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

**Assistant Principal Appointment:** The appointment for the ongoing Assistant Principal role has been finalised. It is with delight I announce the successful applicant is Mrs Kirsty Byrne. Mrs Byrne has been in the Acting Assistant Principal role for the past 18 months and has all the necessary qualifications. Congratulations to Mrs Byrne.

**Hero Day:** We have Hero dress up day on **Friday 12th August**. Students and staff are invited to come dressed as a hero and **bring in a gold coin donation**. The money raised will be donated to Cystic Fibrosis WA. Cassius in Year 5 Gold has cystic fibrosis and this money will go towards research to help him and others enduring CF. For Hero Day I encourage families to focus on ‘everyday heroes’, ordinary people doing extraordinary things. We have many heroes within our school community and certainly there are many heroes within our Parish and wider communities. This day will be a wonderful way to celebrate the heroes amongst us.

**Walker Learning Information Session:** Staff are investigating the Walker Learning Approach, where the emphasis is on inquiry based learning. All parents are invited to information sessions next **Thursday 4th August starting at 3.15pm**. Kindy, Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 staff will be running simultaneous information sessions in their respective rooms. I strongly encourage all parents of students in Kindy to Year 2 to attend and of course interested parents from older year levels would be most welcome too. These information sessions will help parents to understand why our early childhood rooms are ‘looking different’ and why our school believes this approach greatly benefits all students. Please contact the school office if you are attending.

Parents who need to bring their children with them are welcome to bring their children to the library where Mr Blake and I will look after them.

I am hoping there will be a positive response to the Walker Learning Information Sessions. The Walker Learning Approach enables the family and school to share and build upon the learning adventure of our students.

**Congratulations** to Miss Rebecca Wylie, Year PP Gold class teacher, on her recent engagement to Trent. We wish Miss Wylie and Trent every happiness.

**Happy Retirement:** Our collective thanks to Mrs Mary Buonvecchi for 21 years of dedicated service to our Parish and school communities. We wish Mary every blessing in her retirement.

God Bless … **Karmela Messineo** … Principal

**Spirit – Peace - Wisdom**

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**Thought for the Week:**

*Do your little bit of good wherever you are; it’s those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world* (Desmond Tutu)

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

*Mother Teresa*

**Coming Home:**

- Kumon Two Week Free Trial voucher
- Scoliosis and Colour Blindness pamphlets (Year 6 only)
- School Health Services Information Sheet (Year 6 only)
**Coming Up**

**TERM 3 2016**

**July**
Thurs 28 Year 5 Healing Mass at 10am  
Fri 29 Assembly Prayer: Y5 GO

**August**
Mon 1 Assembly Prayer: Y4 GO  
Tues 2 Confirmation Family Workshop 6pm  
Fri 5 Assembly Prayer: Y4 GO  
**INTERCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY** (Thomas Oval)  
Mon 8 Assembly Prayer: PP GO  
Performing Arts Alleluia Choir  
11.30am – 12.30pm  
Year 1/3 Mass at 9am  
Tues 9 Confirmation Retreat 9am – 3pm  
Rehearsal Performing Arts Y5 Choir  
Wed 10 Year 6 Reconciliation at 11.05am  
Fri 12 Assembly Prayer: PP GO  
**HERO Dress Up Day**  
Mon 15 Assembly Prayer: Y2 GO  
(Assembly PP – Year 3)  
Y4 – 6 attend Parish Mass 9am  
Y6 Dental Screen  
Wed 17 WACKY RACES (P&F)  
Fri 19 Assembly Prayer: Y2 GO

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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.

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

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**P&F News – Term 3 Week 2 2016**

**Wacky Races Fun Run – 17th AUGUST 2016**  
We hope you have been busily getting sponsors for your wacky races fun run. We don’t have many booklets back so we hope you are holding on to them until last minute. You can dress up in anything you like on the day but just remember to wear your sneakers.  
Booklets are due back before or on next THURSDAY 4TH AUGUST at 3pm.

