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

Newsletter delivery: Our newsletter is moving into electronic form. From Week 7 it will be delivered electronically via email. In an effort to reduce waste and help look after the environment, the newsletter will not be printed out and sent home from Week 7. If you think of one page of the newsletter as being a tree, you start to get an idea of how we can help the environment by moving from paper to electronic forms of the newsletter. If you do not have an email, you must contact the office staff and they will ensure you are provided with a hard copy of the newsletter. Please ensure the school office has your correct email address.

End of day pickup: Teachers have found the afternoon pick up to be tricky as they walk through to the area outside the Church for pick up. The large number of parents in a fairly limited space have caused some movement issues. In an effort to alleviate this, I invite families to wait as per morning drop off. If picking up children from PP to Year 3, please wait on the upper lawn between the library and staffroom. If picking up children from Year 4 to Year 6, please wait on the lower lawn behind the library. If you have children in the upper and lower parts of the school, please wait on the upper lawn. As the classes walk past these areas you may collect your child. It is my hope the congestion outside the canteen area will alleviated and classes will be able to move through quickly.

Swimming: The PP to Year 2 students are attending swimming lessons this week and next week. I attended a swimming session this week and was very impressed by the behaviour of our students. I was delighted to hear the students greeting the bus driver as they got on the bus and thanking the driver as they got off.

Volunteers: Our school relies on volunteers, the canteen especially relies on the efforts of volunteers. In fact the operation of the canteen depends on volunteers. Please consider leaving your name for canteen duties. Students love to see their parents helping out in the canteen.

Principals’ Conference: I will be away next week attending a Principals’ Conference. Mr Blake and Mrs Byrne will be leading the school in my absence.

First Holy Communion: This weekend marks the start of preparation towards receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Commissioning Masses will be this weekend and the Enrolment Meeting will be next Tuesday at 3.30pm. Each Tuesday thereafter, for seven weeks, there will be catechist lessons for all students receiving Holy Communion. It is an expectation of both the Parish and the school that all candidates wishing to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion must attend the Commissioning Mass and all the lessons. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is a sacrament of initiation, it is the reception of Christ’s Body and Blood. This sacrament is the source of great graces and helps us grow in the likeness of Jesus Christ. We, as Catholics believe the Eucharist, or Communion, is both a sacrifice and a meal. We believe in the real presence of Jesus, who died for our sins. As we receive Christ’s Body and Blood, we also are nourished spiritually and brought closer to God. Please keep the First Holy Communion Candidates, their families, the Catechists and associated staff in your prayers.

Thank you to Mrs Barjaktarevic for taking on Mr Poole’s teaching roles while he has been on leave. Mrs Barjaktarevic certainly made Jesus real in our school, with her ‘can do’ and positive attitude to everyone and everything. We look forward to Mr Poole’s return next week.

Labor Day Holiday: Next Monday is a public holiday. Enjoy your long weekend and stay safe.

Kind regards, God Bless … Karmela Messineo … Principal

**Thought for the Week:**
The real secret of happiness is simply this: to be willing to live and let live, and to know very clearly in one’s mind that the unpardonable sin is to be an unpleasant person (G S Ross)

**Coming Home:**
- School Banking information letter

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**ST VINCENT’S 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.

**ST VINCENT’S VIEW**

No. 5
Thursday 3rd March 2016

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If you judge people, you have no time to love them.

Mother Teresa
**Coming Up**

Term 1 2016

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

**CANTEEN**: The Canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lisa.

**SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS** have been emailed out to parents. If you have not received your statement please contact the School Office as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

**P and F News**

*P and F News – Term 1 Week 5 2016*

**Welcome Family Fun Night**

The P&F wish to invite all of our families and staff come along on Friday 1st April from 5pm to 6.30pm to the P&F Family Fun Night. Pack a picnic, bring your whole family and enjoy a night of relaxed fun for everyone. We will have carnival games (gold coin donation), fairy floss (gold coin donation), lucky dips, small canteen selling drinks, lollies, and icy-poles, raffles, and more. Part from the night will be donated to the Farmers of Waroona, who sadly have suffered so much from the fires. Please come along from 5pm and head to the oval. We hope to see you there to enjoy a fun night. Please not that no alcohol may be consumed on school grounds. Thank you so much.

**School Banking**

School banking is on Wednesday morning from 8.10am-8.30am sharp. Please make certain you complete deposit slips in full including child’s name, student number, and banking amount. The volunteers are not able to complete on your child’s behalf unfortunately, so to avoid disappointment please complete. There some special rewards this year for our super savers so keep an eye out. Every time your child makes a deposit they go into the draw to win a prize. We will soon have a sign up day where parents can come and register their child for school banking. We will keep you posted on the date.

**OUR NEXT P&F MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY 16TH MARCH IN THE SCHOOL HALL.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Welcome Family Night, Easter Raffle, P&F Meeting.

Thank you for your continued support.

