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Thought for the Week:
The strongest people are not those who show strength in front of us but those who win battles we know nothing about.

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

Coming Home:
**Coming Up**

**TRE M 2 2016**

**June**
- Thurs 23: Claire Orange (P&F Hosting)
  - Faction Buddies
- Fri 24: PP and Yr 5 Class Mass at 9am
  - Inter Winter Sports
  - Assembly Prayer: Yr 1 GR
- Mon 27: Assembly Prayer: Mr Poole
  - NAIDOC Week celebrations
  - **PJ DAY**
- Tues 28: Whole School Thanksgiving Mass 11am
- Thurs 30: Year 5 Healing Mass 10am
  - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

**July**
- Fri 1: Pupil Free Day (Staff PD)
- Mon 18: Pupil Free Day (PD Staff)
- Tues 19: STUDENTS RETURN
  - Confirmation Lesson 6 (3.30 - 4.15pm)
- Wed 20: CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL
- Tues 26: Confirmation Lesson 7 (3.30-4.15pm)
- Thurs 28: Year 5 Healing Mass at 10am
  - KCC Athletics Carnival (Y6 Student Leaders)

**TRE M 3 2016**

**August**
- Tues 2: Confirmation Family Workshop 6pm
- Fri 5: INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

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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. **(PLEASE NOTE THAT PRICES HAVE CHANGED).**

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

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**P&F NEWS**

**P and F News – Term 2 Week 9 2016**

**Wacky Races Fun Run**

It’s on again!

On Wednesday the 17th August at 9.30am we will host the Wacky Races Fun Run. This is a great morning of fun for the kids and all funds raised this year will go directly to our Bendigo Bank Community Garden Account. Fun Run booklets will be sent home next Thursday. Families will have until August 4th to raise money and have the booklets returned to give us plenty of time to order prizes.

We encourage all parents and carers to read these booklets thoroughly. Choosing prizes to match the funds raised is somewhat a little confusing so please make sure you read all instructions both in the booklet and the letter that will come home. If you do not wish to raise money that is perfectly fine, simply return your booklet to school.

Last year we raised over $8,000 thanks to your amazing efforts. So ask your neighbours, your aunties, your grandparents and let them know our community gardens needs them.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.**

**P&F Committee**

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

| PP Gold     | Lincoln Thompson       | Denise Hilario  |
| PP Green    | WHOLE CLASS            |                |
| Year 1 Gold | Sophie Sergeant        | Mia Dawson     |
| Year 1 Green| Charmaine Rimas         | Patrick Jetoh  |
| Year 2 Gold | Mia Kennedy            | Arjun Krishnan |
| Year 2 Green| WHOLE CLASS            |                |
| Year 3 Gold | William Legarda         | Eila Bombara   |
| Year 3 Green| Gabriel Pantorillo      | Kaijley Williams|
| Year 4 Gold | Blake Clark             | Fabianna Vu    |
| Year 4 Green| Michaela Blogg          | Kuda Chirenda  |
| Year 5 Gold | Niyat Ghebreab          | Ben Gorman     |
| Year 5 Green| Alisha Fox              | Jaguan Gurney  |
| Year 6      | Matthew Carr            | Brianna Vendittelli |

RELIGION

Pre-Primary and Year 5 Mass – 24th June
Tomorrow, 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".

End of Term, Thanksgiving Mass – 28th June
On Tuesday 28th June, the whole school, from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will join together to give thanks to God and celebrate our achievements throughout the Term. As we will be commemorating NAIDOC Week in week 10, the Mass will celebrate and acknowledge the Indigenous peoples of Australia. The Thanksgiving Mass will be held in the Church at 11am and you are all welcome to join us.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations – Week 10
Next week, St Vincent’s will celebrate NAIDOC Week as a school community. We are blessed to have a number of Indigenous families at St Vincent’s and NAIDOC Week is a wonderful opportunity to learn about, discover and celebrate their Aboriginal culture and our shared heritage. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC Week is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. At the Monday assembly, we will welcome back Lance Nann, an ex-student and his mother Lisa who will be addressing the assembly. On Tuesday, we will join together to celebrate a Eucharistic celebration at 11am in the Church and also on Tuesday, a group of Indigenous parents from our school community will be sharing their stories and talents with our students. We look forward to our NAIDOC Week celebrations as we unite as one people, one Australia, and acknowledge the Aboriginal peoples of our land and their history, culture and traditions.

Sacramental Dates 2016
Confirmation (Year 6) – Saturday 20th August at 6pm
Reconciliation (Year 3) – Tuesday 15th November at 6pm

Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal

ADMIN

Bendigo Bank Community Grant

On Monday morning, I was lucky enough to accept an ‘oversized novelty cheque’ to the sum of $500 from the Bendigo Bank. As I explained to the students at Monday's assembly, the cheque was not personally made out to me, however, it was made out to St Vincent’s Primary School!! The P&F had applied for a grant through the Bendigo Bank and were successful. Further discussions will take place on where the money will be used within the school with plenty of ideas arising like kick starting the planned community garden behind the Year 4 classrooms. We again would like to thank the Bendigo Bank for their generous donation and our wonderful P&F for putting in the application.

