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

Professional Development Day: Early childhood staff have been/will be attending professional development courses based on the Walker Learning Approach. Walker Learning utilises inquiry based learning strategies, student based investigations and classroom environments to engage students. Don’t be surprised to find teachers asking for various old household items, these will be given a new lease of life in the classroom context. Next term, a parent information session will be provided.

Australian Council for Educational Leaders WA (ACEL WA): Recently I was nominated by someone within the Catholic Education Office WA for a Certificate of Excellence in Educational Leadership. The nomination was in light of my previous principalship. It’s a humbling experience to be nominated, normally we educators are more comfortable with acknowledging the talents and gifts of others and less comfortable about acknowledging the same things within ourselves. I am humbled by my award and I thank the many people I have encountered along the way, for they are the reason behind my award.

Staff News: Leanne and Michael Holcombe are expecting their second child late Term 3. Steve and Jodie Blake are expecting their second child mid Term 3. Leanne will be commencing maternity leave mid Term 3 and Steve will be on leave for half of Term 3. Congratulations to both Leanne and Michael, Steve and Jodie on their wonderful news. Mrs Michelle Barajaktarevic will be covering the leave during Term 3.

Reflection: An Indian Brave asks the Chief why some people are so unhappy. The Chief replies, “Within all of us there is a constant battle between the two wolves. The good wolf who feeds on joy, laughter, play and fun, and the bad wolf who feeds on sadness, anger, jealousy and grief.” The Brave asks, “Which one wins.” And the Chief replies, “The one you feed.”

MJR: “Sorry” is a small word that is so important. It is a great ability to recognise that you have done something wrong, admit it and say sorry. Some people, on the other hand, will deny fault aggressively to parents and teachers even though they are in the wrong and they know it. Big hearted people can say “sorry” or apologise, and it is an important life skill to have. To be able to say sorry, you firstly have to admit to yourself that you need to apologise and that takes HUMILITY, strength of character and mental toughness. So it certainly isn’t a sign of weakness in a person to be able to say sorry and mean it, but a sign of strength. Peter (Mitch) Mitchell, MJR creator.

God Bless … Karmela Messineo … Principal

Spirit – Peace - Wisdom

Thought for the Week:

Never take someone for granted. Hold every person close to your heart because you might wake up one day and realise that you’ve lost a diamond while you were too busy collecting stones (unknown)

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

Coming Home:
Coming Up

Term 2 2016

May
- Thurs 19: Yr 7 2017 Immersion Day (Kolbe)
- Fri 20: Inter Winter Sports (Week 1)
- Mon 23: Assembly Prayer: Year 5 GR
- Tues 24: Year 2/6 Class Mass @ 9am
  Holy Communion Workshop 6pm
  Confirmation Lesson 2 (3.15pm)
- Wed 25: **BOOK FAIR**
  BOARD MEETING 6PM
- Thurs 26: **BOOK FAIR**
  Year 5 Healing Mass
- Fri 27: **BOOK FAIR**
  Inter Winter Sports (Week 2)
  Assembly Prayer: Year 3 GR
- Mon 30: Assembly Prayer Year 2 GR
- Tues 31: Year 6 Atco Excursion
  Confirmation Lesson 3 (3.15-4.15pm)

June
- Thurs 2: Year 1 & 3 Class Mass 9am
  Inter Winter Sports
- Fri 3: **PUPIL FREE DAY**
- Wed 8: LIFELINK DAY
- Fri 10: **SCHOOL DISCO**

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

See the new canteen menu on our website or the School Office for a copy. (PLEASE NOTE THAT PRICES HAVE CHANGED).

UNIFORM SHOP is open 8.35 –9am Mondays and 2.30 – 3.15pm Wednesdays
Eftpos is available.

Book fair is coming NEXT WEEK! May 25th - 27th

Come along and join in the fun, check out the latest in Children’s books and help us raise money and earn valuable resources for our school. There will be competitions and fun activities for all children and we may even be lucky enough have a visit from a very special guest.

