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

This week is Holy Week. Holy Week and Easter are important times in our Church year. This time helps us review our lives to date, appreciating what we have and what we need to be better at; always hoping for a good outcome. During Holy Week we remember Jesus’ life and work; we remember his last meal with his disciples; we remember his suffering and death on the Cross. On Easter Sunday we will celebrate that God raised Jesus from death to new life. Our Holy Week and Easter story is a sacred story for all who belong in the Christian community.

Easter Monday and Easter Tuesday: Please be advised next Monday March 28th and Tuesday March 29th are holidays for staff and students. School will recommence on Wednesday March 30th.

After School Drive Through and Parking: These are an issue for many schools and whilst the general conduct of parents and caregivers here at St Vincent’s School creates few issues, some reminders are required.

- Drivers are advised not to park in the drive through. If your child is not present you are to park in the car park. If you arrive before 3pm, you are encouraged to park as there should be no idling in the drive through. This will alleviate traffic congestion and traffic hazards on Parmelia Ave.
- Drivers are encouraged to park in the car park and collect their children from the junior or senior lawn areas.
- Park up against the fence on the lawn area between the entry and exit points. When parked there, vision is restricted for exiting vehicles, therefore reconsider parking in that area.
- Drive slowly through the school. All students are precious.

Please remember that drive through and parking at school is first and foremost a safety issue, above that of any convenience factors.

Conflict Reduction and Resolution: It is important our students know both staff and parents are there to help them settle disputes. Parents, please remind your children when they are unhappy with actions or words by others they need to let the other person/s know they don’t like what is being said or done, giving the other person/s a chance to correct their behaviour. Sometimes people may not realise they are making someone else unhappy/uncomfortable and deserve the chance to change things. If the behaviour continues they need to inform their class teacher, so their teacher can assist with mediation. Parents, please encourage your children to speak to their class teacher. This isn’t ‘dobbing,’ which is when someone deliberately tries to get another in trouble for little to no reason. When we give someone a chance to correct their behaviour and they choose not to, we have to do something about it.

I pray this Easter brings you, and your loved ones, new aspirations and new hope. Have a blessed and meaningful Easter!

Congratulations to Miss Newman – she will be welcomed into the Catholic church during Easter Vigil.

Congratulations to Tameka and Marco Medici on the arrival of baby Leonardo Joseph, a brother for Sebastiano.

God Bless … Karmela Messineo … Principal

Spirit – Peace - Wisdom

Thought for the Week: 
Every bad situation will have something positive. Even a dead clock shows the correct time twice a day. Stay positive in life. God knows what is best for you.

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

Coming Home:
- Reminder notice re pupil free days on Monday and Tuesday, no Canteen Wednesday, and Y3 – 6 Swimming Carnival
**Coming Up**

**Term 1 2016**

**March**
- 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

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**Canteen**: The Canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. **NO CANTEEN WED 30th MARCH**

**Uniform Shop** is open 8.35 - 9am Mondays and 2.30 - 3.15pm Wednesdays Eftpos is available.

**Winter Jacket forms are due back by 30th March. NO LATE ORDERS!**
Have a great Easter. Lisa.

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**P & F News**

**P and F News – Term 1 Week 8 2016**

**Easter Raffle**: Thank you to all of you for purchasing your tickets for the Easter Raffle. Your continued support never ceases to amaze us. Good luck.

**Community Garden**: We are very pleased to announce that at last week’s meeting it was voted that a community garden will be established in the open space outside the Year 4 classrooms. The garden will have fruit and vegetables, flowers, indigenous art, composting, recycling, and more. Your ideas will be needed very soon. Next term we will have a meeting to get some ideas on the table about this great community project. A note will come home asking for suggestions which will then be put to a meeting. We will be looking for help from any parents or family or friends who have a landscaping background, or planning background, and local indigenous artists and elders to lend us a hand. As we get more information we will keep you posted but please don't hesitate to submit ideas or questions or suggestions into the P&F box in the office.

**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), 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 not that no alcohol may be consumed on school grounds. We hope to see as many of our amazing families there as possible. Thank you so much.

**Upcoming Events**

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**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.

**Lost**: School uniform t-shirt and shorts. Went missing on Friday afternoon at netball training. If found please leave at Front Office for Chelsea Chilardi. Thank you.
RELIGION

Stations of the Cross
Yesterday the Year 6 class presented the Stations of the Cross to our school community. The students led us in a reverent enactment of Jesus’ last days on Earth and Jesus’ crucifixion, which is commemorated on Good Friday. The Stations of the Cross remind us of the true meaning of Easter and the promise of hope we have for the Resurrection of Jesus and new life on Easter Sunday. I would like to take this opportunity to commend the Year 6 students and Mrs Brechany for assisting us to reflect and remember Jesus’ sacrifice for us.

