



# 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,

**It's been a great start to the new school year.** Thank you for your speedy response to the forms sent home last week. We appreciate your support of and attention to these forms. If you haven't completed and returned the forms, please do so by the end of this week. It is critically important we have your information so we may update our office system with the correct information.

**Staff Commissioning Masses:** Last Saturday night during the Parish Mass the school staff, Board and P&F Executive members were commissioned in 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."

**Parent Teacher Information Meetings:** 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 with families in wanting the best for our students and children.

**Swimming Lessons:** Swimming lessons commence Week 4, for two weeks, for Years 1 to 6 students. Whilst this time significantly impacts upon the teaching and learning timetable, there are many learning opportunities for our students. 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. Pre-Primary will undertake their swimming lessons in Term 4.

**P&F Family Afternoon:** Our P&F will be hosting a Welcome Sundowner for all families on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February. Drum performers have been booked for our entertainment. Families are invited to attend with a picnic and have a bit of fun while enjoying each other's company. Please be in the lower library area for 4.30pm. I look forward to welcoming in the new year with all our families.

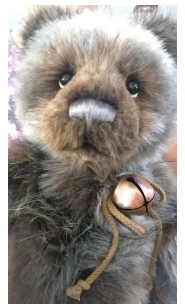
**Making Jesus Real – MJR:** This year we are introducing Vincenzo (Vinnie) our MJR Bear. Vinnie will be fostered by the MJR award winner for a week. The MJR award winner will be determined from community nominations. Anyone can complete a nomination. The nomination forms are in the office. You can nominate students, staff or community members who display MJR qualities.

We are focusing on being a WESTIE this year. –Welcoming –Encouraging –Say sorry –Thank you – Inclusivity –Empathy.

**Drive Through** – Please be considerate and turn LEFT when exiting school grounds after school.

**Uniform Shop** – Orders, with payment, may be placed through the office or forms can be downloaded from the website and emailed to the office or dropped in. The completed order will be sent home with your child. The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesdays 2.15-3.00pm

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



**Thought for the Week:**  
*Never give up on a dream, just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway.*

**2018**  
**Be a WESTIE**

**Going Home:**

# Coming Up

## Term 1 2018

### February

Fri 9	Assembly Prayer: Y6 Gold P&F Meeting
Mon 12	First day for 3YO Playgroup Virtue of the Week: Encouraging
Wed 14	Assembly Prayer: Y5 Gold Ash Wednesday Mass 11am Y1 - 6 KG and PP Ashes following Mass
Fri 16	Assembly Prayer: Y5 Gold P&F Family Afternoon
Mon 19	Virtue of the Week: Saying Sorry Assembly Prayer: Y1 Gold Swimming lessons Y1 - 6 begin
Wed 21	Board Meeting 6pm
Thur 22	Y5 Healing Mass 10am
Fri 23	Assembly Prayer: Y1 Gold

# P&F NEWS

## P and F News - Term 1 Week 2 2018

Welcome back!!

It was fabulous to see so many faces at our first meeting of the year. Thank you to all who attended.

Don't forget next FRIDAY is our Welcome Back night. 4.30-6.30. Everyone is welcome so pack yourselves a picnic and come on down for a night of drumming and games.

If you are not aware we have a Facebook page to help keep you all up to date.

Just search St Vincent's P&F and send a request to join the group.

President: Katie Waudby  
V.President: Sabrina Gordon  
Secretary: Tamara Nzima  
Treasurer: Jessica Shephard

**CANTEEN:** The Canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please order via <https://quickcliq.com.au> and check out our awesome menu!



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## MERIT AWARDS

Term 1 Week 2	
PP GOLD	Hudson P/Piper B
PP GREEN	Whole Class
YEAR 1 GOLD	Nelly K/Khloe L
YEAR 1 GREEN	Chelsea P/Ruby P
YEAR 2 GOLD	Lincoln T/Taraji E
YEAR 2 GREEN	Elijah N/Ella N
YEAR 3 GOLD	Bronson S/Ellie M
YEAR 3 GREEN	Baylee M/Precious M
YEAR 4 GOLD	Hannah B/Tyler H
YEAR 4 GREEN	Xavier M/Arjun K
YEAR 5 GOLD	Matilda R/Mathew M
YEAR 5 GREEN	Gabriella B/Jenesis S
YEAR 6 GOLD	Whole class/Seth R
YEAR 6 GREEN	Whole Class

## Did you know ...?



- Ladybirds have hatched out of their eggs on the ferns in the senior area.
- Mrs Cook and her family became Australian Citizens this week. Congratulations!
- Mrs Howard had an operation on her foot and is doing well. We wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her return.
- Ms Gibson has been helping out in the office. She is Mrs Gibson's daughter. Mrs Gibson is enjoying retirement.
- Mr Blake and his family are loving life in Esperance. He sends his regards to all.
- Mr Peacock, Miss Godber, Miss Cook and Ms Knott have settle into our school beautifully.
- Our Year 6 Leaders have started the year in style. They have all stepped up to the responsibilities of leadership.