Steve Blake – Assistant Principal
Winter Carnival Results Week 8

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

Well done to all our teams. It was great to see the way all our students represented St Vincent’s with pride and great sportsmanship. This is our last week, so games will start 12:50. Presentations will occur after the game. Good luck to all our teams!

Reminder: Cross Country Carnival will be held 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 are coming home with the newsletter today.

Emily Newman

Did you know that...?
• Year 4 are creating their inventions to bring next week.
• Due to an early start for Winter Sports, Year 5 and 6 cannot order lunches tomorrow.
• We had a practice evacuation at school today.
• It’s Pyjama Day on Monday. Please bring in a gold coin for Flores.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

UNDER THE SEA HOLIDAY PROGRAM at Frank Konecny Community Centre, 2 Skottowe Parkway, Parmelia on Monday 11th July from 10am to 12 Noon. Bring your children along to this FREE holiday activity. Have a cuppa and meet other mums and dads. Please bring a plate of healthy food to share. No bookings are required. For any enquiries please telephone 9439 2470.

KT FAMILY DAY CARE currently has several vacancies for families of St Vincent’s. There is a special 9-2.30 time available just for our families. With pick up and drop off at school. This is a great way to introduce your child to becoming ready for Kindy and socializing without the fear of being in large groups. There are also longer hours available for working families who need more care. KT Family Day Care is registered with Bright Futures and CCB and CCR is applicable for those who are entitled to it.

For further information call or text Katie Thompson on 0402 100 303.

KWINANA CRICKET CLUB - BRAD HOGG COMMUNITY DAY: Kwinana Cricket club has just announced that they will be hosting a memorial 20/20 match (annual game) with special guest Brad Hogg on Sunday 18th September 2016 at 1pm at Orelia Oval. Watch Hoggy play a 20/20 match alongside KCC players and meet him (autographs and photos after the game). Senior and Junior Registration Day. Food and drinks available, raffle draws.

Engaging Adolescents A two session parenting program for parents of children aged 10 - 16 yrs. Would you like to learn more about:
• adolescent development
• setting realistic boundaries
• what is worth responding to
• holding difficult conversations
• how to strengthen parent – teen relationships

Presented by DLGC Parenting WA, Rockingham. Warnbro Family & & Community Centre, 1 Moreton Crescent on Monday evenings – 4th and 11th July, from 6.30 – 9pm. NO CHARGE. Please phone Kris Black on 9583 8301 or email kris.black@dlgc.wa.gov.au to register. Partners are very welcome to join the program.
Dear Community Members,

St Vincent’s Catholic Primary School is looking for volunteers to participate in Story Dogs. Story Dogs is a volunteer program which involves suitable dogs and their owners visiting the school each week to enjoy books with reluctant and struggling readers. It is currently running very successfully in schools in the eastern states, as well as at St Joseph’s School in Waroona.

We are looking for volunteers, who own a suitable dog and can spare around 2 hours each week. Grandparents are especially encouraged to apply, but we would welcome applications from anyone. Of course, we need to determine that the dog is suitable for this type of activity. The dog:

- Must be over 12 months old, or if it is a rescue or adopted dog, you need to have owned it for over 12 months
- Needs to be vaccinated and registered with a shire/council/town
- Needs to have a nature suitable for working with children who like to poke and hug and touch!
- Needs to pass the Dog Team test, which is carried out by a Story Dogs assessor
- Needs to undergo a Story Dogs health examination by a vet before starting and then annually thereafter

The owner:

- Needs to pay an annual Story Dogs membership of $15. For this you will receive insurance, a vest and blanket for your dog, as well as books to bring along to read
- Needs to be willing to get a Working with Children Check (cost reimbursed by Story Dogs)
- Needs to attend a half day training session at the school

If you would like further information, please contact me at the email address below, or visit the Story Dogs website [www.storydogs.org.au](http://www.storydogs.org.au)

Volunteer information packs are available in the school office and can also be downloaded from the Story Dogs website by clicking on the “Volunteer” tab. If you would like me to send you one, just let me know. Please complete the application form and return it to me by email, or to St Vincent’s Catholic Primary School and we can get the ball rolling! If you know of someone who might be interested in volunteering (grandparent, neighbour, aunt/uncle, etc) please pass the information along to them. We are hoping to begin the program at St Vincent’s in mid Term 3 of 2016, with dog assessments and volunteer training to be scheduled for the beginning of August.

Kind Regards,

Lisa Gallin
WA Story Dogs Co-ordinator

gallin.lisa@cathednet.wa.edu.au
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St Vincent’s Catholic Primary School is looking for volunteers, with suitable dogs, who are willing and able to spend 2 hours per week reading with children. We would love to involve you and your dog in improving the literacy abilities and reading enjoyment of some of our students.

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