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

PP to Year 6 Parent Teacher Meetings: Please refer to the note that went home from Mr Blake on Wednesday. Mr Blake is taking our school leaps and bounds ahead, in terms of parent/teacher meeting organisation. Mr Blake gave me the note and asked me to book a parent-teacher interview. He believes that since I was able to do it, everyone else will be able to do it. I’m sure he meant that as a compliment.

NEW Drive Through: Starting from Tuesday 26th April, all students in Blue Faction will be collected from the Tunnicliffe St entrance, the southern side of the school. The gate will be opened at 3pm, in an effort to alleviate traffic congestion; please do not arrive before 3pm. Park in the easternmost available bay, allowing other cars to fit in behind. This is only a pick up point, NOT a parking point. If Blue faction families want to be collected from the school carpark, please inform the office by Noon of that day and your children will be waiting for pick up from the grassed area by the school canteen. Note: you must park your car and collect your child yourselves. We will evaluate how the two drive through points go.

Drive Through Reminder: Well done to the families who obviously read the newsletters and have heeded my advice to park, if there appears to be a bank up of cars in the drive through. Remember school finishes at 3pm, there should be no bank up of cars before that time, allowing cars to be able to park.

Reading of Newsletter: I am heartened that people do read the newsletter. The staff agonize over the newsletter each week; it’s nice to know our efforts are being read. Congratulations to Mrs Anne Gibson, Mrs Gaynor Cook and Mrs Moira Howard for making my electronic newsletter dream a reality.

MJR Parent Information Session: Peter Mitchell (Mitch), from Tasmania, will be visiting our school early next term to talk about Making Jesus Real (MJR). We are lucky to have Mitch visit us on Tuesday 3rd May. Mitch is keen to talk to parents on that day at 2.30pm. Please let the office staff know if you’re able to attend. Mitch is a real character, I guarantee you’ll be inspired and entertained.

P&F Family Fun Arvo: Community spirit was in full flight during last week’s Family Fun Arvo. Thank you to all who attended, a fun time was had by all. Special thanks to the P&F for organising the ‘fantabulous’ event. The staff made a special effort to ‘dress for the occasion’ (see photos on page 3).

Blazeaid Donation: The Family Fun Arvo raised $364 towards Blazeaid. Our Dress in Red day raised $610. The Barjaktarevic and Iriks children organised concerts for their extended families and raised $31 towards Blazeaid. Altogether, we have raised $1005 towards Blazeaid. The money will be used to pay for fencing tools and equipment, safety gear for volunteers, general day-to-day running costs, tool maintenance, etc with our donation directed towards the properties affected by the 2016 Waroona Fire. I am proud of the generosity of our school community and sincerely thank you all for seeking to help others.

Thank you: As the term comes to a close I would like to thank you all, the community members of St Vincent’s School and Parish, your welcome has been both warm and genuine, I feel like I belong here and I’m looking forward to the long stay. Special thanks to my staff, students, School Board, P&F, Fr Daniel and Fr Marlon for bravely trusting me and knowing that ultimately I want the very best for our students, and our school.

Have a wonderful end of Term 1, I hope you all have a ‘fantabulous’ holiday and are able to enjoy quality family time together. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all ‘bright eyed and bushy tailed’ next term, on Tuesday April 26th.

Congratulations to Miss Alicia Paparella, she recently celebrated her engagement to Joel. We wish Miss Paparella and Joel every happiness.

God Bless

Karmela Messineo
Principal

Thought for the Week:
To make a difference in someone’s life you don’t have to be brilliant, rich and beautiful or perfect. You just have to care enough and be there.

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

Coming Home:
◦ Homework Club note
◦ Perth’s Child magazine
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.

**THERE IS A SHORT SUPPLY OF UNIFORMS DUE TO SUPPLIER ISSUES. SORRY FOR ANY INCONVENIENCE.**

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday. Lisa.

**AD – MUSIC**

If you have any old musical instruments lying around the house (particularly guitar, ukulele, keyboard, bass guitar or drums) or even at family members houses, that could use a new home, I would be more than happy to take them in and be able to use them in the music room. I was lucky enough to attend a PD yesterday where we discussed and were shown how we can get children learning instruments (which is a part of the Australian Curriculum). If you are able to help out, that would be awesome!

