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

Drive through reminder: Our drive through has been problematic with cars parking in the drive through before 3pm, effectively blocking others from doing the right thing and parking in the car park. The lineup has continue beyond the school gates, onto the road and even up to the roundabout, which is very dangerous for all. When I have stood at the drive through people have done the right thing and I thank you all for it. Please don’t rely on myself, or a staff member, to tell you to do the right thing with regards to drive through. This a great opportunity to teach our students that sometimes we have to do the right thing because it is the right thing, and not because someone had to remind us to do the right thing.

Hero Day: was a resounding success last week. It was wonderful to see so many of our community members acknowledged, with students and staff dressing as family members and other admired people. It’s all too easy to fall into the habit of thinking heroes belong to the world of fiction. The reality is, heroes walk amongst us, they’re ordinary people who do extraordinary things. Cassius Goncalves (Yr 5 GO) gave a poignant speech about living with Cystic Fibrosis (CF) and thanked everyone for contributing a donation towards research seeking a cure for CF. We raised $515.

Reflection by Peter Mitchell (Mitch) - MJR: What’s In It For Me (WIIFM): Very often, both at home and at school, with your sports or interest groups, you will be asked to help in some small way. The negative people will go by the WIIFM idea – if there’s nothing in it for them, they don’t want to help. In Australia, most of the sporting and interest groups are run by volunteers. If we all worked on the WIIFM idea, we would have a much sadder world.

Happiness comes in giving of yourself. Very often it is a drag to volunteer, but at the end of the event you helped and there will be an inner glow of satisfaction. That very often comes with helping others. This is strongly linked to Teamwork at Home (TAH). Imagine how your house would be if your parents worked with a WIIFM approach. All of our sporting activities (netball, football, soccer, basketball, etc.) are built around so many unsung heroes who volunteer. Do you ever thank your coaches or the umpire after you have had a game?

St Vincent’s School is very grateful to all family members of our school community who generously volunteer their time and expertise towards our students and school.

Congratulations to Steve, Jodie and Austin Blake on the birth of Ivory Joan. Mr Blake and his family are delighted to welcome their new baby daughter and sister.

God Bless … Karmela Messineo … Principal

Spirit – Peace - Wisdom

Thought for the Week: When something bad happens you have three choices. You can let it define you, let it destroy you, or you can let it strengthen you.

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

Coming Home:
**P&F News – Term 3, Week 5 2016**

Wacky Races Fun Run – 24th August 2016: We look forward to seeing everybody next Wednesday for our Wacky Races which will begin at 9.30am on the school oval. Children are welcome to dress up but must wear sneakers. We expect that the Fun Run will go for approximately one and a half hours.

Please find below the running orders for the morning. This is approximate.

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We would appreciate volunteers on the morning to help mark laps. Thank you for your help!

**Father’s Day Stall – Thursday 1st September.** Gifts will be available for $1 - $10. Students are asked to bring their money in a labelled envelope. A note for volunteers will go home next week with more information.

**P&F Committee**

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**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.

**Did you know that…?**
- Former student Jayden Mackley is going on a cricket tour to England, Amsterdam and Paris in 2017.
- Avlinn (PP GO) investigated the length of her hand this week. Check out her clever calculations (see photo).
- Year 1’s and 2’s were using dominoes for physical and chemical reactions for Science Week.
- Year 3’s and 4’s made sherbet and lava lamps for Science Week.
- Year 5’s made ice cream and blew up balloons using yeast, warm water and sugar for Science Week.
- Year 6 did experiments with household items to determine whether they were acid or alkaline for Science Week.

FIND OUT MORE IN NEXT WEEK’S NEWSLETTER!

**Can you help?** Year 1 are looking for any old electrical appliances that do not work. Also, if you are a Dad who is handy, they need someone to make some wooden blocks with nails.
### MERIT AWARDS

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Reading Support Certificates: Christabella Munezero

Reading Recovery Certificates: Yli Provido, Rani Bonney, Sophie Gray, Stella Glew, Moana Chabanis

### RELIGION

**Confirmation Mass – Saturday 20th August:** On Saturday evening at the 6pm Mass, 34 candidates will be presented to be confirmed. The celebrant who will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation and lead the celebration will be the Very Reverend Peter Whity who is the Vicar General of Perth. Father Daniel, Father Marlon and Father Brennan will also be celebrating the Mass. We ask that all candidates arrive at 5.30pm with their sponsors. The sponsors will be seated in the Church and the candidates will meet in the Hall prior to the Mass. As a faith community, we ask you to pray for the Confirmation candidates, their sponsors and families. We look forward to a very special celebration and bearing witness to our young people being confirmed.

**Reconciliation Enrolment Meeting – Tuesday 23rd August:** The Reconciliation Enrolment Meeting will be held this Tuesday 23rd August at 3.30pm in the School Hall. It is important that a parent attends this meeting as an outline of the Sacramental Program for Reconciliation will be explained and notes for enrolment will be distributed. The first Reconciliation class will commence on Tuesday 30th August from 3:30 - 4:15 pm.