**Welcome back to the new school year!! It has been awesome to see so many smiling faces and our students, staff and families embracing our WESTIE attitude already this year!**

**Virtues of the Week**

Each week, as a school and in our classes, we will be learning about, looking for, celebrating and being inspired by our WESTIE virtue for the week. This week we have focused on the virtue of being **WELCOMING** and next week we will learn new ways of how we can be **ENCOURAGING** towards ourselves and others. We encourage our families to embrace the WESTIE way too!

**RELIGION**

**Ash Wednesday Mass – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

Next Wednesday, 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 11am in the Church. We invite all 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. As Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine’s Day this year, Father Daniel will call us to open our hearts and fall in love with Jesus this Lent.

**Project Compassion – Annual Lenten Appeal**

On Wednesday (14<sup>th</sup> February), all students from Kindy to Year 6 will receive a Project Compassion box. Each year Caritas Australia launch their annual Project Compassion Appeal during Lent. In this Year of the Youth, Caritas Australia’s theme for the appeal is “For a Just Future.” 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 throughout the world. Your donations towards Project Compassion support this incredible organisation and truly make a difference to many lives. We encourage you to give what you can and we thank you for your generosity and continued support of this appeal. The Project Compassion boxes can be returned at any time before the end of Week 10 (6<sup>th</sup> April).

**Sacramental Dates 2018**

Holy Communion (Year 4) – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 11:30am  
Confirmation (Year 6) – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm  
Reconciliation (Year 3) – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup>, 17, 24<sup>th</sup> November & 1<sup>st</sup> December from 9:30am – 10am or 4:30 – 5pm

*Kirsty Byrne - Assistant Principal*

**ADMINISTRATION**

Thank you for all the kind and warm welcomes I have received over the past two weeks. It is a pleasure to be part of such a welcoming community and I look forward to meeting you all.

School Website – [www.stvincents.wa.edu.au](http://www.stvincents.wa.edu.au)

It would be wonderful if you could take the time to explore what is on our school website. Answers to many of the common questions the office staff get asked, can be found on our website. It has been updated with information for 2018. Some really useful sections of the website for you would be:

- Communication → Notes – copies of notes that are sent from the office are also uploaded to the website. If you or your child lose a copy, you are able to jump online and print another one for yourself.
- Communication → Absentee Note – allows you to notify the office of your child’s absence.
- Community – find out information about the Parish, Board and P&F Association.



### **Important Notes**

There have been a number of notes sent home since the start of the year. Could we please ask that all of the notes below are returned to school as soon as possible? Thank you to those families who have already returned their notes. If you have lost any of these notes, copies can be found on the school website.

- Beginning of Year Letter & Agreements – covering technology, photographs and emergency transport – 3YO Playgroup to Year 6
- Swimming Permission Note – Year 1 to Year 6
- Swimming Enrolment Form – Year 1 to Year 6
- BYOD iPad Agreement – Year 4 and Year 5

### **Family Details Form**

Please return these forms to your child's teacher.

Please ensure that you have returned the Family Details Form that was sent home on Wednesday. It is vital that the school has the most current details for children and families. Please make any changes on the form and return to the office. If there are no changes, please sign and return to the school.

*Jayson Peacock – Assistant Principal*

### **SPORTS NOTICES**

Welcome back and a big welcome to our new students!

Some information and dates for swimming lessons and events for your diary:

#### **SWIMMING - INTERM**

Swimming lessons for Years 1 – 6 are everyday in Weeks 4-5. Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. These take place at Kwinana Recquatic and spectators are welcome (but you may have to pay a fee).

Please ensure students come ready with their bathers under their uniform with school shoes on. They also need to remember: Towel, thongs (flip flops for us Brits!), goggles, and ear plugs if they use them. Long hair needs to be tied back.

Please return notes to class teachers as soon as possible. Any questions please ask myself or your class teachers.

#### **SWIMMING – FACTION**

Faction Swimming for Years 3-6, also at Kwinana Recquatic is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Volunteers will be needed to assist, so any willing and able please let me know! More details will follow shortly.

#### **SWIMMING – INTERSCHOOL**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April for selected Year 4 – 6 students. Squad will be picked after the Faction Carnival.

