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

St Vincent’s School is committed to nurture all children to grow as confident, independent, life-long learners, enabling them to contribute to society with dignity, respect and a spirit of service.

One way to facilitate this is for the Principal to be present in classrooms for a portion of the week, every week, to help build upon teaching and learning practice across the school. To enable this practice, I ask for your patience and understanding. I may not always be immediately available to you; however, your communication is important. If you have a question about a particular class, please see the teacher directly, as I’ve found that is the most effective way to clarify issues. If you need to schedule time to talk to me, please contact Mrs Howard, Mrs Cook or Mrs Gibson in the school office.

Please note the following procedures. Following these procedures will allow every staff member the best opportunity to ensure your child is able to access quality teaching and learning opportunities;

- School office hours are 8am to 4pm. Phone calls prior to 8am and after 4pm will go straight to message bank. These will be checked the next morning. Staff will be present outside of these hours but they are busy working on administrative duties.
- All visitors must sign in and out of school, through the school office. Even if it’s a quick visit. This is vitally important in case of emergencies.

P&F: Please check out the P&F column. As always, the P&F has been very busy doing lots of things around the school. The recent Walk to School Breakfast was a delicious success and lots of opportunities for involvement from both students and parents are coming up. Everyone in our school belongs to the P&F, please endeavour to help wherever you can, in an effort to lighten the load.

Reflection: In his ministry Jesus outlined a vision of how we should live as a faith community. The model of community he lived for us was:

Inclusive: Jesus created a community that included all, including the marginalised. No one was excluded - fishermen, tax collectors, zealots and adulterers.

Radical: Jesus’ version of community was uncompromising. Consider what he called on the apostles to give up in order to follow him and the way he taught them to challenge cultural norms and their own perceptions.

Restorative: Jesus’ mission was centered around treating people justly and with mercy. He constantly modelled for his little community the healing of broken people and broken relationships.

Educational and Formative: Jesus constantly taught his disciples and worked with them to develop their understanding of his mission.

Prayerful: Jesus taught his followers the importance of prayer in developing their relationships with God the Father and showed them how to pray.

Pray For: Please keep Father Daniel in your prayers, he will be undergoing health tests next week.

Reminder: Next Friday 3rd June is a Pupil Free Day, teaching staff will be attending a Maths seminar in Bassendean. Monday 6th June is the WA Day Public Holiday and Tuesday 7th June is a Catholic Day – Pupil Free Day. School will resume on Wednesday 8th June.

God Bless … Karmela Messineo … Principal

Spirit – Peace – Wisdom

VISION STATEMENT
The school is Catholic and therefore the vision is based on the Gospel Values.
Our motto is SPIRIT, PEACE & WISDOM and we try to encompass this in all that we do.

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Thought for the Week:
A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just
(Pope Francis)

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

Coming Home:
- Claire Orange Notes
- OSHClub News (see website – Parent Information – OSHClub
- LifeLink Information (website)
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.
(Please note that prices have changed)

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

Book Fair Our 2016 Book Fair is almost over. This is your last chance to come in to the library and check out the fantastic range of children’s books on sale.
Thursday 3.00 – 3.30pm and Friday 8.00 – 8.30am

So far we have had an amazing amount of support but we still have a way to go to meet our goal. Remember that funds raised by the Book Fair come back to St. Vincent’s as resources for your children.

P and F News – Term 2 Week 5 2016

Disco: Is everyone ready to dance? The disco will be held on Friday 10th June. Kindy to Year 2 students will attend their disco from 4.30pm – 6pm. Dinner (pre order only) will be served at 6pm sharp. Students from Year 3 to Year 6 will then begin their disco at 6.30pm – 8pm. Everyone would have received their disco note this week. There was an error with return date, PLEASE NOTE if you wish to order pizza you must complete this form and return before or on Thursday 2nd June by 3pm. We will be set up in the undercover area from 2.30pm to take orders on Thursday 2nd June. We will have a canteen up and running on the night too and our parent room will be set up for you to sit back and relax while your kids are dancing.

Claire Orange - Best Programmes 4 Kids: We are delighted to confirm that Claire Orange will be returning to conduct an evening workshop at St Vincent’s. The date to book in your diaries is Thursday 23rd June. You should receive a note today or tomorrow with further information and your registration slip. This evening is open to all parents and carers of children who attend St Vincent’s, and all of our staff. There is a cost to the P&F to have Claire come this year, so a very small cover charge of $5 per person will be required when you send in your registration form. Please return your registration form along with your payment before or on the 10th June. This event will be opened up to faculty from other schools after this date so please make sure if you wish to attend that you get your forms back in as soon as possible.

Walk to School Safely Breakfast: Thank you to all those families who helped prepare food for the morning, mums who popped along from 7am to start cooking, and those who helped serve and pack away. We were so happy to be able to have filled some bellies with all of our delicious food.

School Fun Run: We will hold our Wacky Races School Fun Run again this year. Please lock in Wednesday 17th August from 9.30pm. Fundraising books will come home just before the school holidays and families will have a number of weeks to raise money for the St Vincent’s Primary School Community Garden Project. More information to come home soon.

Community Garden: Over the next few weeks we will begin prepping the area down outside the Yr 4 classroom for our community garden. We will look at having a meeting specifically to go over what ideas and suggestions everyone has. We are very proud to have Nick Clowry, Jeremy’s dad from Yr 4, doing our awesome Indigenous Mural and we will work with him to have an amazing piece of art for all of us to enjoy. If you have any contacts who may be able to help us plan out the space then please let us know. Our awesome groundskeeper, Lenny, has offered to clear the land if we were to provide the machinery to do so. If you can help with maybe having this equipment donated or even people pop along and help, this would be great! We will need all the help we can in making this a real community effort. Watch This Space!

