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

Wondrous to be back: Last week I attended the Catholic Primary Principals’ Conference in Geraldton. The main theme was ‘a good leader must lead by example’. This same message can apply to everyone; we cannot expect others to believe in us if our actions do not meet our words. My sincere thanks to all the staff, for their high level of professionalism and obvious devotion towards St Vincent’s School. A special thanks to my Assistant Principals Mrs Kirsty Byrne and Mr Stephen Blake, for their leadership of the school in my absence. Mr Blake did a masterful job with the newsletter last week.

Respect: During this week’s assembly I spoke about respect. Every student has the right to come to school to learn and to be safe. Every student must respect this right. When students purposefully disrupt their own learning or the learning of others, they are being disrespectful, both to themselves and to others. I reminded students that their families have made a conscious choice to send their children to St Vincent’s School, such a decision must be respected. All of us deserve respect but we are also called to give respect in turn.

Call For help: Lenny, our maintenance person, has asked for some able bodies to help him lay artificial turf on the sandy area in front of the Church. Our students sit on this area during afternoon pick and they would appreciate the artificial turf. If you’re able to help, please contact the school office ASAP. I’d like this completed as soon as possible, for the comfort of our students.

Holy Week: Next week we celebrate Holy Week. Holy Week commemorates Jesus’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem, his gift of the Eucharist, his suffering, death, and Resurrection. In the course of our busy week, we may make time for certain things that are important to us—a workout, shopping, or maybe even a catnap—so that we can renew ourselves, our energy, and our perspective. Holy Week is a time that is set apart in our Church’s liturgical year for spiritual renewal. The word holy refers to anything that is set apart for God’s purposes. Holy Week is holy, precisely because it is a time we focus on how we are spiritually renewed through the suffering, death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

The waving of palms on Passion (Palm) Sunday reminds us that we are called to be followers of Jesus, not just fans who cheer from a distance. The washing of feet on Holy Thursday speaks to us of the selfless love that we are called to practice in imitation of Jesus. The veneration of the cross on Good Friday reminds us that, as Christians, we believe that Jesus can overcome anything, even death. The lighting of the Easter fire in a darkened church and the celebration of baptisms on Holy Saturday speak to us of the new life that is ours because of Jesus’ triumph over the darkness of sin and death through his resurrection.

I encourage families to reflect upon and celebrate Holy Week as a family.

Congratulations to Mrs Kate Hunter, her husband Adam and son Jack, on the safe arrival of baby Charlie John. Mrs Hunter is a staff member of our school and is currently on maternity leave.

Please keep Mr Ian Gould, Maya’s (3Gr) dad, former School Board Member and Chairperson in your prayers, he is quite ill.

Easter Holidays: Please note Good Friday 25th March, Easter Monday 28th March and Tuesday 29th March are public holidays. Easter Tuesday is a holiday within the Catholic system.

Thought for the Week: Being a good person doesn’t depend on your religion, your race or your skin color or your culture. It depends on how good is your heart and how good you treat others. (Himanshu Fruitwala)

2016 If you judge people, you have no time to love them. Mother Teresa

Coming Home: • Easter Egg Hunt flyer
### Coming Up

**Term 1 2016**

**March**
- 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
- Mon 4: Assembly Prayer: PP GO
- Tues 5: Year 1/3 Mass at 9am
- Holy Communion Lesson 3
- Wed 6: **YEAR 6 CAMP**
- Thur 7: **YEAR 6 CAMP**
- Fri 8: Assembly Prayer: PP GO
- Last Day of Term
- Mon 25: ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tues 26: Students Return

### P&F News

**P and F News – Term 1 Week 7 2016**

**EASTER RAFFLE:** All Easter raffle tickets are due back before or on Wednesday 23rd March. Please return to your class teacher. Please make sure EACH ticket you purchase has your child’s class and name on it.