*Miss Robbins – Physical Education Co-ordinator*

### **SCIENCE**

Welcome back to the new school year for 2018. This term throughout the whole school we are all studying Biological Sciences.

**Kindy** – This week, after reading 'We're going on a bear hunt', we went on a bear hunt to find things in our kindy garden, we looked at all things green, things found naturally in our school environment and even ventured out to the Science room to explore.

**Pre-Primary** – We are learning about what plants need to grow. We planted sunflower seeds in the community garden and painted covers for our Science books. We look forward to watching our plants grow.

**Year One** – We are looking at animals that we find in our school yard. We found many ants, bees, flies and a large variety of bird life. We will be learning to create labelled diagrams to show features of animals such as earthworms, snails, ants, etc...

**Year Two** – This unit is great and exciting as we learn about metamorphic life cycles. The children will be studying mealworms and watching them grow and change. Do you know what a mealworm changes into?

**Year Three** – Our year 3 students are learning about living and non-living things. This week we learnt how to agree, disagree and question claims that other people make. We went on an adventure to discover animals, feather, rocks and leaves in our school. We wrote scientific journals to explain our discoveries.

**Year 4** – We will be growing beans and looking at the germination process. This week we learnt about seeds and what is inside them allowing them to grow and develop, it would be great if we could collect jars to grow our seeds inside.

**Year 5** – Our unit looks at the desert and how plants and animals adapt to their own environment. We tried to collect water from the leaves in the trees, this process is called desiccation of leaves.

**Year 6** – We are studying micro-organisms, this week we compared different types of bread to assess what with think yeast, a micro-organism, does. We will be looking at a variety of micro-organisms throughout the term. Do you know any other types of micro-organisms.

### **Reduce**

Can you think of ways to reduce waste in our lunch boxes, please share your ideas and tips with us?

### **Reuse**

Are you able to help with any of the following?

- Jars
- Icecream containers – 2L and 4L with lids
- Meat trays

### **Recycle**

Do you have any great recycling ideas that we could use in our community garden? Please feel free to come and share them with us.

The Science room is open in the mornings from 8.20am to 8.30am, Monday to Thursday. It is closed on Fridays. Please feel free to come and visit with your child or children to see what they have been learning about.

*Michelle Barjaktarevic*

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### OSHCLUB NEWS:

Welcome back to our new exciting 2018. We are pleased to release the very first newsletter for 2018. OSHClub welcomes all the families who have joined us. Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable break.

My Time, Our Place is the National Framework that our service practices on. This is to ensure that program developed for the children in care are leading to a high quality standard. We provide Before School Care (7 - 9am), Afternoon School Care (2.30 - 6pm) and Vacation Care (7am - 6pm).

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

### **Friendly Important Reminders:**

An online OSHClub enrolment form must be completed via [oshclub.com.au](http://oshclub.com.au) prior to your child's first attendance.

Please remember to sign in and out for each session upon dropping/pickup by the authorised person.

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 contains nuts.

"No Hat No Play" is a part of our policy, please pack a hat.

Breakfast and Afternoon Tea will be served at OSHClub.

If you require further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Thila at 0428744575.

Thila

OSHClub

Program Coordinator

Early in 2018, Mercedes College will commence interviewing Year 5 students who are due to start Year 7 in 2020. If you are considering enrolling your daughter at Mercedes College and have not yet requested a Prospectus, please contact Mrs Julie Lamb on 9323 1340 as soon as possible. Further information about the enrolment process is available on our website at [www.mercedes.wa.edu.au](http://www.mercedes.wa.edu.au).

**State Schoolboys AFL 12 Years & Under Trial Information.** This year's team will be travelling to Canberra in ACT from August 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>. The trial dates can be found on the School Sport WA website [www.schoolsportwa.com.au](http://www.schoolsportwa.com.au)

The Australian Institute of Family Studies is conducting a new study to find out how family law services can best help kids when their parents separate. We would like to talk to young people aged 10–17 years and a parent about their experiences. As a thank you, we will give young people a \$30 gift voucher and their parent a \$20 gift voucher.

**How can I take part? (or ask a question)**

Go to [aifs.gov.au/take part](http://aifs.gov.au/take-part)

SMS your name to 0448 383 007 and we'll get back to you

EMAIL your name to: [childrenandfamilylaw@aifs.gov.au](mailto:childrenandfamilylaw@aifs.gov.au)

CALL US on: 1800 720 142 (Freecall except for mobiles)

For more information about the study, please visit: [www.aifs.gov.au/cypsf](http://www.aifs.gov.au/cypsf)