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

This week we had a number of family members volunteer time to talk to our students about the Aboriginal Culture as a part of NAIDOC Week celebrations. Mrs Byrne has a write up about this in our newsletter. Students were in awe of the presentations and were actively engaged throughout. My sincere thanks to all our NAIDOC contributors, for sharing their knowledge, skills and talents with our students. Special thanks to Mrs Byrne, for her expert co-ordination of the NAIDOC Week celebrations.

The Year 4 Classes presented their invention projects. Mr Blake has a write up about this in our newsletter. I was very impressed with the planning and the ‘sales pitch’ of each of the inventors.

The PP and Kindy classes celebrated Muddy Day yesterday. Lots of muddy smiles were in evidence as students enjoyed various muddy experiences.

These activities are a snapshot of the many exciting things that happen throughout our school and all reflect the dedication of our staff towards ensuring our students have access to the best teaching and learning opportunities.

Technology warning: With the holidays approaching it is important parents/guardians are vigilant with their children’s use of digital devices. Parents/guardians must be aware, at all times, of exactly how their children are using digital devices. It is vitally important to note any information put into the digital world has the potential to remain indefinitely and can adversely affect future possibilities. Furthermore, some students are downloading data inappropriate for their age, outside of school. I urge parents/guardians to avoid falling into the trap of thinking technology is safe and can be used by children with little to no supervision.

Holidays: Thank you to all members of St Vincent’s School, particularly the students and staff, for a wonderful term and semester. Have a wonderful two week holiday. Enjoy time with your family and friends, look after each other and yourselves. I look forward to welcoming you all back next term, *bright eyed and bushy tailed*.

Pupil Free Days:
Remember tomorrow, Friday 1st July and Monday 18th July are Pupil Free Days. Term 3 will commence on Tuesday 19th July.

Please keep in your prayers:
Miss Simone Roper and her family - Miss Roper’s Great Grandmother passed away recently.
Mr Gavin Poole - Mr Poole’s Mother passed away this week.
Our condolences to loved ones and friends of both Miss Roper’s Great Grandmother and Mr Poole’s Mother.
Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

God Bless … Karmela Messineo … Principal
Spirit – Peace - Wisdom
**Coming Up**

**TERM 2 2016**

**June**
- 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)

**TERM 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 10 2016**

**Claire Orange**
Thank you to everyone who came along last Thursday evening for Claire Orange. We hope this evening was helpful to you and we hope to have Claire back possibly later in the year to do a Parenting Tools Workshop.

**Wacky Races Fun Run**
Our Fun Run will be held on Wednesday 17th August at 9.30am on the school oval. Today the Fun Run booklets and notes will be sent home to each child. Please read all information carefully and do not hesitate to contact us with any queries. Booklets and monies are due back to school before or on Thursday 4th August. If you do not wish to raise money that is perfectly fine, simply return your booklet to school.

Last year we raised over $58,000 thanks to your amazing efforts. So ask your neighbours, your aunties, your granddads and let them know our community gardens needs them.

**Cross Country**
The P&F will have tea and coffee set up on the morning of the cross country and we will have cool drink for a gold coin donation.

**5c Challenge**
For the rest of the year we will have a container outside the office every day where you are invited to collect up your five cent pieces and deposit them into the 5c bank. We will empty the container at the end of Term 3 and see just how much you have deposited and then bank it into our community garden account. This is not a major fundraising project nor is it compulsory or obligatory, it is a simple and fun way to raise a little extra money and a great way to get rid of those pesky 5c pieces.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND HAVE A SAFE AND FUN HOLIDAY BREAK.

**P&F Committee**
President: Tamara Nzima
Vice President: Katie Sullivan
Secretary: Katie Waudby
Treasurer: Jane Frank
Pastoral Care: Michelle Barjaktarevic

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_Bendigo Bank cheque presented to the P&F last Saturday for our community garden._
MERIT AWARDS

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ADMIN

THE BISHOPS’ RELIGIOUS LITERACY ASSESSMENT
At the request of the Western Australian Bishops, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 students in Catholic schools across Western Australia will take part in The Bishops’ Religious Literacy Assessment (BRLA) from the week commencing Monday 25th July. The assessment will be accessible to students only online.

Students enrolled in Year 3, Year 5 and Year 9 who are following a regular classroom program are expected to participate.

A note providing more information on the BRLA for parents with children in these grade levels went home yesterday.

NEW FLAGS
This week, we were lucky enough to receive a brand new Aboriginal and West Australian State Flag. These are now flying proudly in our School Hall. On behalf of the school, I would like to pass on our thanks to the Hon Kate Doust (Member for the South Metropolitan Region) for supplying the flags.

