



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,

As Karmela is away this week attending the Catholic Primary Principals' Association Conference in Geraldton, she has left it to her trusty Assistant Principal to inform you of the happenings around St Vincent's.

I hope everyone had a lovely long weekend and was able to spend some time as a family outside enjoying the beautiful weather. Many teachers have caught up on their beauty sleep and are raring to go as we move into the second half of the term. We welcome back Mr Gavin Poole who is especially excited to get back to work and into the MJR spirit, so make sure to give him a big high five or thumbs up when you see him.

Swimming Lessons: The PP to Year 2 students complete their final swimming lesson tomorrow. The end of the week will signify no more missing goggles, towels, socks or underwear left at school that no one ever owns up to owning!!! I have heard wonderful feedback from the instructors and they always speak very highly of our students and their behaviour. Well done to everyone involved both students and teachers for being so flexible during this period.

Faction Swimming Carnival: This week a very important note regarding this year's Faction Swimming Carnival for Year 3-6 went home. This event will be taking place on Wednesday 30th March (first day back at school after the Easter break). Please read the note carefully, fill out the appropriate sections and hand it to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible so Miss Newman can organise the logistics of the day.



First Holy Communion: On Tuesday this week, an eager group of parents attended the Enrolment Meeting for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. This weekend marks the start of preparation towards receiving Holy Communion for the first time. Commitment Masses will take place over this weekend with lessons for all students receiving Holy Communion beginning the following Tuesday afternoon. Please keep the First Holy Communion Candidates, their families, the Catechists and associated staff in your prayers over this very important and special journey.

Break In: On the early hours of Sunday morning, our beautiful school was broken in to for a second time in as many weeks. Lenny Holbrook (school maintenance and part time detective) was first on the scene to discover that the Year 1 & 2 block had been entered and left in an extremely messy state. The thieves attempted to remove 2 Gold's brand new LCD television only to leave it damaged and now inoperative. They were able to gain access to the storeroom and made off with the junior primary block's Ipads, Apple TVs and even a classroom Project Compassion Box from the classroom prayer table.

This is a very unfortunate and sad happening for the school. It is an invasion of privacy and the children are the ones who miss out on using the wonderful resources that our school provides. I ask you to please be vigilant whenever you pass the school outside of school hours. If you see anything unusual or not right contact the police. If we can work together as a community forming a mini school neighborhood watch hopefully we can prevent this from happening in the future.

OSH Club Holiday Program: Due to high demand, OSH Club will be trialing a new Holiday Program starting in April. There are further details regarding the program inside the newsletter, so if this is of interest to you and your family make sure to take a look and get in early to secure your spot.

Newsletter delivery: Don't forget Karmela's message in last week's newsletter that The St Vincent's View is moving into electronic form. From Week 7 it will be delivered electronically via email. You can also view The St Vincent's View on our new school website as well as newsletters from previous weeks. Remember, if you do not have an email or access to the Internet, 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.

Finally, Congratulations to Sarah and Keith Reid on the safe arrival of their baby boy, Dexter, brother to Holly (1 GO) and Matilda (3 GR).



God Bless and stay classy St Vincent's ... *Steve Blake* ... Assistant Principal

Thought for the Week:

*Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favourable light at all times and under all circumstances.
(St Vincent de Paul)*

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

Coming Home:

- P&F Easter Raffle
- Tupperware fundraiser
- Winter Jacket Order Forms
- OSHClub Newsletter

Coming Up

Term 1 2016

March

Thurs 10	Swimming Lessons PP – Yr 2
Fri 11	Assembly Prayer Year 2 <i>GO</i> Swimming Lessons PP – Yr 2
Sat 12	Holy Communion Commitment Masses
Mon 14	Aqua Safety Presentation Y5/6 Assembly Prayer Year 1 <i>GO</i> School Councillor badges presented
Tues 15	Y5 GR Reconciliation 9.45am Y5 <i>GO</i> 11am HOLY COMMUNION LESSON 1
Thurs 17	Y5/PP Mass at 9am
Fri 18	NO ASSEMBLY Y2/4 Mass at 9am Y6 Stations of the Cross 7pm
Mon 21	Assembly Prayer: Mr Blake
Tues 22	KSSA T20 Blast Cricket Carnival Yr 6 HOLY COMMUNION LESSON 2
Wed 23	Yr 6 Stations of the Cross 9am
Fri 25	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat 26	EASTER SATURDAY
Sun 27	EASTER SUNDAY
Mon 28	EASTER MONDAY
Tues 29	EASTER TUESDAY
Wed 30	Faction Swimming Carnival
Thurs 31	Healing Mass Year 5

April

Fri 1	Assembly Prayer: Miss Johnson
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CANTEEN: The Canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Lisa.

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

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. 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.

P&F News

P and F News – Term 1 Week 6 2016

EASTER RAFFLE: Today each family will receive 10x tickets to enter the P&F annual easter raffle. Each class has a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize up for grabs. Tickets are \$1 each and you can buy as many tickets as you like. Please write your eldest child's name and class on each ticket you purchase. Tickets must be returned before or on the 23rd of March by 9am. Please return to your child's teacher or place in P&F box in office. Raffle will be drawn in each class at 10.30am on the 23rd March. Good Luck Families.

