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

Welcome: This term we have welcomed two new students and their families to our school, Hugh Nino Uriel Tijap (KG GR) and his family, and Bianca Diadoo (Y4 GO) and her family. On behalf of St Vincent’s School Community, I wish both Hugh and Bianca, and their families every happiness and personal success.

Disco: Don’t forget the P&F Disco this Friday. There might even be some teachers making special guest appearances to show off their dance moves. The K-2 disco is from 4.30 - 6.00pm and the 3-6 disco is from 6.30 - 8.00pm. Dinner (pre-order only) will be served at 6.00pm. Tickets will be $5 at the door and snacks and drinks are available for purchase.

Congratulations to the Holy Communicants: Please keep in your prayers the students who will be receiving their First Communion this coming Sunday at 11.30am. Thank you to Miss Alicia Paparella, Mr Stephen Blake, Mrs Leanne Holcombe and Mrs Kirsty Byrne, the Parish Committee responsible for Sacramental instruction Mrs Helene Iriks and Mrs Michelle Barjaktarevic, Father Daniel and Father Marlon, for all their preparation and efforts towards this very special Sacrament.

Reminder to parents and students: The play equipment is for the use of students during school hours when students are supervised by school personnel. Please do not allow your children to play on school equipment before and after school hours. Accidents do happen and we need to ensure everyone is safe at all times.

Reading: It is imperative all students read on a daily basis and have the opportunity to read to an audience. The audience can be a family member, a pet or a recording device. The importance of reading aloud is that the readers are provided the opportunity to hear their own reading. Parents/guardians, do you read aloud to your children? It’s something many parents don’t do anymore but research shows it is very important. Consider these benefits; reading to young children helps build vocabulary and overall language development, helps build memory, encourages children to learn to read and love books. Reading to older children helps them to listen at a higher level, especially when you read books above their grade level. It’s also a good way to bring up issues you want to discuss with your children without getting into the lecture mode. My challenge to all families, take some time to read to your child/children at least once a week.

Reflection by Charles Swindell: “The longer I live, the more I realise the impact of attitude on my life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness or skill. It will make or break a company, a Church, a home. The remarkable thing is, we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude. I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes.”

Congratulations to the Tucker family on the birth of their new baby girl, Piper, a sister for Levi (KG GR). Also, the Maher family on the birth of their twins, Vada and Bohanan, sister and brother for Xavier (Year 2 GO).

Prayers: Please continue to keep Sabina Britto and her family in your prayers. We pray Sabina recovers quickly so she can re-join her friends back at school.

God Bless … Karmela Messineo … Principal
Spirit – Peace - Wisdom

Thought for the Week:
Always end the day with a positive thought. No matter how hard things were, tomorrow’s a fresh opportunity to make it better (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**

**June**

- **Fri 10**  **SCHOOL DISCO**
- **Mon 13**  Assembly Prayer: PP GR
- **Tues 14**  Holy Comm. Afternoon Tea 3.30pm
  Confirmation Lesson 4 (3.15-4.15pm)
- **Wed 15**  Life Ed Van
- **Thurs 16**  Life Ed Van
- **Fri 17**  Inter Winter Sports
  Life Ed Van
  Assembly Prayer: PP GR
- **Mon 20**  Life Ed Van
  Assembly Prayer: Yr 1 GR
- **Tues 21**  Life Ed Van
  Confirmation Lesson 5 (3.15-4.15pm)
- **Thurs 23**  **Claire Orange (P&F Hosting)**
- **Fri 24**  PP and Yr 5 Class Mass at 9am
  Inter Winter Sports
  Assembly Prayer: Yr 1 GR
- **Mon 27**  Assembly Prayer: Mr Poole
- **Tues 28**  **PJ DAY**
- **Wed 29**  Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 9am
- **Thurs 30**  Year 5 Healing Mass 10am

**Last Day of Term**

**July**

- **Fri 1**  Pupil Free Day (Staff PD)
- **Tues 19**  **STUDENTS RETURN**
  Confirmation Lesson 6 (3.15 - 4.15pm)

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**P&F News – Term 2 Week 7 2016**

Have you got your dancing shoes on? The disco is tomorrow afternoon and evening. Anyone who has not pre-paid entry can pay at the door on the evening. $5 for entry. All children must check in on arriving please.

**Disco Times:**
Kindy to Year 2 - 4.30pm to 6.00pm
Pre ordered dinner served at 6.00pm
Year 3 to Year 6 - 6.30pm to 8.00pm

We have a great new assortment of treats for our little canteen on the night and a roster for anyone able to help out for 15/20 minutes will be at the canteen table for you to pop your name down. We also will need volunteers to help with dinner service from around 5.45pm. There is no theme for the disco but kids are welcome dress up if they wish.

We are excited for our first disco as are our kids, so we hope to see you all there.

**An Evening with Claire Orange:** We have extended the return date for these registration slips as we would love everyone, including staff, to have the opportunity to attend this evening. Registrations forms and monies are due back no later than Wednesday 15th June at 3pm.

