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

Kindy Interviews: The leadership team and I will be undertaking the 2017 Kindergarten interviews in the next couple of weeks. This is a good opportunity for all families to consider their reasons for sending their children to St Vincent’s School. Sending your children to St Vincent’s is an informed choice; you have chosen to provide your child with a Catholic education.

Like all schools, St Vincent’s is committed towards successfully delivering the curriculum to all students and seeks to promote personal excellence, nurturing the students to be independent life-long learners and dedicated community members. The ‘extra’ thing about St Vincent’s is that we are a Catholic school. We have Jesus as our cornerstone. Jesus’ teachings and the values of his Gospel are the educational norms that permeate the school’s entire curriculum and life. Christ is at the forefront of our interactions with each other. This is evident at our school, where all members are encouraged to recognise the presence of Jesus within each other, through our Making Jesus Real (MJR) emphasis.

Secondary School Visits: You may hear about some of our local Catholic Secondary Schools visiting our students from time to time. Such visits are based on their Christian Service and Outreach programs and help towards consolidating good relationships between primary and secondary schools.

Confirmation: The Year 6 Confirmation Candidates will be commissioned during this weekend’s Parish Masses. This week their parents attended a Confirmation meeting, in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 20th August at 6pm. Please keep the Confirmation Candidates, their families, sponsors and co-ordinating teachers in your prayers.

School Fees: It is imperative to our school that school fees are paid. Please ensure you contact the school office if you are unable to pay the school fees by the indicated date.

Respect for all: I encourage school community members to respect the dignity of all, especially our students and staff. If parents are concerned about school related issues, they are encouraged to approach the class teacher for clarification. Assumptions are sometimes derived from incomplete or inaccurate information, using these assumptions to pass judgement upon our school community members goes against our MJR approach.

Prayers: Please keep in your prayers those members of our community who are struggling with health or who have lost loved ones. May they find a measure of peace in knowing the community of St Vincent’s School cares.

Term 2 Parent Calendar is now on our website. Copies are also available at the School Office.

Thought for the Week: God only gives you what he knows you can handle. So if life seems hard, remember that God knows you are strong enough to get through it.  

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

Spirit – Peace - Wisdom
**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.
MERIT AWARDS

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RELIGION

Confirmation Commitment Masses – Saturday 14th or Sunday 15th May:
The Confirmation Commitment Masses will be held this weekend in the Church. Confirmation Candidates and their families have the option of attending the Saturday evening Mass at 6pm or the Sunday morning Mass at 9:30am. It is essential that all preparing candidates attend one of the Masses with their parent/s and hand their enrolment form to Mrs Iriks, Mrs Barjaktarevic or Mrs Byrne.

Year 4 Holy Communion Retreat – Thursday 19th May
Next 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.

Holy Communion Family Workshop – Tuesday 24th May
On Tuesday 24th May, all Year 4 and parish communicants are expected to attend the Holy Communion Family Workshop with at least one parent. The workshop will be an interactive session facilitated by Mildred Rego from Catholic Education WA. The workshop will be held in the School Hall and will begin at 6pm. We look forward to an enjoyable night with you.

Year 2/6 Mass – Tuesday 24th May
On Tuesday 24th May, the Year 2 and Year 6 classes will join together to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Our Lady, Help of Christians. Mary is the patron of our own country, Australia. During the Mass we will look to Mary for her help, her protection and guidance. The Mass will begin at 9am in the Church. We hope you will be able to join us for the 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

Mrs Byrne – Assistant Principal

ADMIN

School Photos: School photos will be taking place at St Vincent’s on the 16th and 18th of May. Please remember to 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.

The timetable is as follows: Monday 16th May – All class photos except both Kindy classes and 5 Gold Wednesday 18th May – Kindy Gold & Green, 5 Gold and all sibling shots.

Congratulations!!! Congratulations to our very own Karmela Messineo who will be awarded with a Certificate of Excellence in Educational Leadership from the Australian Council for Educational Leaders (WA). Karmela will receive this much-deserved award on Tuesday 17th May. Make sure to congratulate her on this outstanding achievement and it only reiterates how lucky we are having her as our School Principal.