The Annunciation of the Lord – Year 1 and 3 Class Mass – Tuesday 5th April
On Tuesday 5th April, the Year 1 and Year 3 classes will celebrate the Annunciation of the Lord at the 9am Mass in the Church. The feast of the Annunciation of the Lord celebrates the angel Gabriel’s appearance to the Virgin Mary. It was at this time that the angel Gabriel announced that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord. During this Mass we will celebrate the Virgin Mary’s acceptance of God’s holy plan. We hope you can join us for this 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: Did you know that during Lent in 2015, our school contributed along with other very generous supporters from around Australia to raising a record-breaking $11.57 million for Project Compassion! Thank you for your generosity and donations towards Caritas Australia again this year. Please return your families Project Compassion box before Thursday 7th April. Thank you

Mrs Byrne – Assistant Principal

ADMIN

Parent/Teacher Interviews: Make sure to pencil in week 2 of next term (beginning 2nd May) in your diary, as that is when formal parent/teacher interviews will be taking place at St Vincent’s this year. There will be more information to follow in upcoming newsletters, however, just so you know, we will be trialing an online booking system this year. I have been assured that it is very easy to use and follow (for anyone that is not computer savvy!!). A note will be going home in the next two weeks with instructions on how to make a booking and this might be a task for you to complete over the holidays. Steve Blake – Assistant Principal

SPORT NEWS
Please remember the swimming carnival takes place next Wednesday, 30th March. Please send children to school with all their swimming gear, recess, lunch and water bottles.

Please also be aware that some events have swimming stage limits. This may mean that you child may not be entered into some of the events they nominated. This is to ensure that all students finish their races safely.

A big congratulation to the year 6’s who competed in the Milo T20 Blast cricket competition on Tuesday 22nd March. They all played very well, especially the mixed team, who came 3rd! I was very impressed with the sportsmanship and leadership skills they showed during the day. Miss Newman

Did you know that…?
- KG GO and KG GR had a special visitor today in the classroom.
- There is a beautiful display from PP GR of Rainbow Fish in the Front Office.
- There is no Canteen on Wed. 30th March.
OSHClub NEWS: Please note they are very busy in the morning and afternoon sessions on all days, so please provide as much notice as possible for casual bookings to ensure you meet regulatory requirements of Staff/Child ratios. Casual bookings incur an extra charge so please try to book online as far in advance as you can. If your child has not attended school for the day or been picked up from the school please text 0428 744 4575 (Thila) or email oshclub.stvincents@gmail.com to inform them re the absence. Please include your child’s full name and year level. **OSHClub is closed on 29th March.** Besides that, as the Holiday Program is happening at St Vincents, please do the online bookings in advance as much as possible to secure attendance. The **Holiday Program** will have exciting daily activities and brochures can be collected from OSHClub or from the website. **Nature Diorama Project.** Children have been giving great ideas and making crafts for the project. Parents input would be welcomed and appreciated. **Thilo and Laura from OSHClub wish everyone a Happy Good Friday and Happy Easter.**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**ORELIA DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE:** Parents of children enrolled with the Centre are required to update their contact details. Please email them at OreliaDTC@dental.health.wa.edu to do this as all appointments are being posted home. The Centre is open most of the school holidays. They are closed on Thursday 14th April and the emergency contact is Harmony DTC on 94146243. They are also closed Friday 18th April and the emergency contact is South Coogee DTC on 94374826.

**The Rockingham Youth Advisory Council** presents **LET'S TACO 'BOUT IT.** Real ideas. Real funds. Real Tacos. **Wednesday 13th April 6 – 8pm at 11 Kent Street, Rockingham.** Enjoy some tacos, listen to four young people present an idea for a youth festival and vote for the idea you think is the best! The winner will be announced on the night. Looking for unique and awesome ideas that will create a fun space at a youth street festival. You could win $5000 to make your idea real! **Idea submissions close 4pm Friday 8th April 2016.** To register or submit an idea go to www.letstacoboutitrockingham.eventbrite.com.au.

**NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK CELEBRATIONS 2016.** Free workshops. Phone Photography – **Tuesday 12th April from 1pm -3.30pm (Safety Bay Library),** phone 9528 8611 to book; Skate Deck Art - **Monday 11th April from 12pm – 2pm (Mary Davies Library and Community Centre),** phone 9591 0800 to book; Mini Golf Circuit – **Wednesday 13th April 10.30am – 4pm; Paper Cutting Art – Friday 15th April 10am – 12pm (Warnbro Community Library),** phone 9528 8577 to book; Youth Extravaganza – **Saturday 16th April 9am – 12pm (Rockingham Central Library),** phone 9528683 to book.