**Topics for the night will include:**
Social, emotional and learning resilience. Being able to bounce back out of the inevitable BUMPS like:
Self: Understanding and managing feelings. What are moods and how do they settle them? Self-calming and self-soothing patterns that help little brains.
Classroom: Attention and focus - how to get more, teach learning to learn and loving to learn skills, performance anxiety, making mistakes and perfectionism.

We are also lucky enough to have the Best Programmes 4 Kids tool box books available to purchase on the night. Claire will kindly donate some proceeds from sales back to St Vincent’s P&F. We will confirm book details closer to the evening.

This is a very valuable outreach for our school community. We can all learn so much. We cannot recommend Claire Orange enough.

**Book Fair:** We were very pleased to have been able to donate $655 worth of books to every classroom from Kindy to Year 6. The books purchased were on the teachers wish lists, so we hope that the children enjoy the books.

**We wish to thank everyone for their support so far this year.** The P&F is run by volunteers who give up their time in between work, and commitments. We do our best to make every single person in our parent community feel welcome and feel like they have a voice. Unfortunately, due to the low attendance at meetings there will not be one until next Term 3 and they will be held twice a term moving forward instead of monthly. This is disheartening for us as a committee because we work hard behind the scenes and at the school to give back to the school, which ultimately benefits all of our children. We will keep everyone updated with our projects that are on the go via the school newsletter and our Facebook page.

P&F Committee
RELIGION

St Vincent’s LifeLink Day Fundraiser – THANK YOU: Yesterday, we fundraised money for LifeLink Social Services and created a “Money Chain” and a “Paper Chain” as a whole school. Students from Kindy to Year 6 were involved in watching the paper chain grow in length and were madly adding up the total number of links using their Mental Maths skills. The total number of links in our chain was 185 and the total value of our “Money Chain” was $87. As a school community we raised a grand total of $272 towards LifeLink. Your donations are very much appreciated and will contribute to making a difference to the lives of people living in need within our community in Perth. (See more LifeLink photos on page 4).

First Holy Communion Mass – Sunday 12th June: This Sunday, 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 gather together to give witness, receive and celebrate. Please continue to pray for the First Communicants and for their families in the lead up to this weekend. We look forward to being witnesses of faith and for celebrating this special occasion on Sunday.

First Holy Communion Certificate Presentation – Tuesday 14th June: This coming Tuesday 14th June, the First Communicants of St Vincent’s Parish will join together to celebrate receiving the Sacrament of Holy Communion with afternoon tea and will be presented with their certificates. The certificate presentation will be held at 3:30pm in the School Hall.

Pre-Primary and Year 5 Mass – 24th June: On Friday 24th June, the Pre-Primary and Year 5 classes will lead the Parish in celebrating The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. The Mass will be held in the Church at 9am and you are all invited to come along to celebrate the Feast Day of John the Baptist. John the Baptist was known for evangelising the Word of God and for baptising Jesus Christ. John called his followers to turn to Christ, calling Him the "Lamb of God".

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

Life Education Van: Between the 15th and 21st June, Happy Healthy Harold and the Life Education Van will be paying St Vincent’s a visit to teach a range of age appropriate health, drug and cyber-safety programs to the students. All classes from Kindergarten to Year 6 will participate in a scheduled lesson that will provide them with opportunities to develop their knowledge, understanding and skills to positively influence healthy behaviours.

Life Education is a non-government, non-for-profit organisation who have worked with schools for more than 35 years to deliver a curriculum-based program that empowers children to make safe and healthy lifestyle choices.

Keep an eye out for the van on site next week.

Kolbe Year 10 School/Parish Immersion Day: Next Wednesday 15th June, our school will also be paid a visit from Year 10 Kolbe students participating in their annual School/Parish Immersion Day. During the middle session of the day, Kolbe students will be running an activity for Year 3-6 students based on ‘The Year of Mercy’. The Kolbe students will then remain with the classes and have lunch with the St Vincent’s students.

We look forward to welcoming these visitors to our school next week!!

Steve Blake – Assistant Principal
Winter Carnival Results Week 6

Hockey – Lost
Soccer – Won
Netball A – Lost
Netball B – Won
Football – Won

Well done to all of our winter sports teams! It was great to see the way all of our students represented St Vincent’s with pride and great sportsmanship. This week we are versing Leda. Good luck to each team!

Reminder: 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 Three of Term 3 (5th August 2016). Notes for our carnival will come home towards the end of the term.

Emily Newman

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Did you know that…?

- A group of Year 5 GO boys are ‘MINESTORMING’ (building robotics using Lego).
- Year 2 students built their Magic Faraway trees today.
- PP will be selling bunches of parsley and seedling tomatoes tomorrow before school. Money raised will go towards buying a blueberry bush and some potting mix.
- Year 6 went on a gas learning and cooking school excursion to ATCO and they learnt how to make pizzas from scratch. They also learnt about gas safety and supply and the children loved the cooking part!
- Many of our teachers went to the ALDI opening yesterday. There might be something left for you to buy!!