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

**Faction Swimming Carnival:** Competitive events can be an indicator of school culture. This was my first swimming carnival at St Vincent’s and this is what I have learned as a result of the swimming carnival: Our students are good people. They genuinely celebrate each other’s successes. They are ‘Aussie battlers’ that is, they give of their best even if they know they might not be amongst the winners, this is an important life skill. Our students are patient, carnivals can be long and waiting can be tedious, however I am proud to note our students were able to wait patiently and encouraged their peers throughout all the races.

Congratulations to Miss Emily Newman for her slick organisation of the swimming carnival. Thank you to all attending staff and all volunteers who helped, your efforts ensured the swimming carnival ran smoothly. A big thank you to all attending students, your behavior was exemplary and your sportsmanship was commendable.

**Year 6 Camp:** Our Year 6 students will be heading to Camp Mornington next week. Mrs Brechany, Mrs Byrne and Miss Roper will be the attending teachers. I will be visiting the campers during their time there. I have no doubt our Year 6 students will be excellent representatives of their families and our school.

**School Uniform and School Rules:** Being members of St Vincent’s School requires commitment. Two aspects of commitment are related to our school uniforms and school rules. Our school uniform is not meant to establish uniformity or to deny individuality. Rather, the school uniform is a symbol of our school and helps our students to identify with the school and develop a sense of belonging within our school community. Wearing the uniform correctly encourages a sense of pride in appearance and what the uniform represents, our school community. Through wearing the uniform correctly students demonstrate a commitment towards our school community. The same can be said for school rules, when we follow the school rules, we show we are committed to our school community. This commitment towards the school uniform and school rules helps towards building positive relationships at school level and will hopefully help students to understand the importance of commitment throughout their lives, beyond school. I invite staff, parents and students to think about their commitment to St Vincent’s School, as members of this school community.

**Reflection by Peter Mitchell (Mitch):** MJR: Taking the Good with the Bad – At an early age in life we realise that we have great times, good times, ordinary times and not so good times. Life is like that. If we dwell too much on the not so good and think that is our lot in life, then it will be. It is important to take the hard times on the chin, try to be positive and get on with life. At times that it is easier to say than to do, particularly at the passing of a loved one or a pet, but we are talking about the ordinary little things that get us down. Some people are always moaning and groaning. It is their first reaction to anything they don’t like. When was the last time you accepted a disappointment in your life and didn’t moan?

**Family Fun Arvo:** I look forward to meeting as many families as possible at tomorrow’s P&F Family Fun Arvo. See you there ~ bright eyed and bushy tailed ~.

God Bless  
*Karmela Messineo* ... Principal

*Spirit – Peace - Wisdom*

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**Thought for the Week:**

*We all face storms in life. Some are more difficult than others, but we all go through trials and tribulation. That’s why we have the gift of faith (Joyce Meyer)*

**2016:**

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

*Mother Teresa*

**Coming Home:**
**Comming Up**

**Term 1 2016**

**March**
- 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
- Wed 6  YEAR 6 CAMP
- Thur 7  YEAR 6 CAMP
- Fri 8  Assembly Prayer: PP GO
- Mon 25  ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

**TUES 26 STUDENTS RETURN**
- Tues 26  ANZAC SERVICE 9am
- Fri 29  Open Term Mass 9am

**P & F News – Term 1 Week 9 2016**

**Welcome Family Fun Night**
The P&F wish to invite all of our families and staff to come along on this **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), small canteen selling drinks, lollies, raffles, and more. Kick a footy or play some basketball and just have some fun. 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. We hope to see as many of our amazing families there as possible. Thank you so much.

**Claire Orange**
We are excited to let you know that Claire Orange from Best Programmes 4 Kids will be returning for an evening workshop for all parents and staff. The evening would cover social, emotional and learning resilience and would go for approximately 2.5 hours with a short break. The P&F would be covering the cost for the workshop so we will be asking for a $5 per person cover on the evening. We will put on small drinks and nibbles before the workshop for you to come and enjoy. We have not as yet confirmed a date for this workshop but we will let you know and send out RSVP notes to all parents, carers, and staff. The feedback from our last evening with Claire Orange was so positive and we hope that as many of you as possible will take up the opportunity to come along.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Welcome Family Night.

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

**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.stvincentswa.edu.au](http://www.stvincentswa.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.
The Annunciation of the Lord – Year 1 and 3 Class Mass – Tuesday 5th April

Next 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
Caritas Australia’s Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal is coming to an end. The annual appeal brings thousands of Australians together in solidarity with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Our school community has already made an incredible contribution towards the Lenten Appeal and we thank you for your continued support and generosity towards helping those who are less fortunate than ourselves. The final day to return your families Project Compassion box is Thursday 7th April. Thank you again.

ANZAC Day Service – Tuesday 26th April
On Tuesday 26th April, our school community will gather together to commemorate ANZAC Day with an ANZAC Service. The service will be held at 9am on the Lower Grassed Area. The commemorative service will help us to remember the sacrifice of all Australians who have served in war or on peacekeeping operations. During the service we will reflect on the ANZAC spirit and its place in Australia today. We welcome you to attend the service.

