Annunciation of the Lord Mass 9am (Year 1/3) Yr 6 Cricket Carnival

P&F NEWS

P and F News – Term 1 Week 6 2017

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at the **Election BBQ** on Saturday. A slip will come home today or tomorrow with your time slot. Again, thank you.

Easter Raffle tickets will come home next Thursday 16th March.

If you would like to be involved with our Teacher Positivity Project, please send an email to tamaranzima16@gmail.com.

A date for the **next P&F Meeting** will be announced soon. It will be an evening meeting.

P&F Committee:

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



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.

Thank you to Chelsea Pasajlic and her family for donating so many beautiful plants to the Pre-Primary garden. We look forward to helping them grow



Did you know that...?

- Tayla Healy and Amelia Serra-Sanfelin (5 GO) have each written interesting stories as part of their narrative writing classes. Nice work, Tayla and Amelia!
- New Norcia is the largest Monastic Town in the Southern hemisphere.
- The Chief Monk at New Norcia is called an Abbott.
- Mrs Brechany got sprayed by a water truck whilst attempting to shut a door. The staff thought the sight was very funny!
- The monks pray six times throughout the day and the prayers are sung.
- Recently, Charlie Sullivan, Bradley Buchanan, Jacob Scoon and Sarah Johnston all made it into the State Athletics Finals, to be held in two weeks' time. Good luck for the upcoming final Charlie, Bradley, Jacob and Sarah. Congratulations!!
- Last weekend, Beau Sullivan crewed in the state sailing titles in Dongara. Beau and his crew won a first place and two second places. Wonderful achievements by St Vincent's students.

MERIT AWARDS WEEK 4		
PP GOLD	Jacob Green	Laylah Collins
PP GREEN	WHOLE CLASS	
YEAR 1 GOLD	Iva Laurio	Elijah Nunes
YEAR 1 GREEN	Chloe Galicia	Charley Taylor
YEAR 2 GOLD	Ellie Matheson	Grace Kitchin
YEAR 2 GREEN	Danica Loquellano	Marlee Nzima
YEAR 3 GOLD	SWIMMING LESSONS	
YEAR 3 GREEN	Avanthika Anish	Casey Thompson
YEAR 4 GOLD	Madison Ierino	Austin Garner
YEAR 4 GREEN	Oliver Moller	Chloe Macleod
YEAR 5 GOLD	Anna Valderrama	Tayla Healy
YEAR 5 GREEN	Lucy Cullen	Ashton Vella
YEAR 6 GOLD	SWIMMING LESSONS	
YEAR 6 GREEN	Ben Dawson	Noah Da Silva
SCIENCE	Marisa Walker (4 GR)	



RELIGION

Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting – Tuesday 14th March

The Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting will be held this **Tuesday 14th March** at **3:30pm** in the School Hall. It is important that a parent/carer attends this meeting as an outline of the Sacramental Program for Holy Communion will be explained and notes for enrolment will be distributed. The first Holy Communion class will commence on Tuesday 21st March from 3:30 - 4:15 pm in the School Hall.

Holy Communion Commitment Masses – Saturday 18th or Sunday 19th March

Next weekend on Saturday (6pm Mass) and Sunday (9:30am Mass) many of our Year 4 students and their families will attend a Commitment Mass to announce their commitment in the journey towards receiving their First Holy Communion. It is essential that all preparing communicants attend one of the Masses with their parents and hand in their enrolment form at the Mass.

St Patrick's Feast Day Mass – Friday 17th March

Next Friday, the Pre-Primary and Year 5 buddy classes will lead the parish in celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Patrick. The Mass will be held at **9am in the Church** and you are all invited to attend. Saint Patrick was a 5th-century Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. He is known as the "Apostle of Ireland" and he is the patron saint of Ireland. The shamrock is used as a symbol of Ireland and as Ireland's patron saint, Saint Patrick is said to have used it as a metaphor for the Holy Trinity – "God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit". We look forward to celebrating the works of Saint Patrick next week.

St Joseph's Feast Day Mass – Monday 20th March

On Monday 20th March, the Year 2 and Year 4 classes will celebrate the Feast Day of St Joseph at the **9am Mass in the Church**. Saint Joseph was the husband of Mary and guardian of Jesus. Saint Joseph was the protector of the Church and is the patron saint of workers. He was a very faithful man and willingly acted upon God's will. We look forward to celebrating the Feast Day of Saint Joseph and we hope you can join us for the celebration.