**SCOOTER SKATE + BMX SKILLS CLINICS – Saturday 9th April from 11am to 1pm at Rockingham PCYC Skatepark, Emma Street, Rockingham.** **Thursday 14th April 12pm to 4pm at Pop-Up Skate Park in Baldivis Town Square, Settlers Avenue, Baldivis and Friday 15th April from 11am to 1pm at Daniel Kelley Memorial Skatepark, Aurea Boulevard, Golden Bay.** **BMX, Scooter & Skateboarding Comp** at Golden Bay Street Festival on **Saturday 23rd April from 12pm to 5pm at Rockingham PCYC Skatepark, Emma Street, Rockingham.

**WILD VETS** If you are between 14 – 18 years old and an animal lover who would like to develop their animal healthcare knowledge, thinking about a future animal related career or just someone who would like to come and spend the day doing some really cool behind the scenes Zoo activities, registrations are now open. **The following sessions will take place:** **Friday 15 April 9:15 am – 3:00 pm & Friday 22 April 9:15 am – 3:00 pm.** Get to spend the day with an experienced Zoo & Wildlife Veterinarian and discover what it takes to work in one of the most challenging/rewarding careers around. To register for Wild Vets, go to [http://perthzoo.wa.gov.au/learn/wildlife-programs-for-everyone/wild-vets/](http://perthzoo.wa.gov.au/learn/wildlife-programs-for-everyone/wild-vets/). If you have any questions please do not hesitate to telephone (08) 9474 0365 or email Claire.Gaskin@perthzoo.wa.gov.au.

**KWINANA SWIMMING CLUB – JUNIOR SQUADS** – for ages between 6 and 13 years. **Discovery squad:** $46 per month (2 x 1 hr sessions per week), **Imagination squad:** $63 per month (3 x 1 hr sessions per week). Membership to the club involves an initial assessment by qualified coaches. Kwinana Swimming Club members regularly compete in club, state and national competitions. For more information go to [www.kwinana.swimming.org.au](http://www.kwinana.swimming.org.au) or kwinanaswimmingclub@gmail.com.

**KWINANA PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS** – **Minecraft Camp (Free Event)** – children 7 to 17 at the Kwinana Library on **18th April from 9am to 3pm.** For more information head to [https://myndcraft.com/events/kwinana-minecraft-camp/](https://myndcraft.com/events/kwinana-minecraft-camp/). Applications open **Tuesday 29th March and close 5pm on 8th April.** Apply in person, by phone or by email after 29th March. There are only 24 places! **Easter hours:** **Closed Friday 25th, Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th and Monday 28th March.**

**UWA KIDS SPORT SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM 11-22 APRIL** – **children 5 – 13 yrs old.** Fun, action packed sports orientated day camp utilizes sporting knowledge of UWA Sport as well as well equipped indoor fitness and recreation centre (bring a friend for free on 13 April!). To enroll or for more information go to sport.uwa.edu.au/kids-sport or call 6488 2286.
OSHClub Holiday Program

Our School Holiday Programs are jam packed with exciting activities and awesome excursions in a safe and friendly environment for primary school children aged 5 – 12 years of age. (Some programs cater for 3+ years olds)

All our Team are fun and friendly and have relevant qualifications and background checks (WWC). Bookings are now open log on to www.oshclub.com.au and complete the online enrollment form, but be quick as places are limited.

For more information please contact OSHClub on 03 8564 9000 or 1800 440 870

Fit Kids
Fun days
Exciting excursions
Theme days
Incursions

Children with additional needs
OSHClub supports all children including children with additional needs. Please contact the Holiday Program Manager on 03 8564 9000 at least 4 weeks before the program is due to commence. Each case will be looked at individually and in some cases we may need to apply for funding for extra staff to support your child’s participation in the program.

Behaviour
If a child’s behaviour seriously affects the safety and/or enjoyment of others, parents will be contacted and asked to make alternative arrangements for their child/ren.

What does my child bring?
Please bring morning and afternoon tea, lunch and a reliable drink bottle. Make sure you don’t bring any food that needs to be heated or cooked, and remember not to bring anything containing nuts.

Don’t forget your hat, sunscreen and comfortable clothes and shoes. Sorry but no Crocs or Thongs! Remember, no hat means no outdoor play!

We’d hate you to lose something valuable, so please leave your money and electronic toys (including iPads, iPods, smartphones and DSL) at home.

Cancellations
Unfortunately, for planning and staffing reasons we are unable to accept cancellations or give any refunds once a booking has been placed.

