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

Welcome: A big welcome to the Riddell-Walters Family (Syvarnah Yr 2 GR) and the Tolentino Family, (Kriztann Yr 1 GR). We hope you have a wonderful time at St Vincent’s School and achieve wonderful personal success.

PP to Year 6 Parent-Teacher Meetings: These have now been completed and from all reports the new booking system and hall venue went well. My sincere thanks to parents and staff for bravely taking on the new initiatives. Well done to Mr Stephen Blake for setting up the electronic booking system, it saved hours of work for staff.

NAPLAN: Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be sitting the national literacy and numeracy tests. Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 please ensure your child attends school and appointments are made for after lunch. It is important to remember the NAPLAN is one form of assessment and our teachers use a variety of assessments to establish student levels. As always, I encourage students (and parents) to keep perspective, remember to read the questions carefully, check work and persevere through difficulties.

MJR Parent information Session: Thank you to the parents who were able to attend this session. All were entertained by Mitch and took home ideas on how to incorporate MJR into their homes. Mitch spoke to all staff after school, where he was well received. MJR is a big part of our school and I credit MJR for helping us all to be good community members, as we actively seek to recognise the Spirit of Jesus within every person.

SRC Insight Survey: As mentioned last week, this survey will be going home to some families. The survey is a valuable source of information about the school culture and the data is critical in planning for school improvement. If you are invited to participate you will receive the survey information and you are respectfully asked to complete it within the indicated time frame (the survey can be completed online). Please undertake this survey with honesty and be assured all responses are totally confidential and will be carefully considered.

Teacher Appreciation Week: On behalf of all the staff of St Vincent’s School, I sincerely thank our P&F for organising a beautiful morning tea for staff and stunning staff portraits. Your thanks and thoughtfulness is very much appreciated by all staff. The staff see their roles as less of a job and more of a vocation, each of us seek to make a positive difference and to give our best for the good of all our students. We do this without any expectation or accolades, however, when we are thanked it affirms us and gives us the impetus to keep going and ‘amp it up’. Thank you, Parents and Friends, sincerely.

Staff Professional Development: Members of staff have undertaken, are undertaking or will undertake staff professional development throughout this year. The staff development will be focused on Early Childhood, Learning Support, MJR and Mathematics. As new things are introduced, information will be provided to parents through the newsletter and through information sessions. Please watch this space and where possible take up the invitation to attend information sessions.

Interschool Swimming Carnival: Congratulations to our sensational Interschool Swimming Team who came an overall 2nd and won the Spirit Shield at last week’s carnival. I attended the carnival and was proud of every participant as they did their best and exhibited excellent sportsmanship throughout. The whole carnival was a great success. Miss Newman has details in this newsletter. My congratulations to the award winners and all participants.

Upcoming Pupil Free Days: Please note the following Pupil Free Days;
Friday 3rd June - Staff Professional Development Day
Monday 6th June - WA Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 7th June - Catholic Day. Each year, one Catholic day is assigned to Catholic Schools in recognition of the time given outside of school hours towards attending Sacramental and Liturgical celebrations. The positioning of the Catholic Day is determined by each Catholic School.

God Bless … Karmela Messineo … Principal

Thought for the Week:

Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.
(Mother Teresa)

2016

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

Coming Home:
❖ Perth’s Child magazine
❖ School Photo envelopes
**P&F News – Term 2 Week 12 2016**

**P&F Meeting:** Please join us next Friday, 13th May after assembly in the Main Hall for our first meeting of term. Morning tea provided and children are most welcome.

**Mother’s Day Stall:** Thank you so much to all of the wonderful mums and our first dad, who came along to help at the stall this morning.

**Dates to Book in Your Diaries:**
- Friday 20th May Walk To School Safely Breakfast
- Friday 10th June School Disco.

The P&F were delighted to host a **Thank You Morning Tea** for all staff in recognition of the great work they do.

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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**Coming Up**

**Term 1 2016**

**May**

- Fri 6 Assembly Prayer: Year 6
- Mon 9 NAPLAN
  - Assembly Prayer: Year 4 GR
  - Emmanuel Visit Year 4 12.15pm
- Tues 10 NAPLAN
  - Holy Communion Lesson 6 3.15-4.15pm
  - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting 3.30pm
- Wed 11 NAPLAN
- Thurs 12 NAPLAN
- Fri 13 NAPLAN
  - P&F Meeting
  - Assembly Prayer: Year 4 GR

- Sat 14 Confirmation Commitment Mass 6pm
- Sun 15 Confirmation Commitment Mass 9.30am

**Mon 16**

- **SCHOOL PHOTOS**
- Assembly Prayer: Year 5 GR

**Tues 17**

- **CRAZY SOCK DAY**
  - Holy Communion Lesson 7 3.15-4.15pm
  - Confirmation Enrolment Meeting 1 3.30pm

**Wed 18**

- **SCHOOL PHOTOS**

**Thurs 19**

- Yr 7 2017 Immersion Day (Kolbe)
  - Holy Communion Retreat 9.30pm (Shrine)

**Fri 20**

- Inter Winter Sports (Week 1)
- Assembly Prayer: Year 5 GR

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**Canteen:** The Canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. See the new canteen menu on our website or the School Office for a copy (prices have changed).