Thanks for your continued support - P&F
**MERIT AWARDS**

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**RELIGION**

**Year 1/3 Mass – Thursday 2nd June**
Next 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 special Feast Day and hope you are able to attend the Mass at 9am in the Church.

**LifeLink Day – Wednesday 8th June**
LifeLink Day 2016 will be celebrated on Wednesday 8th June. The LifeLink Day School Initiative was established in 1999 to promote;

- An understanding of the Church’s response to people in need within the community,
- To instill in Catholic students attending Archdiocesan Schools, a sense of responsibility for caring for those less fortunate,
- To provide education and information of the work the LifeLink Social Service Agencies do each year
- To encourage a “practical demonstration of Faith” by asking students, teachers and schools to organise a special fundraising event for LifeLink Day, with the proceeds aiding people in real need within the community.

Since being established, Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Perth have warmly embraced LifeLink Day, and have raised a total of $1.5 million for people in need throughout Australia. Attached to today’s newsletter is more information about the Social Service Agencies LifeLink support in WA.

**St Vincent’s LifeLink Day Fundraising – Wednesday 8th June**
On Wednesday 8th June, we will be raising money for LifeLink in two ways. We will create a “Money Chain” around the grassed area outside of the Library where students and family members are invited to line their coins up in a chain. The chain will be added to until recess and then will be counted by the Year 5 classes. In each class from Kindy to Year 6, the students will be able to buy paper links to decorate for $1. The links will be joined together as a class and then after recess the classes will “Link Up” for LifeLink Day and join all of the links together. We wonder how many links long our chain will be this year? In anticipation of your support we thank you for your generosity and donations towards this annual appeal.

**First Holy Communion Mass – Sunday 12th June**
On Sunday 12th June at an 11:30am Mass, the Year 4 and Parish Communicants will receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. This is a significant and sacred moment for the Communicants and their families as well as for us as a faith community as we come together to give witness, receive and celebrate. As the special day draws closer we ask you to pray for the First Communicants and for their families as they continue to grow in faith and union with Christ.

**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*
Did you know that...?
- Year 6’s had a great time at Kolbe last week. They really experienced high school life and came out feeling very positive.
- There will be a uniform blitz next week. The focus will be on correct footwear.
- Miss Brabin ran the 12km leg of the HBF Run for a Reason in 70 minutes.
- Mrs Gibson can do shorthand, it’s amazing. If you don’t know what shorthand is, ask Mrs Gibson to show you.
- Mrs Chapman works at our school and at Salvado College.
- The speed limit in the school car park is 10 km/hr.

Congratulations to our ‘Fantabulous’ P&F for the beautiful and delicious buffet breakfast they organised for Walk to School Day. The Spirit of Jesus shone brightly!

WINTER SPORTS

Congratulations to all those students who participated in last week’s first round of Winter Carnival games against Peter Carnley. Well done to our soccer team who won!!!

This week we are versing Medina.

It was great to see some parents down supporting our students. Just a little reminder to please allow our teachers to coach without interruptions. I know our teachers have worked very hard to prepare for each game to ensure all students have equal opportunities and our teams do their best.

At this point in time our Cross Country Carnival will be held on Wednesday, week one of Term 3 (20th July 2016). Inter School Cross Country will be held Friday, week 3 of Term 3 (5th August 2016). Notes for our carnival will come home towards the end of the term.

Emily Newman
COMMUNITY EVENTS

THE IDEA OF NORTH: Featuring choirs from Mandurah Baptist College, Kolbe Catholic College, Living Waters Lutheran College, St Mary MacKillop College, Australind Senior High School and Heritage College. Australia’s premier vocal group visits Perth in June. They will run workshops for students, followed by a combined concert in the event. This concert on Wednesday 1st June at the Lakes Theatre, Mandurah Baptist College, Catalina Drive, Lakelands, at 7pm, includes a full 60-minute set from The Idea of North, and is open to the public. All tickets are $10. https://www.trybooking.com/LOGK.

Emmanuel Catholic College Enrolments (2017—2019)
Emmanuel enrolments have become very competitive over the last couple of years and places for 2017 are now on a waiting list only.
We commenced interviewing for 2018 at the beginning of the year and again enrolment places are in demand. If there are any Siblings that haven’t enrolled as yet they may risk missing out on a place for their child. It is not an automatic enrolment because you already have a child at the College, separate applications need to be submitted.

If you are interested in a place for 2019, we would encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. Although we don’t start interviewing until next year we have an large number of applications already and envisage that not all applications for 2019 will be interviewed as we reach our maximum numbers.

Applications can be downloaded on www.emmanuel.wa.edu.au or alternatively, email our Registrar on enrolments@emmanuel.wa.edu.au requesting a copy of our Prospectus.

Students in Catholic Primary Schools will have a strong preference in gaining an enrolment.

Our next College Tour afternoon is on
Wednesday, 29 June at 4.00pm.
Please RSVP to Kelly Lister on 9414 4055 or enrolments@emmanuel.wa.edu.au if you would like to attend.

SKILLS BOOSTING AND NETWORKING WORKSHOP SERIES FOR KWINANA COMMUNITY GROUPS:
The City of Kwinana invites all local community groups to attend their free workshops. These quarterly workshops will help groups build their capacity and their networks with other community groups in the Kwinana area. The first workshop in this series will be an opportunity to meet each other and learn how the City of Kwinana can help you and how you can engage with them. The workshop will be held in the Council Lounge, City of Kwinana Administration, Cnr Gilmore Ave and Sulphur Rd, Kwinana on Tuesday 14th June from 5.30pm to 7pm. RSVP to Fiona Bettesworth on 9439 0425 or Fiona.bettesworth@kwinana.wa.gov.au.