Payments
Payment for holiday program will be debited from your nominated bank account or credit card weekly.

What choices are there everyday:
Special theme (see specific days)
Fully stocked art and craft supplies
Sports games and equipment
Toys and games

CCB/CCR:
If you wish to claim Childcare Benefit (CCB) and the 50% Child Care Rebate (CCR) you must be registered with the Family Assistance Office. Ph: 13 64 65

Late Bookings
To avoid a late booking fee of $10 per child, please book online at least 5 working days before your child’s attendance.

Activity Cancellations
In the event that an Excursion or an Incursion is cancelled, the activity will either be postponed or an alternative activity of equal value will be provided where possible.

Important information before making your bookings:
Incursions are an additional cost to the daily fee. Incursions are provided and charged for each child that attends that session whether they choose to participate or not.
### St. Vincent's Primary School

**MONDAY 11TH APRIL to FRIDAY 22ND APRIL 2016**

**Hours of Operation**
700am - 6:00pm  
Ph: 0427 183 269

**Your fees are from:**
$5.49 - $9.90 per day
Book early as $10 late fee applies for any bookings made within 5 working days.
All excursion and inscriptions are an additional cost on top of the daily fee.

### Morning and Afternoon Tea Provided FREE everyday
**Address:** 116 Parmelia Ave., Parmelia, 6167

**Monday** 11th April

**Once Upon A Time**
Help bring your favourite fable or tale to life today!

**Today’s highlights include:**
- Active Play: Human Chess and Checkers
- Game: Fractured Fairy Tales
- Crafts: Little House of Toothpicks Challenge

**Incursion today: Archaeology Introduction and Excavation**
**Additional Cost: FREE**

**Tuesday** 12th April

**Art Attack**
Explore with creativity today and take home some original masterpieces!

**Today’s highlights include:**
- Active Play: Paper Plate Hoopla
- Game: Night at the Museum
- Craft: Aqua film

**Incursion today: Jumping Castle – Additional Cost: $10.00**

**Wednesday** 13th April

**EXCURSION TODAY!**
Chat to the talking parrots, see the dingoes, kangaroos, emus, deer, koalas and more. Hand feed the free moving animals before you take a ride on the Caturu Park Railway and enjoy a picnic lunch in the park today!

**Please arrive by 8:45am**
For updated departure and return times please confirm with the program coordinator a few days prior.

**Additional cost: $16.00**

**Thursday** 14th April

**Comic Book Hero**
Come dressed as your favourite comic book or super hero today!

**Today’s highlights include:**
- Active Play: Mission Blast – Outdoor Game: Bean Bag Attack
- Craft: Super Capes and Masks

**Friday** 15th April

**Indonesian Adventure**
Travel over the ocean to discover and learn about the fascinating culture of Indonesia today!

**Today’s highlights include:**
- Active Play: Elephant Race
- Game: Kelereng Marbles – Craft: Shadow Puppets

**Incursion today: Plays4Life Sports – Additional Cost: FREE**

**Monday** 18th April

**Crazy Critters**
See how the OSHClub rooms get taken over by bugs and creepy creatures today!

**Today’s highlights include:**
- Active Play: Reptile Relay
- Game: Swim the Swamp
- Craft: Build a Bug

**Incursion today: Dance Til You Drop – Additional Cost: FREE**

**Tuesday** 19th April

**EXCURSION TODAY!**
Join us to see the theatre performance of The Little Prince and a Q&A with the performers. Take a packed lunch so we can enjoy a picnic in Fremantle.

**Please arrive by 8:45am**
For updated departure and return times please confirm with the program coordinator a few days prior.

**Additional cost: $20.00**

**Wednesday** 20th April

**Autumn In Our Backyard**
Play in the autumn leaves and join us for an outdoor adventure!

**Today’s highlights include:**
- Active Play: Harvest Dash Game
- Quiz: Guess the Weight of the Pumpkin
- Craft: Nature Weaving

**Incursion today: Science Show & Workshop**
**Additional Cost: $12.00**

**Thursday** 21st April

**Onesie Dress Up Day**
Come dressed in your onesie or pyjamas and enjoy a day filled with games and fun!

**Today’s highlights include:**
- Active Play: Pancake Toss – Quiz: Bedtime Bingo
- Craft: Photo Booth and Props

**Incursion: Create Your Own Take Home Pencil Case**
**Additional Cost: FREE**

**Friday** 22nd April

**Yellow Brick Road**
We’re off to the Emerald City to see the Wizard!

**Today’s highlights include:**
- Active Play: Give the Tin Man a Heart Blindfold game
- Outdoor Game: Find some courage Obstacle Course
- Craft: Emerald City Glasses