P&F Meeting: Our next P&F Meeting will be held next Wednesday 16th March at 9am in the hall. Morning tea is provided and children are most welcome to attend. We welcome everyone to our meeting and hope to have you join us to hear all we have coming up.

Welcome Family Fun Night: The P&F wish to invite all of our families and staff to come along on Friday the 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 note that no alcohol may be consumed on school grounds. Thank you so much.

Tupperware: Please note the Tupperware special order form you receive today is NOT an official fundraiser organised for or by the P&F Committee. It is a special opportunity that our Tupperware Guru, Emma Fox has kindly offered in our community. If you do decide to place an order, St Vincent's P&F will receive 10% of all sales. Please return your orders to the P&F box in the office.

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

MERIT AWARDS

PP Gold	Harry Smith	Abel Beckwith
PP Green	Hayden Thompson	Iva Laurio
Year 1 Gold	WHOLE CLASS	
Year 1 Green	Indiana Garth	Maddison Racunica
Year 2 Gold	WHOLE CLASS	
Year 2 Green	Genevieve Graham	Brendan Sellin
Year 3 Gold	Hannah Astell	Makani Tumoana
Year 3 Green	Luke Kitchin	Matilda Reid
Year 4 Gold	Sophie Clements	Chloe Mata
Year 4 Green	Tomi Loncarevic	Olivia Rowe
Year 5 Gold	Alexander Middlemiss	Mia Smith and Tanika Cardoso
Year 5 Green	Alicia Buchanan	Oscar Johnston
Year 6	Arabella McAndrew	Jacob Breznansky



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

This 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. Mrs Iriks and Mrs Barjaktarevic will be attending the Saturday evening Mass and Mr Blake and Miss Paparella will be attending the Sunday morning Mass. If you did not attend the Enrolment Meeting and have not received an enrolment form please see the staff at the Commitment Masses and ask for an enrolment form.

St Patrick's Feast Day Mass – Thursday 17th March: Next Thursday, 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 – Friday 18th March: Next Friday, the Year 2 and Year 4 classes will celebrate the Feast Day of St Joseph at the **9am Mass in the Church**. Saint Joseph's Feast Day is the 19th March, however, we will be commemorating this special day as a school community the day before. 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.

Sacramental Dates 2016

Holy Communion (Year 4) – Sunday 12th June at 11:30am
 Confirmation (Year 6) – Saturday 20th August at 6pm
 Reconciliation (Year 3) – Tuesday 15th November at 6pm



Project Compassion

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 wonderful organisation and truly make a difference to many lives. You are welcome to return your families 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.

OSHCLUB is pleased to announce that a **trial Holiday Program** is being added to the St Vincent's OSHClub service starting in April 2016!

The program details are as follows:

Hours: 7:00am-6:00pm

Dates: 11th - 22nd April 2016

2 incursions offered each week for Free.

Morning and Afternoon Tea are provided each day for Free.

Excursion each week: additional cost \$18 - \$25.

Daily Fee \$59.

Contact Number: 0428 744 575. If you wish to claim Childcare Benefit (CCB) and the 50% Tax Rebate (CCTR) you must be registered with the Family Assistance Office. FACO Ph. 13 61 50.

The brochure outlining all of the exciting activities that will be on offer each day will be available by the **11th March** and will be emailed to you directly as well as available to download from the OSHClub website, and to create or login into your account and place the bookings, visit the website.

Did you know that...?

- Friday lunch times, after eating, you are invited to a swap-meet for Woolies movie star cards in the Year 5/6 wet area. All are welcome.
- Many of our students competed at the State meet for Little Athletics last weekend.
- PP Green made a pet rock called "Rocky".
- PP are finding so many of their high frequency words in books, in class and around the school.
- Ben Dawson is a member of the U12s Flames State Basketball Team.9 They were runner up champions at the Cockburn Classic State Competition last weekend.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CREATIVE WRITING COURSE – Saturday 12th and 19th March from 10am to 1pm in the David Nelson Art and Design Room. \$30, booking required. Register now. Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre – Telephone 9236 4320 community.centres@kwinana.wa.gov.au.

KWINANA PUBLIC LIBRARY (located within the Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre) will be closed on Monday 7th March for the Labour Day public holiday and will reopen on Tuesday 8th March at 9am. The after-hours chute, located on the Peel Row side of the building, will be open for return items.

Harmony Week Family Event: Paul Osei Kofi is a teacher, performer and drum maker, originally from Ghana, West Africa and you can join him for a fun and interactive session where you'll have the opportunity to play some drums and percussion instruments on Tuesday 22nd March from 3.30 – 4.30pm in the Ken Jackman Hall. Bookings are essential. Light refreshments will be available.

Need a Justice of the Peace: Available at the Library Monday/Tuesday 10am – 12pm, Wed, Thurs and Fri 9am – 12pm. Also available on Saturdays from 9am to 12pm (for a trial period). Please ring 9236 4300 on the day to ensure the volunteer JP's are available.

Regular events, i.e. Baby Rhymetime, Storytime, Toy Library, Kids Reading Club and Teen Club are also available. Bookings are not required for these sessions.

For any information on the above please ring 9236 4300.