President Tamara Nzima
Vice President Katie Sullivan
Secretary Katie Waudby
Treasurer Jane Frank
Pastoral Care Michelle Barjaktarevic

**Important Notice**

**Kindergarten 2017**: If you have a child commencing Kindergarten next year, please collect an application form from the Office or download it from our website [www.stvincents.wa.edu.au](http://www.stvincents.wa.edu.au). If you know of any families who have a child who will commence Kindergarten next year and are still deciding on a school, please tell them how good our school is.
## MERIT AWARDS

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**LIBRARY RADICAL READERS:** Isla Iriks, Stephanie Joy Paz

## RELIGION

### Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting – Tuesday 8th March

The Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting will be held next **Tuesday, 8th March at 3:30pm** in the School Hall. It is important that a parent attends this meeting as an outline of this term’s Sacramental Program for Holy Communion will be explained and notes for enrolment will be distributed. The first Holy Communion class will be on Tuesday 15th March from 3:30 - 4:15 pm.

### Holy Communion Commitment Masses – Saturday 12th or Sunday 13th March

Year 4 parents please note that the Holy Communion Commitment Masses will be held **next weekend on Saturday 12th (6pm Mass) and Sunday 13th March (9:30am Mass)**. It is essential that all preparing communicants attend one of the Masses with their parents and hand in their enrolment form at the Mass.

**Sacramental Dates 2016**

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### Project Compassion

Your donations and generosity towards Caritas Australia will help to change the lives of others. If you would like another Project Compassion box please ask one of our friendly staff at the office. You are welcome to return your families Project Compassion box to the school office at any time before the end of the term. We thank you for your generosity.

### Evangeline’s Life Changing Story – Australia

Evangeline is a proud young Ramingining woman living in the small community of Beswick (Wugularr) in the Northern Territory. Like many remote First Australian communities, Beswick faces a range of complex ongoing challenges, and many people in the town feel disempowered by poorly conceived policies and decisions.

When Evangeline left high school after Year 11 she tried a few career options without success and soon felt dispirited. “But by the time I was 22, I really started to think about doing something positive with my life,” she says. So when she was offered a position as an Arts Worker at the Djilpin Arts Ghunmarn Culture Centre in Beswick, Evangeline recognised a path to a new future.

The community-owned venture is supported by Caritas Australia’s Development of Cultural Enterprise program. It brings together Elders and young people, like Evangeline, so new generations can learn traditional skills and understand cultural knowledge through sharing art, storytelling, dance and song – practices that are central to traditional culture.

In the three years since joining the Centre, Evangeline has truly flourished. “This opportunity has helped me turn my life into something more positive,” she says. Now a Senior Arts Worker, Evangeline is committed to helping her community stay connected to its culture. “Culture is our identity and how we understand ourselves,” she explains. “It’s important for us young people to be able to learn these skills and then we can pass them on when we are old.”
I hope everyone has had the opportunity to check out St Vincent’s new school website. Remember, it can be found at: www.stvincents.wa.edu.au.

I just wanted to draw your attention to a couple of important features found on the new site.

1. You can now view the St Vincent’s View (school newsletter) digitally via the website. This means you can now access it anywhere and at anytime. It is also in colour (no more black and white photos!!!) and previous newletters are archived and are able to be accessed easily.

2. Instead of searching for an important note that was sent home with your child, you can now access it via the website. This will be in PDF format for you to print off at home, sign and then sent back to school. Please note that all classroom notes will not appear on the website. The ‘Notes’ page can be found under the ‘Communication’ tab.

Mr Stephen Blake

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Did you know that…?

- Mrs Brechany, Mrs De Franca and Mrs Matheson became Tassie devils last week when they attended the Making Jesus Real Conference? They are super keen to build MJR in our school.
- Amelia Serra Sanfelin (4GO) greeted and introduced herself to a parent on Tuesday morning? The parent had a bright and happy smile after the encounter.
- Mrs Gibson is a super fabulous newsletter compiler and she also has amazing shorthand skills? Mrs Howard and Mrs Walker also can write shorthand. Shorthand looks like an entirely different language.
- PP classes had a teddy bear’s picnic on Tuesday and the teddy bears had a sleepover that night?

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MAGAZINES: The Year Ones would love old magazines that can be cut up for different activities. If you have any magazines like Donna Hay, Better Homes and Gardens, Australian Women’s weekly, New Idea or Woman’s Day magazines that you no longer need, we would love to have them. There will be a box located outside the Year One class to put old magazines in. Thank you.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE are hosting an Indigenous Family Night featuring Sean Choolburra and Phillip Walley-Stack at the College on Monday 21st March from 6.30 to 8pm. Sausage sizzle from 6.30 – 7.00pm and performances from 6.30 – 8pm. BYO blanket/chair. RSVP to Mrs Lisa Dann by Monday 14th March l.dann@kolbe.wa.edu.au or telephone 9591 4259.

Relationships Australia PARENTING BETWEEN CULTURES: WORKING WITH MIGRANT AND REFUGEE FAMILIES
This interactive workshop examines some of the issues that impact on migrant and refugee families and explores how workers can engage with families to provide support with parenting while considering their own cultural competence.

Activities -
Identifying and exploring issues that impact on parenting including:
• the refugee experience
• the changing status of men
• family and domestic violence
• intergenerational conflict
Reviewing our own practice and developing an enhanced response -
• Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs - addressing multiple needs.
• Resilience - the factors that support successful settlement.
• Strength Based Practice - how to identify and build on family strengths.

WEST LEEDERVILLE - 22 Southport Street, corner of Cambridge Street. Wednesday 16th March 2016 from 9.30am-4.30pm. Fee: $165 per person. Places are limited, so please book now on 6164 0200.