INVENTION SHOWCASE
On Wednesday, the Year 4 classes had the opportunity to showcase their marvelous inventions they had been working on this term. From board games to glow in the dark TV remotes, design your own shoe kits to portable door openers for arthritis sufferers, the children’s creativity and hard work was on show for all to see. Well done Year 4 on a fantastic achievement, you all should be very proud of yourselves.
RELIGION

**Faction Buddies – Term 2**

Last Thursday, our Pre-Primary to Year 6 students joined together in their Factions for Faction Buddies. Each Faction created an art piece, which will be on display for our first Whole School Mass to celebrate the beginning of Term 3. During Faction Buddies, the students reflected upon where and in whom they have seen the Spirit of Jesus, how they make Jesus real and what they like about coming to school. Faction Buddies is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen student and teacher relationships across all year levels and to develop a sense of community and camaraderie between students. I would like to thank our amazing staff for supporting this initiative, especially our Faction Buddy coordinators who lead the activities each Term.

**Whole School Opening Term Mass – 15th July**

On Friday 15th July, the whole school, from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will join together to celebrate the beginning of Term 3. During the Mass, we will commemorate Saint Mary Magdalene, who is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God’s mercy and grace. The Opening Term Mass will be held in the Church at 11:30am and we hope you are able to join us for the celebration.

**Sacramental Dates 2016**

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

*Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal*
NAIDOC Week Celebrations – Week 10

This week, our school community celebrated NAIDOC Week. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As a school community, we commemorated NAIDOC Week in a number of ways. This Term, our students have been learning about the Aboriginal culture and traditions in the lead up to NAIDOC Week and have created stunning works of art which were on display in the School Hall this week. On Monday, we had the privilege of welcoming back Lance Dann and his mother Lisa to St Vincent’s. Lance is a former student and is currently completing Year 12 at Kolbe Catholic College. Lance addressed our community with a commemorative speech for NAIDOC Week and spoke of his time at St Vincent’s. Lance began at St Vincent’s in Kindy, at the original school site in Medina and then moved to our current site when he was in Year One. Lance is an outstanding young Australian who has a very bright future.

On Tuesday, every student from Kindy to Year 6, were involved in a workshop which was led by a group of talented Indigenous parents and their children. Michelle Mackley (Natasha’s mother, Natasha is in Year 4), Jayden (Natasha’s brother who is a former student), Paul Clowry (Jeremy’s father, Jeremy is in Year 4), Faith (Jeremy’s sister who is also a former student) and Gary Bonney (Rani’s father, Rani is in Year 1) shared their stories, knowledge and talents with our students. It was humbling to witness the connection between these incredible people. Michelle, Paul and Gary have a rich history and relationship with their people and the land.

Mrs Mackley is from Victoria and belongs to the Wotjobaluk tribe, which is the second largest Aboriginal tribe in Victoria. During the workshop, Mrs Mackley shared stories about Bunjil, her creator, and the Brambuk Cultural Centre where she worked and where Bunjil rests and protects the land. Her son and daughter, Jayden and Natasha, taught the students how to throw a boomerang and students from Years 3 – 6 made origami boomerangs. The Mackley family are cousins with a number of AFL football stars, including Adam (Swans) and Brett Goodes (Western Bulldogs), Nathan Lovett-Murray, Andy Lovett (Essendon) and Wayne Milera Jnr (Crows).

Mr Clowry is from Central Queensland and is a member of the Dharumbal tribe. He has been playing the didgeridoo and creating artworks for over 20 years. Mr Clowry has even had a number of artworks published. During the workshops, Mr Clowry and his daughter Faith, created an Aboriginal art piece to tell the story of our school and the journey over 60 years. Students from Kindy to Year 6, took part in creating the work of art and loved seeing it come to life! Mr Clowry will present the artwork to our community at an assembly, early next Term.

Mr Bonney is from the Goldfields and belongs to the Wongi tribe. He is a very talented didgeridoo player and he mesmerised our students as he played. Mr Bonney shared his knowledge, language and music with the students and explained how a didgeridoo is made. Rani and a few of her friends enjoyed dancing and playing instruments as Mr Bonney played the didgeridoo. Incredibly, Father Daniel knows Mr Bonney from his time at John Paul College in Kalgoorlie. Father Daniel knew Mr Bonney, who is a teacher, as Mr Curly, as he was known for his curly hair.