**Reconciliation Commitment Masses – Saturday 3rd or Sunday 4th September:** The Commitment Masses for Reconciliation will be held on Saturday 3rd September at 6pm and Sunday 4th September at 9.30am. Sunday 4th September is Father’s Day and we encourage you to celebrate Mass as a family on the Sunday morning. During the Mass, fathers and grandfathers will receive a special blessing from Father. It is essential that all children involved in the Sacramental Program attend one of the Masses with their parents and hand in their enrolment forms at the Mass.

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

### ADMIN

**Brownes Milk – Celebrating 130 Years**

Last Friday, Brownes donating milk for each student and staff member to celebrate their 130th birthday. The students and staff enjoyed their milk at morning tea and there were heaps of milky moustaches and staff reminiscing about having milk at school when they were young. Thank you Brownes and Happy Birthday!

**National Science Week – 13th to 21st August**

Today children from Kindy to Year 6 joined together with students in their block and participating in a fun Science lesson to celebrate National Science Week. Some of the experiments included erupting volcanoes, fizzy sherbet and ice-cream! Be sure to keep an eye out for photos and a write up in next week’s newsletter.

*Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal*
SPORT REPORT - WEEK 5
We are working hard in sport preparing for the Faction Athletics Carnival. Notes for the athletics carnival are going home today. Please ensure they are returned to the classroom teacher by 2nd September (Friday Wk 7).

Athletics Carnival dates are Thursday 13th and Friday 14th October (Week 1 of Term 4)

**INVESTIGATION TIME** Each week one of our Kindy to Year 2 classes will share some of their experiences and learning in the weekly newsletter.

YEAR 2 GREEN INVESTIGATIONS

Year 2 Green have had such a fun time diving in to our new investigation time.

Our reporters have been busy taking surveys, researching mini-beasts and recording examples of MJR (Making Jesus Real) within our classroom. We also have many talented photographers in 2 Green who have documented lots of great learning moments, searched high and low for their spelling words and examples of multiplication within our classroom.

Avanthika and Sayanth enjoyed finding different ways to make multiplication sums using items around the room. They used a pair of dice, some paper and a measuring tape to make a multiple of six.

Over at the tinkering table many students have enjoyed deconstructing various items such as a car radio and a dvd player. We discovered that both of these electrical items contain a motherboard, batteries of all sizes, codes and wiring.

To align with our Science learning intentions 2 Green have been lucky to receive some class pets. We are currently observing our very own Sea Monkeys. So far we have seen them develop from eggs to very tiny sea creatures. From their research, Jack and Kassan taught us that Sea Monkeys come from the brine shrimp family and have been taken on many expeditions to space! We are very excited to see how they develop over the next few weeks.

A big thanks must go to all the wonderful donations we have had from our families, without which our investigations would not have gotten off to such a wonderful beginning!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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 0417 973 609 to register (by Thursday 1st September), secretary.kwinana@perthcatholic.org.au or http://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Organisations_and_Services-Safeguarding.htm for more information.

There is a free AUSKICK program being started in our area every Tuesday afternoon from 16th August to 20th September at Wellard Oval (next to Peter Carnley School) from 3.30 – 4.30pm. Boys and girls aged 5 – 8 years. All participants will receive a free football and water bottle.

MERCEDES COLLEGE are holding an OPEN DAY to celebrate 170 years of quality education in the Mercy tradition on Monday 5th September from 9.30am to 12 Noon. To register please go to: www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/open day.

FOR DADS AND FATHER FIGURES IN THE KWINANA AREA: Come along, meet and listen to Luke McPharlin talking about his experience of being a dad on 12th September from 6.30 – 8.30pm at the Child Parent Centre, Harlow Road, Calista. FREE EVENT. Relaxed evening with hot beef rolls and a chance to chat with other dads and pick up some tips. Bookings essential. To register contact kellie.waclanwa.com.au or phone 9581 5595.

TRINITY COLLEGE CURRENTLY TAKING ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS If you are looking for a holistic, quality Catholic education for your son, Trinity College in East Perth may be the school you are searching for. They strive to provide the highest level of teaching and learning in an environment that keeps expanding to meet the physical and emotional needs of all students. To learn more about the extensive things on offer such as our state-of-the-art robotic observatory or our Design and Technology Centre using the latest equipment in technology laboratories, please visit their website for further information. Interviews are now taking place for Year 7 in 2018, with limited places available for Year 7 next year. Visit www.trinity.wa.edu.au or contact 9223 8121 to book a guided tour.
REMINDER: VacSwim October enrolments close on Monday 29th August. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim offers affordable school holiday swimming lessons run by qualified instructors at a range of locations throughout the state. To enrol or find out more, please visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming.