Opening hours:
- Wednesday 8.00am – 8.30am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm
- Thursday 8.00am – 8.30am and 3.00pm – 3.30pm
- Friday 8.00am – 8.30am

I hope to see you there! If you have any queries please feel free to contact Mrs. Geling by email geling.kim-maree@cathednet.wa.edu.au.

P&F News

P and F News – Term 2 Week 4 2016

Walk to School Safely Breakfast: Please join us from 7.50 am to 8.20am sharp in the Lesser Hall for a delicious FREE breakfast to raise awareness of road safety and healthy lifestyles. We kindly ask that school bags are taken down to class or left outside. We will serve up a delicious selection of foods such as toast (Gluten free toast will be provided), cereal, pancakes, baked beans, fruit, cheesies, hot chocolate and tea and coffee for the parents.

Claire Orange: A registration form will come home next Thursday for Claire Orange’s visit to St Vincents on Thursday 23rd June.

School Disco: Please keep Friday 10th June in your diary for our first School Disco. More information and dinner order forms will come home next Thursday.

Thank you for your continued support.

President Tamara Nzima
Vice President Katie Sullivan
Secretary Katie Waudby
Treasurer Jane Frank
Pastoral Care Michelle Barjaktarevic
### MERIT AWARDS

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### RELIGION

#### Holy Communion Family Workshop – Tuesday 24th May

**Next Tuesday**, all Year 4 and Parish communicants will participate in the Holy Communion Family Workshop. One or both parents are to attend the workshop with their child. The workshop will be an interactive session facilitated by Mildred Rego from Catholic Education WA and will be held in the School Hall, beginning at 6pm. We look forward to an enjoyable night with you.

#### Year 2/6 Mass – Tuesday 24th May

**Next Tuesday**, 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.

#### Year 1/3 Mass – Thursday 2nd June

On **Thursday 2nd June**, the Year 1 and 3 students will lead the Parish Mass, which will celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Feast of the Sacred Heart reminds us that we are called to the fullness of life through the love of Jesus. Because the heart is a symbol of love, the Sacred Heart represents God’s love for us. In whatever way, great or small, that we can touch someone’s heart with even a little bit of love, we are being Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. We look forward to celebrating this significant Feast Day and hope you are able to attend the Mass at **9am in the Church**.

#### 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

#### Resolving Absences

Please remember that when your child is absent from school it is a legal requirement that you complete a note informing the classroom teacher why your child was away. This process is better done sooner rather than later as it often is forgotten and then becomes an added responsibility for the classroom teacher to chase up the missing note.

To make this a lot easier, you can now complete this note online via our school website. Under the **Communication** tab, click on **Absentee Note** and fill out the information required. This information is then passed onto the classroom teacher and the process is complete.

**Steve Blake – Assistant Principal**
CRAZY SOCK DAY: We raised a massive $922.00! Thank you, thank you, thank you for your donations and generosity.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CREATIVE WRITING GROUP: Everyone has a story to tell ... but getting it down on paper is another thing! To help you get the creative juices flowing, come to our fortnightly writer’s group and gain essential feedback from other group members. Why not bring along a project you’re working on Saturday 21st May, 4th and 18th June and 2nd July 2016 from 9am to 12 Noon in the David Nelson Art and Design Room, Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre. $30, bookings are required. Register now. Telephone: 9236 4320 e: community.centres@kwinana.wa.gov.au.

FREE OUTDOOR GAMES: Why not bring the family down to Chisham Square (out the front of Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre) every Wednesday afternoon until 26th June from 3pm to 4.45pm, and play some great outdoor games: giant chess, quoits, crochet and much more. This is a free community program and people of all ages are welcome to come along.

IONA PRESENTATION COLLEGE are seeking enrolments for Year 7 2018. For more information please contact College Registrar, Theresa Loughnan on 9384 0066 or tloughnan@iona.wa.edu.au. Southern Suburbs buses operating daily.

Did you know that…?
- The KG children are going on a treasure hunt this morning.
- Many of our staff will be walking/running in the HBF Run for a Reason to raise money for the Liver Foundation.
- Did you know that Pre-Primary Green have been busy and have completed a really hard 300 piece space puzzle with hardly any help.