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

**Crazy Sock Day:** On Tuesday the 17th May our school will be having a Crazy Sock Day to help raise money for The Liver Foundation. Our aim is to help the children of Western Australia to have liver transplants here in WA as currently they have to travel to the Eastern States for surgery and follow-up appointments. So, on Crazy Sock Day, wear your craziest socks to help support families in Western Australia to have a Liver Transplant Ward here at home. Any donations will be greatly appreciated by our staff shaking tins out the front of the school and in the classroom.
RELIGION

Confirmation Enrolment Meeting – Tuesday 10th May
The Confirmation Enrolment Meeting will be held this Tuesday 10th May at 3:30pm in the School Hall. It is important that a parent attends this meeting as an outline of this term’s Sacramental Program for Confirmation will be explained and notes for enrolment will be distributed. The first Confirmation class will commence on Tuesday 17th May from 3:30 - 4:15 pm.

Confirmation Commitment Masses – Saturday 14th or Sunday 15th May
Year 6 parents please note that the Confirmation Commitment Masses will be held on the weekend of Saturday 14th (6pm Mass) and Sunday 15th March (9:30am Mass). It is essential that all preparing candidates attend one of the Masses with their parents and hand in their enrolment form at the Mass.

Year 4 Holy Communion Retreat – Thursday 19th May
On Thursday 19th May, all Year 4 students and parish communicants will travel to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale to attend a Retreat Day led by the amazing Sister Lisette. The students will need to wear the full school uniform and bring their school hat, water bottle, morning tea and lunch with them. Retreat days are wonderful opportunities for students and staff to grow in their faith and take time to reflect and develop a deeper relationship with God. At St Vincent’s we are very fortunate and thankful to be able to provide such opportunities for our students.

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

Mrs Byrne – Assistant Principal

ADMIN

School Photos
School photos will be taking place at St Vincent’s on the 16th and 18th May. A timetable for each day will be available in next week’s newsletter. Accompanying today’s newsletter are envelopes with information about the photos. Please have your child return their envelope on the day of the photographs. A photo will be taken of all students, regardless of whether they are purchasing or not and the envelope includes their ID barcode. Online payments can be placed online after the 3-week post photography period, however, a postage and handling fee will apply.

NAPLAN Testing
NAPLAN (National Assessment Programme for Literacy and Numeracy) Testing will be commencing for the Year 3 and 5 students in Week Three beginning on Tuesday 10th May and concluding Thursday 12th May. During this time they will be demonstrating their knowledge in Language Conventions, Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Please be mindful that these tests will be taking place to limit disruption around the Year 3 and 5 classroom areas and we wish all the children the very best of luck.

Steve Blake – Assistant Principal

Did you know that...?
- Choir call backs are tomorrow at lunchtime.
- Year 2’s are becoming great chefs. They have cooked Anzac biscuits and a lovely surprise for Mum.
- The children had a great time at the Mother’s Day stall.
- PP will be pampering their Mums tomorrow afternoon at 2pm.
- Year 5 are looking for donations of spray paint (half filled or filled cans). Thank you.
SPORT REPORT

Congratulations to all students who participated in last week’s Inter School Faction Swimming Carnival. I was very proud of the way the students represented St Vincent’s. They showed great sportsmanship when winning and congratulating others when they won. We came second overall, beaten by Peter Carnley, but managed to come away with the Spirit Shield!!

Championships

Year 4 Girl Champion: Jade Henn
Year 4 Boy Champion: Perceval Macias Fernandez
Year 5 Girl Runner-Up: Olivia Kadamani
Year 5 Boy Runner-Up: Oscar Johnston
Year 6 Boy Champion: Owen McAleese

Miss Newman

Book fair is coming! May 25th - 27th

Come along and join in the fun, check out the latest in Children’s books and help us raise money and valuable resources for our school.

We are also looking for some parents, grandparents or other interested members of the school community to help us out both in Book Fair week and in the weeks leading up to the event. If you have some time to spare and especially if you are ‘crafty’, we would love to hear from you. Either call in to see us in the Library or contact Mrs Geling by email geling.kim-maree@cathednet.wa.edu.au to express your interest.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATIONS: It is a requirement by the Education Department to receive all immunisation records from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) print out. This can be obtained by calling 1800653809.

If your child’s immunisations are not recorded on ACIR it may affect your family payments.