Also on Tuesday, our school joined together for a Eucharistic celebration in the Church. Mr Bonney introduced our opening hymn as he played the didgeridoo, which was very moving. Our Indigenous students were actively involved in the Mass and proudly represented their culture and Aboriginal heritage in front of our school community.

We are blessed to have such gifted Indigenous families at St Vincent’s and it was an honour to pay tribute and our respects to their culture. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank the Mackley, Clowry and Bonney family for their generosity in sharing their culture, knowledge and talents with us this week. Our students and staff have gained so much from our NAIDOC celebrations and it has been fantastic to hear that they have been sharing their excitement and experiences with their family members at home. This is a great tribute to the richness of the Indigenous culture.

Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal

INTERNATIONAL MUD PLAY DAY (Wednesday). KG, PP and the Year 5’s (who came to play with the PP children).
WINTER CARNIVAL RESULTS WEEK 9

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

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. Thank you to all the parent who volunteered their time to help.

A big congratulations to our soccer team who won the soccer cup!

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 have gone home.

We desperately need parent volunteers for the carnival. If you are able to help, please return your note ASAP!

Emily Newman

OSHCLUB NEWS: Hello and welcome to all Families and Friends.

Reminders – Bookings: Please note that we are getting very busy in the morning and afternoon sessions on all days during the week. Please provide us with as much notice as possible for casual bookings to ensure that we meet our regulatory requirements of Staff/Child ratios. Casual bookings incur an extra charge, so please try to book online as far in advance as you can. If your child has not attended school for the day or been picked up from the school, please text/call 0428744575 (Thila) or email oshclub.stvincents@gmail.com to inform us about the absence. Please include your child’s full name and year level. OSHCLUB is open on 1st July and 18th July 2016 for Pupil Free Day.

Besides that, as the Holiday Program is happening for the second time at St Vincent’s from 4th to 15th July 2016, parents please do the online bookings in advance as far as possible in order to secure your child/children’s attendance. Thank you for to parents who currently have been doing this. Well done!

Our Holiday Program is going to be very interesting with daily exciting activities and some incursions and excursions in a safe and friendly environment. Parents can collect the brochures from OSHCLUB or can visit our website. The brochures can be a useful information tool about our daily program.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TELETHON KIDS INSTITUTE - celebrate NAIDOC Week at the Telethon Kids Institute, 100 Roberts Rd, Subiaco from 9.30-11am on Mon 4th July. RSVP to tiana.culbong@telethonkids.org.au by Fri 1st July.

UNDER THE SEA HOLIDAY PROGRAMME: Mon 11th July, 10am – 12pm at Frank Konecny Comm. Centre, 2 Skottowe Pway, Parmelia. FREE activity. Have a cuppa. Please bring a plate of healthy food to share. No bookings required.

ABORIGINAL PLAYGROUP, facilitated by an Aboriginal Teacher and an Aboriginal Support Officer at Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School, Rockingham. Every Friday from 9.30am to 12.30pm during the school term. Babies to 5 year olds. Free of charge, and morning tea is provided. Enquiries to Rhys or Julie on 9553 9513 or 0447 37 113.

‘HAVE A GO’ SCIENCE FUN – Morning activity to experiment and experience hands on science fun. Suitable for families with children aged 4-8 years (younger siblings welcome). On Thurs 14th July, 9.30-11am at Child and Parent Centre, Harlow Road, Calista. Please register your interest by phoning 9367 0960 or email: calista@ngala.com.au.

DARIUS WELLS LIBRARY AND RESOURCE CENTRE – School Holiday Program. Winter Snow Globes (5 July), Drippy Dragon Comedy Puppet Show (7 July), Xmas in July – Bauble Diorama (12 July), Creative Winter Wonderland (13 July) and Comic Book Decoupage (14 July). For more information or to register please phone 9236 4320 9am to 5pm. Registrations open 27 June 2016.

Did you know that...?

- Mrs Rebecca Tennant and her Y11 hospitality students created amazing cupcakes for the holy communicants.
- Fr Marlon has gone to visit his family in Columbia before attending World Youth Day in Poland. Safe travels Fr Marlon, we look forward to your return next term.
- Mrs Barjakatrevic and Mrs Sullivan were seen wearing exactly the same outfits on the same day. Very stylish ladies.
- Mrs Ikin, Miss Van Ryt, Miss Wylie, Miss Brabin and Miss Roper will be giving up some of their holidays to attend a teaching conference in Melbourne.
- Mr Ben Harding has completed his final teaching practice and will be a qualified teacher from next term. Congratulations Mr Harding and best wishes for your teaching career. Three Gold has loved having you in their class.
- We raised $366 for Flores through Pyjama Day. Thank you very much.