Thanks in advance for any donations.

Mr Poole
Music Teacher

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**P and F News – Term 1 Week 10 2016**

**Family Night:** We had a great evening last Friday at our Welcome Family Night. It was so great to see so many new and familiar faces come along and enjoy some back to basics fun. Thank you to our staff for coming along also. To all of the volunteers who helped on the evening, a big “thank you” to you all. Congratulations to our raffle winners too. Thanks to your generosity we managed to raise $320 for Blazeaid and the Farmers of Waroona.

**Football Posts:** We hope to return to Term 2 with brand new football posts installed on our oval.

**Tupperware:** Thank you to those parents who have purchased drink bottles through the World Water Day Fundraiser. Emma Fox has kindly donated $60 to the P&F.

We wish everyone a safe and happy break, and look forward to a jam packed term after the holidays.

**Dates to remember:**

- **Mother’s Day Stall** — 5th May
- **Disco** — 10th June

Thank you for your continued support.

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

**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

**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*

**ADMIN**

**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

Yesterday, you received a note with information on how to access the online booking system for next term’s parent-teacher interviews (Year 6 parents will receive their notes on Friday when the campers arrive back at school or you can collect them from the front office beforehand). Accompanying this note was the specific log in details for your family that is needed to access the program.

Once logging in to the PTO system, you will be able to make bookings for each child with their respective teacher. Please follow the step by step instructions carefully.

Remember 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.*

The system works on a, ‘first in, best dressed’ basis, so be sure to log in to the system early to get the specific times that best suit you.

*Steve Blake – Assistant Principal*
SPORT REPORT

Congratulations to all students who participated in last week’s Faction Swimming Carnival. It was great to see such wonderful sportsmanship and competition.

Faction Shield Results

4th with 244 points was De Paul
3rd with 276 points was MacKillop
2nd with 282 points was Harper
1st with 287 points was De Vialar

Novelty Shield was won by De Vialar

Championships

Year 3 Girl Runner Up  Cassandra Miller
Year 3 Girl Champion  Tanika Hamer
Year 3 Boy Runner Up  Ethan Nascimento
Year 3 Boy Champion  Noah Beckwith
Year 4 Girl Runner Up  Tayla Healy
Year 4 Girl Champion  Jade Henn
Year 4 Boy Runner Up  Ben de Rosario
Year 4 Boy Champion  Percy Macias Fernandez
Year 5 Girl Runner Up  Emily Cappeluti
Year 5 Girl Champion  Olivia Kadamani
Year 5 Boy Runner Up  Alex Middlemiss
Year 5 Boy Champion  Oscar Johnston
Year 6 Girl Runner Up  Olivia Barjaktarevic
Year 6 Girl Champion  Arabella McAndrew
Year 6 Boy Runner Up  Jacob Breznansky and Luke Buchanan
Year 6 Boy Champion  Troy Bombara

Did you know that...?

- Ethan McAleese (Owen’s brother and former student at St Vincent’s) recently won silver in 200m Freestyle, bronze in the 400m freestyle and gold medal in the Individual Medley at the National Swimming Competition.
- Students and families are invited to bring a flower/s to the ANZAC Day Service on the first day of Term Two.
- Blue Faction will be picked up from the Tunnicliffe St entrance, the southern side of the school from next term.
- ANZAC Day will be celebrated at our school on Tuesday 26th April, the day after ANZAC Day.
- Our opening school Mass is on Friday 28th April. All welcome to join us.
- Tomorrow is the final movie star card swap meet.
- 7 parents came to help on balloon construction day in Year 5 GO. Thank you so much!
- Year 6 and accompanying staff are having a ‘fantabulous’ time at Camp Mornington, Harvey. Wind is a bit chilly.

OSHClub News: From Thila:

Hello and Welcome to all Families and Friends of OSHClub.
I can’t believe the term has passed already. It was as if it was yesterday that the year began. OSHClub team members are keenly waiting for the arrival of the students participating in the holiday program. We have many new activities for the children to explore and enjoy their time at OSH (all programs can be viewed on St Vincent’s website). Just a reminder – please do not forget your hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes and closed shoes (no crocs or thongs). Keep in mind that our centre is nut-free. Remember to bring a refillable drink bottle, morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch. Please confirm your bookings before we are filled up. Thank you.