Whole School Opening Term Mass – Friday 29th April
On Friday 29th April, our school and parish community will join together to celebrate the beginning of Term Two with an Opening Term Mass. The Mass will be held at 9am in the Church. During the Mass we will reflect on the ANZAC spirit and the union of our community. We look forward to the celebration and hope you can join us.

Mrs Byrne – Assistant Principal

Parent/Teacher Interviews

As you now know, formal parent/teacher interviews will be taking place at St Vincent’s during week 2 next term. Parent/teacher interviews are a wonderful communication pathway to discuss your child’s progress and continue the crucial partnership of home and school in achieving educational goals.

Interviews will take place on:

Monday 2nd May – (2:00pm – 7pm)
Wednesday 4th May – (3:15pm – 5pm)

Note: If neither of these days suit, please make contact with your child’s teacher to schedule a different time.

This year, we will be trialing an online booking system called Parent Teacher Online (PTO). All families (PP-Y6) will be receiving a note next week with instructions on how to access the online system and book interview time slots. Accompanying this note will be specific log in details for your family that is needed to access the program.

Please keep an eye out for these important notes next week.

Steve Blake – Assistant Principal
COMMUNITY EVENTS

KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE invites applications from students entering Year 7, 2017 and Year 7, 2018 for an Academic Scholarship (Years 7 to 9). Applications close: Monday 9 May 2016. Application forms can be found at: http://www.kolbe.wa.edu.au/enrolment/academicscholarships/. For more information or to receive a Scholarship Application Form and Information Sheet contact Nita Beaumont on 08 9591 4205, Kolbe Catholic College.

ST MARY’S SCHOOL, DONNYBROOK will be holding their 100th Anniversary on Sunday 1st May 2016, 10am Mass, followed by an Open School Event, 11am – 3pm (digital displays, memorabilia, time capsule). Morning tea and sausage sizzle available for purchase or bring your own picnic. Please RSVP 08 9731 1496/email admin@stmarysdbrk.wa.edu.au by 1st April 2016. All are welcome! A centennial magazine will be available for purchase on the day.

SOUL-FOOD FOR PARENTS: Upcoming short courses from the Centre for Faith Enrichment (the adult faith education agency of the Archdiocese of Perth) include: Grace-filled Parenting (Thursday mornings, Doubleview); Dive Deeper: Exploring Faith (Wednesday lunchtime, online); Exploring the Mass (Wednesday nights, Como) – and many more! To see the full range of what’s on offer, visit www.cfe.org.au ALL are welcome (you don’t have to be Catholic!), there are no exams or assignments, and courses are presented in a relaxed and friendly environment. For further information phone 08 9241 5221 or email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au.

CHILD AND PARENT CENTRE – CALISTA: Your local Child and Parent Centre is located next to Calista Primary School and is there to help you give your children the best start in life. Your centre offers workshops, programs and services that support families with children up to eight years of age, helping them to develop and learn during their early years. It is also a way to find out about and link in with other local family services and activities. The Centre has family-friendly facilities, is welcoming, easy to access and a place to meet other local families. Activities and services include: Regular groups – Meet, Stay & Play, Parenting & Play Time, MyTime Support Group and Dads & Children Playgroup. Parenting workshops – topics include children’s behaviour, sleep, food, speech and language and first aid. Child Health Nurse and Speech and Language appointment based services.

If you would like more information please call into the Centre, phone or email the friendly staff. You can also be added to the emailing list or download the free app. Contact details: To download the app, go to your app store, type in ‘Child and Parent Centre – Calista’ and click ‘install’ or Child and Parent Centre – Calista, Harlow Road, Calista, 6167. Phone: 93670960 Email: calista@ngala.com.au.

CALLING ALL YOUNG WRITERS! The KSP Writers’ Centre is holding a two-day Write-a-Rama these April school holidays for keen young writers. Featuring fun and games, an excursion to Elizabeth Quay and the Art Gallery of WA, lunch at Miss Maud’s, interactive workshops and a special guest author visit. No special writing talent or experience are necessary, though aspiring authors will definitely be catered for... Suitable for ages 10-17. Advance bookings essential. http://www.kspwriterscentre.com.

WHERE AND WHEN? 9.30am-4.30pm, Tuesday 19 April 2016, KSP Writers’ Centre, Greenmount 10.00am-4.00pm, Wednesday 20 April 2016, Art Gallery of WA, Northbridge Visit http://www.kspwriterscentre.com/#youth-program/stzh0 or phone 9294 1872 to book.

COMMUNITY CENTRES APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM Decorative Sand Art – 12th April 10am – 11am, Circus Skills in the Square – 13th April 1pm – 3pm, Hey Presto Magic Show – 10am, 3D Wooden Birdhouses – 10am to 11am, Hip to be Square (80’s disco and games), Outdoor Laser Tag – 10am to 12 Noon. Programs at Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre, John Wellard Community Centre and William Bertram Community Centre. For more information or if you would like to register for any of the programs please call the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre on 9236 4320 between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday or alternatively drop into the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre between the hours of 9am and 12:30pm Monday to Friday. Please note email registrations will not be accepted.