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

**Welcome:** A special welcome to the Asosa Family, Christelle (Year 6), Dinglasan Family, Dwayne (Year 5 GR) and Nunez Family, Sabatini (Year 3 GO). We know our St Vincent’s School community will make them feel welcome.

**Hero Day:** Have you been talking about heroes – everyday people who do extraordinary things, with your children? We will celebrate our heroes on Friday 12th August. Students are encouraged to dress as their hero and be prepared to talk about their hero. There will be a Hero Parade straight after lunch in the hall; parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation towards Cystic Fibrosis WA. Cystic Fibrosis (CF) is the most common life-threatening condition affecting Australian children. CF slowly damages the lungs and stomach. Your donation will go towards research seeking a cure for CF.

**Students representing our school:** Our Interschool Cross Country Team will represent our school this Friday at the Inter-school Cross Country Carnival. Mrs Matheson will be taking two choirs, Year 4-6 and Year 5, to participate in the Performing Arts Festival next week.

**Community Garden:** This is taking shape thanks to a band of hard working and generous parents and community members who gave up their time last Saturday to clear the land. The P&F are currently accessing expertise and soon there will be further action towards developing our community garden. I am thankful to all who are helping to bring our community garden to fruition. Soon the students will be able to enjoy the fruits of our community garden.

**60th Anniversary:** St Vincent’s School will celebrate our 60th Anniversary this year on Saturday 17th September. The celebrations will commence with a Thanksgiving Mass, followed by open school exhibits where there will be displays encompassing the 60 years of our school. The P&F have organised a wonderful commemorative gift, which will mark our special anniversary and be appreciated well into the future. Further details for the 60th anniversary will be forthcoming. Please keep Saturday 17th September free; we hope to see lots of present and past St Vincent’s School members on the day.

**Staffing:** Mr Steve Blake will be going on leave at the end of this week. Mrs Michelle Barjaktarevic will be taking on Mr Blake’s teaching role and Mrs Byrne will be taking on Mr Blake’s administration role, in addition to her own. Mrs Jenny Forrest will pick up part of Mrs Byrne’s teaching role, she will be in Year 2 from Monday to Thursday and Mrs Byrne will be in Year 2 Gold every Friday.

On behalf of our school community, I wish Mr Steve Blake, his wife Jodie and their son Austin, every blessing and happiness as they await the arrival of their baby.

**Prayers:** Late last week we found out Mrs Gaynor Cook was diagnosed with cancer. She is currently undergoing further assessment. Please keep Mrs Cook and her family in your prayers.

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

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**Thought for the Week:**
Greet every morning with open arms and say thanks every night with a full heart. Each day is a precious gift to be savoured and used, not left unopened and hoarded for a future that may never come (Regina Brett)

**2016**
*If you judge people, you have no time to love them.*  
*Mother Teresa*
**Canteen:** The Canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Please 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 3 2016**

**Wacky Races Fun Run – 17th August 2016**

THANK YOU so MUCH for all your hard work gathering sponsors and choosing your prizes. We have begun processing all of the sponsorship forms and next week will be sending home a “programme” time order for the morning. You can dress up in anything you like on the day but just remember to wear your sneakers. We hope to have prizes by late Term 3 or early Term 4.

**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. There is no cost associated with this gift as we have decided to cover the entire cost. If your family returned the form sent home Monday or Tuesday then your family will have their own leaf to make up part of the tree and it will be displayed in the school. If you did not have a chance to return the form in time you will be able to purchase a leaf at a later date to be included. The picture shown here is similar to what ours will look like. We hope to have the tree in time for the 60th celebration later in the Term.

**P & F Meeting Thursday 11th August at 9am**

If you wish to have any items addressed on the agenda we ask you to please 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!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Heath, Johnston, and Sullivan families who spent the weekend clearing the land outside the Year 4 block to get our community garden started. There are exciting times ahead and we can’t wait to soon have a meeting to discuss ideas and plans moving forward.

**P & F Committee**

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

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This Friday is our Inter School Cross Country Carnival. Races will start at 10:30am at Thomas Oval. Good luck to all of our competitors! Miss Newman
MERIT AWARDS

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RELIGION

Feast Day Mass for St Mary of the Cross – Monday 8th August: On Monday, the Year 1 and Year 3 classes will join together to celebrate the Feast day of Mary MacKillop. We invite you to celebrate with us at 9am in the Church. Mary MacKillop is known as Saint Mary of the Cross and was canonised as Australia’s first Saint. Mary MacKillop was an Australian Roman Catholic nun who founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. She had an emphasis on education for the poor and worked selflessly to provide an education to children in remote areas in the Australian outback.

Confirmation Retreat and Rehearsal – Tuesday 9th August: On Tuesday, 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: Last week students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 participated in discussions about what makes a great friend and they worked together to make friendship bracelets for one another. We love how our students Make Jesus Real in their interactions with their peers of all ages. Well done to everyone involved in Faction Buddies!