**FOOTBALL POSTS:** We are very excited to confirm we have ordered a set of AFL footy posts for our school oval. The set of posts will be installed to the Southern end of the oval, and will be installed before the beginning of Term 2 if all goes well with production. We wish to say THANK YOU to all of our families who throughout last year supported a number of fundraisers which have allowed us to install these posts for the kids.

**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 proceeds 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. These orders are due back on Tuesday the 22nd March.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Welcome Family Night, Easter Raffle.

Thank you for your continued support.

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

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**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.

**WOOLWORTHS MOVIE STAR TICKET SWAP** will be held in the Year 5/6 wet area on Friday at lunchtime.

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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.
**MERIT AWARDS**

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**LIBRARY RADICAL READER:** Jade Sercombe

**RELIGION**

**St Joseph’s Feast Day Mass – Friday 18th March:**

Tomorrow 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.

**Preparing for Easter**

As we continue to prepare for Easter, we have begun reflecting on the journey of Christ each day as we stop and reflect about the Easter Story. A large Cross will be moving around our school with a symbol to help us to reflect on the last days of Jesus’ life on Earth. We encourage you to take a walk with your child/children before school to locate the Cross and discover and reflect on the symbol for the day. Classes will also take some time out of their day to visit the cross, discuss the symbol and pray at the cross.

**Year 6 Stations of the Cross – Friday 18th March & Wednesday 23rd March**

The Year 6 class will be presenting the Stations of the Cross around the school and Parish grounds tomorrow evening, commencing at 7pm. The first station will begin behind the Church foyer. The students will lead the congregation in a solemn re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross. The Year 6 students will also present the Stations of the Cross to the school community next Wednesday 23rd March at 9am in the Lower Grassed Area facing the Art Room.

**Beginning of Holy Week**

On Sunday we commence Holy Week, which is the greatest tragedy and sorrow of the year. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week where we celebrate Our Lord’s triumphant entrance into Jerusalem as crowds worshipped him and laid down palm leaves to welcome him. Next Thursday, we celebrate Holy Thursday, which is the commemoration of the Last Supper of Jesus Christ. It is at this time when he established the sacrament of Holy Communion prior to his arrest and crucifixion. The holy day falls on the Thursday before Easter and is part of Holy Week. Jesus celebrated the dinner as a Passover feast.

**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. You are welcome to return your families Project Compassion box to the school office at anytime 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.
BADGE PRESENTATION FOR SCHOOL COUNCILLORS: A very special presentation was made at Monday morning’s Assembly. Our Head Boy, Head Girl and remaining School Councillors were issued with their badges in front of the school community.

This year saw a different approach to the presentation with the councillor’s parents being invited forward by Karmela to present their child with their badge. It was a very special moment and clear to all watching, a very proud moment, especially for the parents. The positive feedback by teachers, parents and students indicate that this will become a regular fixture on the St Vincent’s calendar.

Owen McAleese (Head Boy) – It was a special moment and an emotional time for my dad and I. I loved it because he wanted me to get Head Boy and he was so proud to present it to me.

Lisa Johnson (mother of Lillian Head Girl) – It was a very proud moment and wonderful to be a part of.

PHOTO: (Proud Parents – Seth and Sylvia Bombara after presenting their son Troy with his School Councillor badge)

ERROR! PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL BOOKCLUB IS DUE BACK ON THE 18th MARCH AT 9am NOT 19th. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Did you know that…?

- Seth Te Amo (KG GR) has been a circus announcer during playtime.
- Jacob Stent (Yr 6) made the State Finals for Baseball.
- Abbey Iriks (1Go) is a talented athlete, she won a number of events during a recent Little Athletics meet. Awesome, Abbey.
- Brendan Sellin (2Gr) has wonderful manners. He was overheard using them at the canteen recently. Top stuff, Brendan.
- Mr Holbrook, our maintenance and handy man extraordinaire, enjoys sailing his yacht during his spare time. Last week he competed in a competition and won 1st place and 3rd place. Congratulations, Lenny.
- Kymani Halkyard (PP GO) was so generous and excited to give money to all the farmers and their animals.
- Some leprechauns visited PP GO last night and left some lucky coins.