Steve Blake – Assistant Principal
**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.

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**Did you know that...?**

- Term 2 Parent Calendar is now on our website.
- Kindy Gold and Green celebrated Mother’s Day yesterday with songs and cupcakes.
- Tuesday 17th May is Crazy Sock Day.
- Congratulations to Liam Howard (ex St Vincent student), he has been selected out of 100 students across the world to take part in the 2016 Yosemite Alcoa Scholar Programme. He will spend two weeks studying the environment in the Yosemite National Park, California. An awesome achievement!
- A beautiful new auditioned choir, Alleluia Choir, has been chosen - 24 children from Year 4 - 6 will be performing at the Performing Arts Festival this year.
- Georgia Smith (5 GR) has created an informative poster on why we need to look after bees. Be on the lookout for it in our school.

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**IMMUNISATIONS:** Please be aware that parents can get updated information regarding immunisation from the following link:

http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/1/51/2/immunisation_for_community.pm

Kind regards. Gabby Bauskis, School Nurse.

**CAN SAVER PLUS ASSIST YOU WITH SCHOOL COSTS?** Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:

- School uniforms and text books
- Computers, laptops and tablets
- Excursions and camps
- Sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- Music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself. Contact Jacqui Brooker your local Saver Plus Worker on 08 92655585/0418 663 585 or Jacqueline.brooker@thesmithfamily.com.au.
FREE PARENTING SEMINARS:

**Triple P Seminar Series.** You will learn practical, positive and effective ways to deal with common behavioural problems and ways to help your child achieve their best at school and in the future. Parents are encouraged to attend all 3 seminars:
1. The Power of Positive Parenting
2. Raising Confident Competent Children
3. Raising Resilient Children

The next FREE 3 week series is held on 11th, 18th and 25th August at Greenfields Family and Community Centre in Mandurah. Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please visit [https://www.trybooking.com/LKKS](https://www.trybooking.com/LKKS) to register for this program. To find other available programs visit the website [www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Triple_P](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/Triple_P).

**Group Triple P – Positive Parenting Course** teaches positive, practical and effective ways to manage common issues which most parents will face. Parents will learn effective parenting strategies such as ways to encourage behaviour you like, how to promote your child’s development and how to prevent or manage common child behaviour problems. The next FREE 8 week Group is held 28th July – 15th September in Rockingham. Bookings are essential and places are limited. Please call Joanne on 9419 2266 or email joanne.mcguinness@health.wa.gov.au for more details or to book a place.

It is still not too late to register for **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** at John Wellard Community Centre on Thursdays from 3.30pm to 4.30pm in the Hovea Activity Room. Participate in a fun activity with your children and meet fellow community members. FREE. Registration required for full term. **Make take home crafts on popular characters from movies and storybooks.** Children, aged 6 to 12, must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the session. Bring along an art smock or old clothes for messy play, plus a drink bottle and healthy snack. To register please telephone or visit Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre between the hours of 9am to 5pm on 9236 4320.

**DRAWING CLASSES FOR ADULTS:** Learn techniques to develop your drawing skills and become more creative with your artwork. Drawing can be relaxing and therapeutic, so why not develop your skills while enjoying your hobby. Tuesdays – 17, 24 and 31 May, 7 June from 10am to 12 Noon, David Nelson Art and Design Room, Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre. Cost: $30. Registration required, limited spaces. Ages 16+. Creche available. Booking essential, fees apply. If you would like to register please call the Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre between the hours of 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday or call in between 9am and 12:30pm Mon. to Fri. Tel: 9236 4320 e: community.centres@kwinana.wa.gov.au.

**SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AT HOME AND IN EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS:** Part of the Telethon Speech & Hearing Public Seminar Series. Wednesday 1st June from 5.30 – 7.30pm at Telethon Speech & Hearing, Tomasi Room, Bendat Parent and Community Centre, 36 Dodd Street, Wembley. Cost is $77 (GST inclusive) with refreshments. $55 for parents/guardians of children with speech and language difficulties. To register please submit a registration form and complete the payment by Monday 23rd May 2016. Bookings are essential. All enquiries to Yuriko Kishida (TSH) at ykishdia@tsh.org.au or 08 9387 9862.