An immunisation provider will assist children not up–to-date or vaccinated overseas to receive the correct scheduled vaccinations and have their records put on ACIR.

The nurses at the immunisation clinic at Kwinana Community Health 94192266 can also provide this service. Please ring and book an appointment.
Gabrielle Bauskis - Community Health Nurse
2017 and 2018 Enrolments at Emmanuel: Places for Year 7 2017 are now full, however we are still interviewing families who wish to go onto our waiting list to attend Emmanuel. Year 7 2018 interviews are now under way and due to the large number of applications we have received we envisage that places will be full by the end of the Semester. If there are any Siblings who haven’t applied as yet, they would need to submit an application as a matter of urgency. Applications can be downloaded from our website: [www.emmanuel.wa.edu.au](http://www.emmanuel.wa.edu.au). For further information please call our Registrar, Mrs Kelly Lister, on 9414 4055 or email enrolments@emmanuel.wa.edu.au.

LIVE MUSIC MORNINGS 2016 – FREE COMMUNITY EVENT. Chisham Square from 10 am to 12 Noon. Sat 7 May Nesian Mana Polynesian dance, Sat 21 May Gumnut stompers Jazz trio, Sat 4 June Pirateman roving entertainer and Guy Tucker solo performer, Sat 18 June 7th Heaven Vocal Duo

THANK A VOLUNTEER EVENT: Thursday 12 May 2016 from 5pm to 8pm in the Ken Jackman Hall, Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre, cnr Robbos Way and Chisham Ave, Kwinana City Centre. Light meal provided and entertainment by James Sleight. RSVP by 3 May 2016 to Tanya Sander 9236 4314 or email: tanya.sander@kwinana.wa.gov.au.

CITY OF KWINANA MAY ENVIRONMENT EVENTS:

Community Planting Days. The planting season is about to begin and we need your help! The season will be launched with a community planting day on Sunday the 15th of May at the Act Belong Commit Our Heritage Festival, 9am-12pm, Sloan’s cottage, Sloan Drive, Leda. Other dates and locations are:

Sundays 29th May Henley Reserve (meet on site off Gilmore Avenue, Wellard), 5th June Chalk Hill (Beacham Cres, Medina), 12th June Wellard Park (Cnr Wellard Rd & Bertram Rd, Wellard), 26th June Lake Magenup (off Dehaer Rd, Wandi), 3rd July Thomas Oval Bushland (end of Rowson Place, Medina), 31st July, National Tree Day Lake Magenup, Wandi.


Mulch May. A pilot Mulch Giveaway will be held during May. Free mulch will be available to be self-loaded from the Car Park at Chalk Hill, Beacham Crescent, Medina.

Seedling Subsidy Scheme. The popular Seedling Subsidy Scheme is on again at the Act Belong Commit “Our Heritage” Event on the 15th May from 9am at Sloan’s Cottage, Sloan Drive, Leda. Residents will be able to purchase up to 40 native seedlings per person for $1.50 each and will need to bring proof of residency. Seedlings are available from 9am. If you would like to find out more about the other things on at the Act Belong Commit “Our Heritage” Event see - [www.livekwinana.com.au](http://www.livekwinana.com.au).

Living Smart Sustainable Living Course – It’s not too late to register! The Living Smart course started last Thursday with a fantastic group of 17 enthusiastic locals. Lindsay will still take registrations for the next week if you would like to attend the remaining sessions. Topics include water-wise gardening, energy efficiency in the home, waste and recycling, healthy lifestyles and building community. Keep an eye on the City of Kwinana’s Facebook page or contact Sarah McCabe, Sustainability Officer on 9439 0243 for more information.

MONDAY AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: 6 to 12 year olds from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the David Nelson Art and Design Room. NO CHARGE. Registration required for each individual session as numbers are limited. No more than 2 children per adult due to safety and assistance requirements. 2nd May – Mother’s Day Craft, 9th May – Bugs and Insects, 16th May – Recycled Tissue Box Shoes, 23rd May – Sew your own Toothbrush Holder, 30th May – Garden on a Plate, 13th June – Tornado in a Bottle, 20th June – DIY Pizza Dough, 27th June – Bubble Print Gift Wrap.

For more information on any of the above or to register please call or drop in to the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre between the hours of 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

CITY OF MELVILLE FREE DROP OFF DAY: There are a number of hazardous items in your home which must not go in your waste and recycling bin. Safely dispose of your unwanted household chemicals and hazardous materials for free at the Household Hazardous Waste Temporary Collection Day on Saturday 14 May 2016 from 9am to 1pm at City of Melville Operations Centre, 13 Bramanti Road, Murdoch, 6150.

Items include: batteries, cans of paint, pool and garden chemicals, pesticides and herbicides, flammable liquids, gas bottles, fluorescent tubes, poison, household chemicals.