Reminder – Bookings: We are very busy in the morning and afternoon sessions on all days during the week, so please provide us with as much notice as possible for casual bookings to ensure that we meet our statutory requirements of Staff/Child ratios. Casual bookings incur and extra charge so 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, text 0428744575 (Thila) or email oshclub.stvincents@gmail.com to inform us about the absence. Please include your child’s full name and year level. Thank you for the parents who currently have been doing this. Well done!
## MERIT AWARDS

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### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### 2016 Swimming Carnival

#### PFFWA STATE CONFERENCE

The PFFWA State Conference will be held on Saturday 21st May from 8.15am to 5pm at The Astral, Crown Perth, Burswood. Parents are welcome. Registration is $50 for parents of affiliated schools, $100 for parents of non-affiliated schools. Please register your interest: Theresa McDonnell on (08) 9271 5909 or by email to theresa@pff.wa.edu.au, www.pff.wa.edu.au, www.facebook.com/pffwa. Awards of Excellence in Building Positive School communities are awarded annually to individual parents, School/parent communities, Principals, and there is also a special award to recognise the collaboration between the school parent community and their Parish. Application forms are available on the Federation’s website, www.pff.wa.edu or by emailing adm@pff.wa.edu.au.

#### Paint the Town REaD coming to Kwinana

The Kwinana Early Years Working Group are currently working on bringing Paint The Town REaD (PTTR) to the Kwinana community. PTTR is an Early Literacy Community Scheme driven by a collaborative approach that encourages the whole community to read, talk, sing and rhyme with children from birth, so that they will be ready for reading and writing at school. It promotes Early Literacy ideas, information and activities in the local community with the use of a mascot and logo. We are currently in the first stages of organising the program and are organising a PTTR Mascot Design Competition for children in school years four - six. The competition will be open to the public between the 9th April and 9th May, during the school holidays. A drop off box will be in the School Library for the children to hand in their entries. (See flyer and application form at end of newsletter).
Calling all City of Kwinana kids in years 4-6!

Paint the Town REaD Mascot Design Competition

Paint the Town REaD is coming to your community. It aims to get everyone excited about reading, singing and having fun with letters and sounds. We need a Paint the Town REaD Mascot that represents your community.

So be CREATIVE!
The winning design will be made into a REAL LIFE MASCOT!
PRIZES for the winning design and two finalists

Who can enter the competition?
Students in school Years 4 - 6 living in the City of Kwinana
You will need permission from a Parent or Guardian to enter

What to think about!
- The Mascot needs to be appealing to children (i.e. not scary).
- How the Mascot could be meaningful in your community. For example a local native animal or some other symbol that is a part of your community. It doesn’t have to be red but if you think that would be good that is fine too.
- How it might look when made into a suit. For example is there a place for arms and legs and can the person inside see out.

Entries will be accepted from 9th April - 9th May 2016
For further enquiries phone Christine at Kwinana Early Years Service (KEYS) on 9439 1838
Application Form:

Name_____________________________________

Age _______________________________________

School _____________________________________

Parental/ Guardian Consent
I give permission for my child’s name and artwork to be on display and used in promotion activities for the Paint the Town REaD Campaign, if they are selected as a winner or finalist in this competition.

Parent/Guardian:

Full name ___________________________________

Signature _____________________________________

Phone number _______________________________

Email _______________________________________

Terms and Conditions/How to Enter
• The Competition is open to all children in school years 4 - 6 living in the City of Kwinana.
• Entries will be accepted through the City of Kwinana Library or your Primary School.
• Entries will only be accepted from 9th April – 9th May 2016.
• All entries must be accompanied with this completed entry form.
• Entries must be drawn on A4 or A3 paper.
• Only the winner and the two finalists will be notified.
• All Paint the Town REaD committee decisions for the competition will be final.
• The winning design will be the property of the Paint the Town REaD Campaign and can be used in logos and campaign activities.

Please staple your design entry to this form and place it into the drop box at your School Library or City of Kwinana Library.