**60th Anniversary Celebration Gift**  
As a gift from St Vincent’s P&F to the school we will be purchasing a Family Tree of Life. A note will come home next week requesting each family to note down all of their children’s names that are currently attending the school in 2016. There is no cost associated with this gift as we have decided to cover the entire cost. Your family will have their own leaf to make up part of the tree and it will be displayed in the school. The picture shown here is similar to what ours will look like. Please keep in mind we have an extremely small window to have these in for the laser printing.

**P&F Meeting**  
We will be announcing a date for our meeting next week. In the meantime we ask if you wish to have any items addressed on the agenda that you put them in writing or private message the P&F page on Facebook. Meetings are a vital part of what the P&F is able to plan and achieve so it would be great to see as many of our parents and friends there. Children are always welcome and morning tea is provided. Please, if you have an hour to spare, come along.

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

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RELIGION

Confirmation Family Faith Formation – Tuesday 2nd August

On Tuesday, the Year 6 and Parish Candidates are to attend the Confirmation Family Faith Formation Workshop with one or both parents. Confirmation sponsors are also welcome to attend. The workshop will be an interactive session facilitated by Mildred Rego from Catholic Education WA. The workshop will be held in the Lesser Hall and will begin at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there and having an enjoyable night together.

Confirmation Retreat and Rehearsal – Tuesday 9th August

On Tuesday 9th August, the Year 6 students and Parish Candidates will participate in a retreat day at St Vincent’s. The retreat will be held in the School Hall. During the retreat, Mr Adam Iriks and a few students from Kolbe Catholic College will facilitate some of the morning activities and share their faith journey with the students. Morning tea and lunch will be provided on the day. Following the retreat, the Candidates will remain at school until 4:15pm for their rehearsal in the Church. We look forward to a special day as our young people continue to grow in faith.

Sacramental Dates 2016

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

Faction Buddies

Tomorrow, students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be joining together in their factions to celebrate the International Day of Friendship, which is celebrated on 30th July. During Faction Buddies, the students will be participating in friendship activities and discussing what makes a great friend. Please be aware that students will be in different classrooms in the afternoon for these activities and it may be easier for you to collect your child/ren from the undercover/drive through areas. Be sure to look out for photos from Faction Buddies in next week’s newsletter!

Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal

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). The assessment will be accessible to students only online.

Students enrolled in Year 3 and Year 5 at St Vincent’s who are following a regular classroom program are expected to participate.

Year 5 students will be completing their assessment on Monday 1st August, while Year 3 students will complete their practice assessment on Tuesday 2nd August.

Steve Blake – Assistant Principal
COMMUNITY EVENTS

GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDCHILDREN – You are not alone! Morning tea and support group for Grandparents who are raising their grandchildren, held on the first Tuesday of every month. Offering friendship, emotional support, outings and more.

**WHEN:** First Tuesday of every month  
**TIME:** 10am to 12 Noon  
**VENUE:** MACC, 13 Leasham Crt, Medina  
Contact Kathy Webb on 0434 169 566 or Maralyn Martin on 0405 168 797.

Dates for 2016:
Tuesday 2nd August  
Tuesday 6th September  
Tuesday 4th October  
Tuesday 1st November  
Tuesday 6th December.

CIRCLE OF SECURITY – 7 week Parent Workshop: KEYS Circle of Security is an early intervention workshop for parents and carers living in Kwinana. Held at Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre on 8th August – 19th September (Mondays) from 9.30am to 11.30am. FREE. For further information or to express your interest in the workshop please contact KEYS office on (08) 9439 1838.

1-2-3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING PARENT COURSE: Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 1 – 12 years old. 1-2-3 Magic is a three session program for parents and carers living in Kwinana, presented by Kwinana early Years Services (KEYS). The workshop will be held at Darius Wells Library and Resource Centre (Cnr Robbos Way and Chisham Avenue) on Wednesday 3rd, 10th and 17th August from 9am – 12pm. (Please note all three sessions must be attended). Registration fee: $10 for parent workbook. For more information contact KEYS on (08) 9439 1383. Creche available.

A further workshop will be held at Darius Wells on Thursday evenings 18th August, 25th August and 1st September from 6pm – 9pm.

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