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 3 students will be completing their assessment on Tuesday 9th August.
Steve Blake – Assistant Principal

Parents are most welcome to come to watch the ALLELUIA CHOIR at the Performing Arts Festival on Monday 8th August from 11.30 – 12.30pm at St Benedict’s, Ardross Street, Applecross. Parents are also welcome to come and watch the Year 5 Choir on Tuesday 9th August from 1.15 – 2.15pm for a gold coin donation.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Protective Behaviours Parent Workshop: St Vincent’s Parish in Parmelia is holding a FREE Protective Behaviours Workshop on Thursday 8th September from 7 – 9pm. This workshop has been designed to teach parents and carers how to increase the personal safety of their children. Protective Behaviours provides children with strategies to keep themselves safe and cope with situations that threaten their wellbeing and personal safety. To attend this FREE workshop please contact secretary.kwinana@perthcatholic.org.au or 0417 973 609 to register or for more information

St Vincent’s Parish Colouring-in and Poem Competitions: For your chance to be in the running to win an iPad and other amazing prizes, pop into the Church Foyer and collect an entry into the colouring-in or poem competitions. These fantastic competitions are promoting the theme “All children have the right to feel safe”. Numerous age groups are available, ranging from Kindy and below to teenagers. Entries need to be returned by Monday 22nd August and will be drawn on Sunday September 11th during the 9.30am Mass. Winners must be present to claim their prize. We can’t wait to see your artistic talents. Good luck!

SIDE BY SIDE is the name of Developmental Disability WA’s program for families who have a family member with a disability and who has behaviour which is at times challenging. Side by Side was co-designed by families, for families and as a strengths based program it aims to build resilience, knowledge, friendship and support. Maggie Visser from People with Disabilities WA will becoming to the Connect for Life Carer group on Wednesday 17th August from 10.30am till 12 Noon in the conference room at 14 Council Ave, Rockingham. She will be sharing her own experience as a parent of a child with Autism and will also be talking about a program called Side by Side.

TASTY TODDLER WORKSHOP (for families with children 1 to 3 years) on Thursday 18th August from 6.30 – 8.30pm at the Child and Parent Centre, Calista, Harlow Road. Bookings are essential by telephone to 93670960 or email calista@ngala.com.au.

Did you know that…?

• Mrs Christine Scanlan and Mrs Kirsty Byrne share a birthday? It was this week!
• Ellie M (1 GO) said Rani B (1 GR) was doing a great job as a friend.
• Cassius G (5 GO) has the same baptismal name as Muhammad Ali.
• Mrs Brechany, Mr Blake and Mrs Messineo really enjoyed acting like the Master Chef judges.
• Miss Simone Roper has a sunny smile. She makes everyone else smile.
• Year 2 GR were the first class to have all their Family Tree notes back.
• Book Club money is due by 9am tomorrow. No late orders.
• Fun Run money is due by 3pm today.
Year 6 Master Chef Finals

Last Term, the Year 6 students were involved in the Year 6 Master Chef Finals. Each student needed to prepare a video of themselves cooking a meal or dessert and have 34 samples for the class and judges to try. The students and judges then voted on their favourite and four students were selected from these votes to cook in the Master Chef Finale.

Last Thursday the Year 6 students finally had their Master Chef finale! It was a super intense effort by the four contestants who were put under the pump in a pressure cook off final. Two students were chosen for the dessert section of the final … Sophie Astell and Xander Frank. They were given two secret ingredients that they had to incorporate into their dish … Sugar and vanilla essence. Two students were chosen for the mains section of the final … Karthik Subramanian and Luke Buchanan. These two students were given four ingredients they had to incorporate into their dishes … chicken, garlic, onion and a tin of tomatoes. The students had 1 hour to cook their meals from scratch in front of the Year 6 audience and the extraordinary culinary judges Mr Blake (aka. Gary), Mrs Messineo (aka. Matt) and Mrs Brechany (aka. George). The students displayed extraordinary cooking skills, mixing, chopping, measuring and all the while keeping their cool whilst under the scrutiny and loads of questions thrown their way by the judges. Mrs Messineo (Matt), was a bit concerned about mess on the benches but was happy with the aroma of Karthik’s cooking, she was extremely interested in seeing how Xanders cookies turned out as she had never used almond paste before. Mr Blake (Garry) was impressed with Sophie’s cool and calm manner in the kitchen and Mrs Brechany (George) was concerned with the amount of time Luke had left and whether he’d have enough time to deliver his dish. The pressure was on in the last 10 minutes in the kitchen, the audience were going wild and the judges resided to their judging table. The contestants finished right on the last second, and presented their dishes to the judges.

The flavours and aromas filled the room and the food looked amazing (it was that good that Mrs Messineo (Matt), was reluctant to share with the audience). Karthik delivered a wonderful tomato based carbonara chicken pasta, Luke delivered a magnificent juicy Chicken Slider. THE WINNER OF THE MAINS WAS LUKE BUCHANAN! In the dessert section, Sophie delivered a flavoursome nut tartlet and Xander delivered a wonderful cookie with raspberry coulee and whipped cream. THE WINNER OF THE DESSERT SECTION WAS SOPHIE ASTELL! Congratulations to our Master Chef finalists the judges were super impressed with your culinary skills and grateful they’d forgotten their lunch that day.

All recipes presented throughout the season from all Year 6 students, as well as the finals recipes will be available later this year on DVD and in a cook book …. Stay tuned!!!!!!