ParentsNext provides work with parents to help them to identify their education and employment goals, develop a pathway to achieve their goals and link them to activities and services in the local community. Parents who have a youngest child aged under six, have had no paid employment in the last six months are eligible. Parents who are required to participate in ParentsNext as a condition of receiving Parenting Payment will be contacted by the Department of Human Services. They also assist parents who wish to participate on a voluntary basis. If you wish to participate and meet the eligibility requirements, talk to your local ParentsNext Project provider at SMYL Community Services, Darius Wells, Cnr Robbos Way & Chisham Ave, Kwinana, phone 0408 096 689, email: willowc@smyl.com.au.

1–2–3 MAGIC & EMOTION COACHING – PARENT COURSE – EVENINGS is a three session program for parents and carers living in Kwinana and is presented by Kwinana Early Years Service (KEYS) and the Dept of Local Government and Communities. Learn to manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. The workshop will be held at the Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre (Cnr Robbos Way and Chisham Ave, Kwinana) on Thursday evenings 18th August, 25th August and 1st September from 6pm – 9pm (please note, all three sessions must be attended).

Communities for Children FP, Kwinana, WA is a place based program that develops and facilitates a whole of community approach to support and enhance early childhood development and wellbeing for children from birth to 12 years. They have a range of programs available for 2015 – 2017 which can be viewed on their website: thesmithfamily.com.au.

PARENTING WA – CIRCLE OF SECURITY PARENTING – For parents of children aged up to 4 years. Five sessions will be on Fridays 19th August – 16th September from 9am to 12 Noon at the Warnbro Family & Community Centre, 1 Moreton Crescent, Warnbro. FREE. Limited places, booking essential. Contact Sue Johnson or Kris Black on 95839801 or mobile 0412712592, email susan.johnson@dlgc.wa.gov.au.

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!

PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 0-11 YEARS OLD: The City of Rockingham is developing a Strategy for Children and Young People which will provide information to the City as to the types of activities, infrastructure and services needed by the community for their children aged 0-11 years over the next five years. The City will use this information to assist in planning and in advocating to state and federal governments for funds and services for Rockingham. If you are a parent with children in this age range or a community member with a concern for the future of our children and young people we would like to hear from you. We value the community’s opinion, so please complete this simple online survey before 22 August 2016 to assist us. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G3NFZSZ.

YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 12-25 YEARS OLD: The City of Rockingham is developing a Strategy for Children and Young People to plan for their future. If you are aged between 12 and 25 years old, or a community member with an interest in young people we would like to know what you think. We value your opinion so please complete this simple online survey before 22 August 2016 to assist us. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G3QRFDY.z. For more information contact Alicia Kilminster - Coordinator Youth and Community Support Services on 9528 8687.

CONNECTING COMMUNITY FOR KIDS are thrilled to invite you to their latest Pop Up Café! Their aim is to improve childhood outcomes and make a lasting difference in the lives of children pre-birth to eight. Come along on Tuesday 23rd August from 9am to 11am at Child and Parent Centre, Calista (Harlow Road). RSVP to Kristy Winnall on 0419 116 254 or KristyG@connecting4kids.com.au.
As part of our partnership with Curtin University we will be provided with information for our community about a specific area of Speech development as well as some practical ideas of how you can support your child’s speech development. This week’s topic is SEMANTICS.

**Semantics** refers to the ability to understand and express the **meaning** of words, phrases and sentences. It involves the vocabulary, concepts and events that are related to an idea, object, person, or place. For example, the semantics associated with the word ‘cake’ might include; chocolate, big, eat, birthday, etc.

Semantics also refers to how meanings are stored, organised and retrieved from your brain. Think of your brain as an enormous filing system and all the meanings your child learns need to be stored efficiently, so they can access them when they are needed.

**Why are semantics important?** Children with semantic difficulties may find it hard to understand what is being said to them, may miss the key point of a conversation or have difficulty thinking of the right words to use.

**You can help develop your child’s semantics by...**
- Talking to your child about what they are doing and expand on what they are saying. The more times that your child gets to experience, hear and use words, the stronger their semantic organisation (filing system) becomes. It’s important for young children to be exposed to words in a natural context (i.e. where you would usually use it), however, children should not be forced to use these words. Children often need to hear a word or concept lots of times before they can understand and use it correctly.
- Talk with young children during play or their everyday activities. For example, during outdoor play you could see if they can find things that are the same or different, such as, finding two leaves the same size or leaves, which are different colours.
- For older children, as well as talking with them regularly, you can help develop their semantics by playing simple games together, such as:
  - **Category games** - e.g. one person names a category (such as, food or the beach) and the other players have to think of as many things as they can in that category.
  - **Describing games** - e.g. a card with a picture (or a word) is placed on the forehead of one person (using a sticky note or headband). The other people playing the game describe the picture on the card to the person wearing the card (without naming it). The person wearing the card has tries to guess what it is.