Project Compassion - Annual Lenten Appeal

Thank you for your generosity and donations towards Caritas Australia. Caritas Australia is the international aid and development organisation of the Catholic Church in Australia. The organisation delivers long-term development programs, helps people regardless of ethnicity, religion or political beliefs, works with the poorest of the poor and helps people to help themselves. Your donations throughout Lent to Project Compassion, support this inspirational 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. If you would like another Project Compassion box please ask one of our friendly staff at the office. Thank you.

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

Mini Vinnies – St Vincent de Paul Society

“Mini Vinnies” has begun at St Vincent’s School, where a group of Year 6 students meet during lunchtimes a few times a term to learn about social justice issues, develop leadership skills and engage with discussions about how they can help those in need. Mrs Barjaktarevic, Mrs Gaffney, Miss Wylie and Mrs Brechany are the coordinators of the Mini Vinnies Program and have enjoyed meeting with our Mini Vinnies already this term. This year the Mini Vinnies will be promoting and fundraising for three annual appeals, our Everyday Hero Day, the Winter Appeal and Christmas Appeal. *More information about next weeks’ Everyday Hero Day can be found on page 6.*

Mini Vinnies is about doing good works in the community that benefit people facing social injustice. The program empowers primary school students to become advocates within their school and local community by putting their values into action. The Mini Vinnies model of “See, Think, Do” is a great way to get young people thinking and talking about their spirituality and to connect their faith with issues affecting their community through volunteering, advocacy and fundraising. Not only do the students in Mini Vinnies benefit from the experience but so too does the school and wider community.

Harmony Day - Tuesday 21st March

On **Tuesday the 21st March**, we will be celebrating Harmony Day to celebrate Australia's cultural diversity. Harmony Day recognises that we all belong and reminds us about inclusivity, respect and belonging. On Harmony Day we encourage students to **add the colour orange to their school attire**, such as hair ribbons, socks, tutus, etc. Students may like to bring in cultural food to share on the day or any cultural memorabilia to show and tell in their classes. This is a celebration, not a fundraising event.

Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal

ADMIN

FACTION CAPTAINS 2017 BADGE PRESENTATION

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who were elected by their peers to be St Vincent’s Faction Captains for 2017. The students will be presented with their badges on the 10th March during morning assembly.

- De Paul (Green) - Madlyn Walker, Jaylen Barlow, Alicia Buchanan and Malachi Tumoana
- MacKillop (Blue) - Chelsea Ghilardi, Jordan Franco, Alexander Middlemiss and Mia Strasser
- De Vialar (Red) - Ben Gorman, Tahlia Cappeluti, Beau Sullivan and Emily Cappeluti
- Harper (Gold) - Olivia Kadamani, Amber Murdock, Mykayla Sherwood and Mia Smith

SOCIAL MEDIA & KIDS

In recent weeks, I have been approached by different parents about a range of social media platforms their child has been asking about or already using at home (eg. Musically). After conducting my own research, many of the new platforms that I had not even heard of, have an age restriction of 13 years and above just like well-known platforms such as Facebook and Instagram.

As all children who attend St Vincent’s are under the age of 13, none should have their own account on these particular platforms. Please refer to the school’s social media statement found on our school website under the ‘Policies’ tab (Communication) for more information on this topic.

LEARNING POTENTIAL

This is a great website sponsored by the government to help parents to support their children’s learning.

Please take a look and explore. <http://www.learningpotential.edu.au/>

Steve Blake – Assistant Principal

STORY DOGS – Does reading to a dog really help? Yes, because dogs make reading fun, they do not mind if a child stutters,

do not care if a child makes a mistake, give unconditional love and do not judge. Story Dogs is a not-for-profit organisation. The program is free of charge for children and entirely staffed by volunteers. Your sponsorship of \$500 provides all the essentials needed for a dog team to start in a school and continue helping for 1 year. Ways you can pay for your sponsorship: Direct Debit – Bank: BCU (indue), BSB: 704328, Acc #” 244106. Or by credit card via this secure link <http://www.givenow.com.au/storydog>. Call Janine on 04112 536 355 to talk through the sponsorship opportunities, email info@storydogs.org.au.



SPORTS NOTICES**ROTTNEST SWIM**

Firstly, I would like to say thank you for all staff and students who donated towards my teams fundraising efforts for the Rotto Swim, and also all of the supportive words and messages I received. It was a tough day, with a strong undercurrent which pulled us off course, but we managed to complete the crossing in 7 hours and 57 mins. We raised \$6,500 for Make a Wish Foundation which kept us going when we were getting tired and cranky towards the end!

YEAR 6 CRICKET CARNIVAL

A team of 30 Year 6's have started training before school, in preparation for a 'T-20 Blast' Cricket Carnival with some of the local schools. There will be one team of boys, one team of girls and a mixed team. The carnival is on Friday 24th March, 9am – 2:20pm, and we would greatly love any parental assistance with supervision and/or coaching. Please get in contact ASAP if you can help!

FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This will be held at Kwinana Recquatic Centre on Thursday 30th March. Letters should have been brought home for bus permission and event preferences, so please ensure they are returned ASAP. This event also requires lots of helpers, so if you can volunteer on the day, your time and efforts will be greatly appreciated by all. 😊

PHYSICAL EDUCATION LESSONS

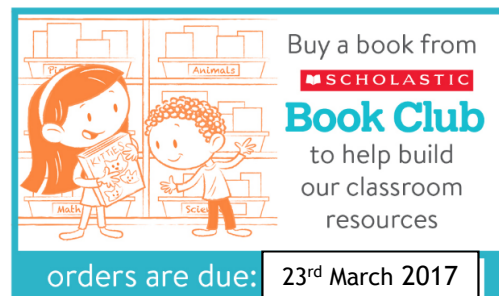
It certainly has been a busy start to the term, but all classes have been working well during PE Lessons. Kindy have been learning new organisational skills (making lines and circles, taking it in turns etc) and language (e.g. freeze, copy, balance) to help prepare them for lessons using equipment. Pre-Primary and Year One have been having lots of fun with skipping ropes. Year Two and Three have been learning about tactics, team work and including and helping each other through fun games. The Year 4's have participated in team building activities and mindfulness sessions as well as Basketball. Year 5 and 6 have been learning different skills for 'Invasion Games,' in particular; Netball, Hockey, Soccer and AFL. Soon they will have the chance to choose which sport to concentrate on during Term 2 for the Winter Sports Carnival.

Ferri Robbins - Physical Education Coordinator

The "Stingers" are a netball team of Mums from school and they won the Grand Final of their netball league a few weeks ago!! They were behind in the fourth quarter but fought back to win by 1 point. Way to go Stingers!!

Our Champion Mums include:

Tammy Miller (Jasmine Y2, Cassandra Y4)
 Lisa Adams (Olivia Y6, Talanah Y2)
 Dani Gorman (Ben Y6)
 Sally McLean (Bailey y2, Owen PP)
 Melaney Jefferys (Xavier Y2)
 Sasha Murdock (Amber Y6)
 Rebecca Smith (Darby Y5, Harrison Y4, Mia Y6)
 Cassie Warwick (Katie Y2)
 Nivette Devine (Hardy Y5)



Buy a book from
SCHOLASTIC
Book Club
 to help build
 our classroom
 resources

orders are due: 23rd March 2017

SCIENCE NEWS: The Year 2's have been learning about metamorphosis, Addison Fox from 2 Green told us that this means big changes. This week our mealworms have changed into darkling beetles. Some are light brown and some are dark brown almost black. They are very stinky!

Year 4's have been germinating bean seeds and our plants have grown abundantly this week, the germinating process is really exciting, to think that the plant comes from just a tiny seed. We looked at seeds in fruits. Some of our students have had their work selected to go into our class journals because it was so amazing!

Please come and have a look at our Science experiments, the classroom will be open from 8.20am until 8.30am for children to show their parents their science research.

Reduce/Reuse/Recycle – On the lookout for:

- ❖ Containers in stacks of 10 – if there is something you purchase regularly please collect for me when you have 10 of them.

Michelle Barjaktarevic – Science Specialist



Mini Vinnies – Everyday Hero Day

Mini Vinnies is a group of staff members and Year 6 students who want to make our community a better place to be. We meet on Wednesdays in the Science room at lunchtime. Over the past couple of weeks we have been making posters to promote Everyday Hero Day.

Next Wednesday, 15th March we are having a **Hero Day**. We invite you to dress up as your favourite superhero, it does not have to be someone like Batman, Superman or Wonder Woman we mean your everyday superhero. People such as your mum, dad, siblings or anybody that inspires you to be the best person you can be. Please bring a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go to the St Vincent De Paul Society.



VIOLIN LESSONS are available at St Vincents on Thursday mornings with a violin teacher from Kolbe College. This includes the opportunity to attend a string orchestra at Kolbe College on Thursday afternoons. Please contact Mr Nick Fielding (Music Director) on 9591 4240 for more information and/or enrolment details.

A NOTE FROM THE COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE:

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Gabby Bauskis and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and well-being so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focussed on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential. If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on 0424 179 586 or via email Gabby.Bauskis@health.wa.gov.au.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TRINITY COLLEGE CURRENTLY TAKING ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS If you are looking for a holistic, quality Catholic education for your son, Trinity College in East Perth may be the school you are searching for. To learn more about the extensive things on offer such as our state-of-the-art robotic observatory or our Design and Technology Centre using the latest equipment in technology laboratories, please visit their website for further information. Interviews are now taking place for Year 7 in 2019, with limited places available for Year 7 next year. Visit www.trinity.wa.edu.au or contact 9223 8121 to book a guided tour.

EMMANUEL CATHOLIC COLLEGE (122 Hammond Road, Success) is holding a Quiz Night on Friday 19th May 2017, 6.45pm – 7pm start. Come dressed as your favourite sporting team or legend. Tickets \$20. Silent auctions, door prizes, raffles and games. Tables of 10, BYO snacks and nibbles, 18+. For more information telephone: 9414 4000.

KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE are holding an OPEN DAY on Wednesday 15th March 2017. Tours at 9.30am and 2pm. Registration is essential. 25 Dowling Street, Rockingham. Telephone 9592 1500 Fax: 9592 2933 Email: info@kolbe.wa.edu.au. Kolbe are currently holding interviews for entry into Year 7, 2019.

IONA PRESENTATION COLLEGE, 32 Palmerston Street, Mosman Park, is holding Open Mornings on Thursday 23rd March, Tuesday 28th March and Tuesday 5th September. Presentations commence at 9.30am in the College Sports Centre followed by a guided tour and morning tea. Bookings can be made at www.lona.wa.edu.au/open_morning.

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLASSES 2017 The Department of Mathematics and Statistics of Curtin University run a program for years 5 – 11 students. There will be 16 weekly sessions held at Curtin University, Bentley. Place are limited and early applications will be favoured. Classes have been scheduled in Term 2 (from Monday 1st May to Friday 23rd June) and Term 3 (from Monday 17th July to Friday 8th September. **The closing date for enrolment is Friday 14th April 2017.** The web address for further information and application form is <http://scieng.curtin.edu.au/science/mathematics-and-statistics/mathematics-enrichment-classes/>.

PARKS WEEK 2017 (4th – 20th March) – Perfect for 6 – 12 year olds. Visit any of the **magical parks** with your mobile device (phone or tablet) and download the **Magical Park app** to play. Use the app to explore your park, interact with dinosaurs or fairies, and collect kittens or dinosaur eggs! For more information contact the City on 9528 0333, the website www.rockingham.wa.gov.au or customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au.

Perth Motorplex, Kwinana Beach **MONSTER TRUCKS UNLEASHED!** Ten jumping monster trucks, pit party included with every ticket! Adults \$49.90, kids \$29.90 from Ticketmaster

ROCKINGHAM PLAYGROUP The KEYS to Play playgroups are family friendly, relaxed and inviting for families with children 5 years and under. Cost is \$4 per family. Please bring a piece of fruit. Places are limited, to register please email Ev at Eveline.bolton@keyswa.org or contact KEYS on 9439 1838 for more information. Wednesdays (School Term 1) 9.30am to 11.30am – Golden Bay Coastal Community Centre, Tangadee Road, Golden Bay.

CITY OF KWINANA - Healthy Lifestyles: Workshops will be held on Thursdays after management meetings evenings from 6pm to 8pm. Workshop notes and light refreshments provided.

23 March – Mental Health – Difficult Conversations (Thomas Kelly Pavilion, Rowson Place, Medina)

6 April – Financial Health – Sponsorship and Marketing (Thomas Kelly Pavilion)

25 May – Club Health – WA Sports Federation and WWCC (Fiona Harris Pavilion, Elmore Place, Orelia)

RSVP to register to Alyce Atkinson, Club Development Officer on alyce.atkinson@kwinana.wa.gov.au or 94390283.

CRICKET – Milo T20 Blast – Boys and girls can play fun games of cricket with their friends. Join the fun, sign up today at PLAYCRICKET.COM.AU/WA, Mondays 5pm – 6.30pm, 13th February to 3rd April. For more information contact Tony Ashton on 0407 175 952.

GET in2FUN, GET in2 CRICKET – girls and boys, aged 5 to 8 years. Mondays 5pm to 6pm, 13th February to 3rd April at Orelia Park, Orelia. For more information contact Brodie Green on 0411 056 578.

KWINANA PLAYGROUPS – Mondays 9.30am to 11.30am at Frank Konecny Family Centre, Cnr Parmelia Avenue and Skottowe Parkway, Parmelia and Thursdays 9.30am to 11.30am at Casuarina Wellard Hall, Cnr Mortimer and Barker Rds, Wellard. Gold coin donation. For more information call 9439 1838.