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

P and F: Many thanks to all who contribute to the P&F in a variety of ways, effectively helping towards the organisation, planning and running of social and fund raising events, all with the best interest of our students in mind. All parents are members of the P&F and the P&F is representative of all our parents and friends. All you do is very much appreciated by the staff and students of St Vincent’s School.

Wacky Races: The decision by the P&F to postpone the Wacky Races was a stroke of genius. The day turned out to be perfect for students to participate in the Wacky Races, wearing their wackiest regalia.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: was celebrated last Saturday evening; it was truly a spiritual and wonderful community experience. Congratulations to our newly Confirmed, they were a credit to themselves, their families and their school. Many thanks to Rev. Peter Whitely, Fr Daniel, Fr Marlon and Fr Brennan for making the ceremony meaningful and relevant. Thank you to Mrs Marta Brechany, Mrs Kirsty Byrne, Mrs Helene Iriks and Mrs Michelle Barjaktarovic for their excellent coordination and preparation. Thank you to all Parish and school members who contributed to the beautiful celebration of Confirmation, making it truly a community event.

60th Anniversary: Please highlight the 17th of September in your calendar and diaries, between 10am and 2pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate St Vincent’s School and catch up with people. The staff are working hard towards this event and we all look forward to seeing as many people as possible on our 60th Anniversary celebration day. For catering purposes, please let the office know if you will be attending the event.

Staffing: Mrs Leanne Holcombe will be going on maternity leave at the end of this week. Mrs Barjaktarovic will be taking on the full time class teacher role in Year 4 Green. On behalf of our school community, I wish Mrs Holcombe, her husband Michael and their son Noah, every blessing and happiness as they await the arrival of their baby.

Mrs Rowena Roberts has joined our staff and will be working with Kindy Green to the end of the year. Mrs Yvette Gaffney is working with students with special needs in our Year 1 and 2 classrooms.

Drive through: Please be considerate with regards to our drive through. Remember to park if arriving before 3pm, this helps towards alleviating a dangerous traffic situation and enables those wishing to park to be able to do so.

God Bless  ...  Karmela Messineo  ...  Principal
Spirit – Peace – Wisdom

Thought for the Week:
Make it a practice to judge persons and things in the most favourable light at all times and under all circumstances (St Vincent de Paul)

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

Coming Home:
- Father’s Day Stall note
**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.

**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.

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**P and F News – Term 3, Week 6 2016**

**Wacky Races Fun Run**
Well, what a beautiful, but chilly morning for a Wacky Race. The kids looked absolutely great in their costumes yesterday and the smiles and laughs as they ran around the track were even better.

We wish to extend sincere apologies to all of the parents and families who missed their child running and were inconvenienced by the change to the time table this morning. The decision was made to start the run early to take advantage of the weather and also to avoid too much time out of class and making sure the kids had plenty of time to play and enjoy their recess.

To Gavin Poole, who set up the music yesterday morning, we say a BIG THANK YOU. To the parents who helped pop out cones in the morning, THANK YOU. To our staff for taking time out of your lesson plans, THANK YOU too. To my team who have worked hard to collect all of the money you all fundraised (which is amazing), order prizes, and all the admin work and organising, THANK YOU.

But the morning really belonged to all the wacky racers out there doing lap after lap and just having fun, THANK YOU.

All fundraising results will be published shortly and prizes are due to arrive hopefully before the end of term.

**Fathers Day Stall**
Next Thursday the 1st September we hold our annual Father’s Day stall. Lots of new goodies are up for grabs this year. A note has come home today with all the information you need about the stall, including a volunteer note too. Your help would be greatly appreciated on the morning.

**Athletics Carnival**
Soon we will send home a Subway lunch order form for all students who are attending the School Athletics Carnival on the last day of events. The P&F will again have a great canteen up and running with cakes, fruit, pies, sausage rolls, sweet treats, cool drink and more. Please keep an eye out for more information coming up soon.

**Community Garden**
The community garden is on hold until we have had Bunnings come out to consult with us about what we could do with our garden, and fingers crossed, help us fund some of the start-up costs. We realise this has been a lengthy lead up, however, there are processes we are trying to follow to make sure the garden blooms perfectly from the very beginning. Thank you for your patience.

**P&F Committee**
RELIGION

Congratulations to the newly Confirmed

Congratulations to the 34 young people who were Confirmed by the very Reverend Father Peter Whiteley last weekend. These outstanding young people were exceptionally prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. On behalf of the St Vincent’s School and Parish, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and sponsors and all those involved in the journey towards the Sacrament. I would also like to thank the staff members who assisted on Saturday evening, the amazing musicians, led by Mrs Adam Iriks, the ladies of the Parish for the beautiful flower arrangements and the Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students from Gilmore College for the yummy cupcakes. The Confirmation Mass was a prayerful and reverent ceremony and a very special celebration for all those who gave witness to our young people being confirmed.

Reconciliation Classes – Tuesday 30th August

The first Reconciliation class will commence on Tuesday 30th August from 3:30 - 4:15pm in the school hall. The classes will be led by Mrs Barjaktarevic, our Parish Catechist and will be supported by our Year 3 teachers, Ms Scanlan, Mrs Espinoza and Mrs Neri, and Mrs Iriks, our Parish Coordinator. We look forward to beginning the journey towards first reconciliation.

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.

Grandparents Mass – Thursday 8th September

On Thursday 8th September, at the 9am Mass, the Pre-Primary and Year 5 classes will lead the Parish in celebrating the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. During this Mass we invite all grandparents to come along and celebrate with their grandchildren. Grandparents whose grandchildren are in other year levels will be able to attend the Mass with their grandparents. Early next week an invitation and RSVP slip will be sent home to all families. If your grandparent/s will be attending, we ask that the RSVP slip be returned to school for us to organise the children to attend with their grandparent/s. Grandparents Mass is an exciting event on the St Vincent’s calendar each year and one that we always look forward to. Due to the 60th Anniversary Celebration, Grandparents Day will be celebrated with Mass followed by morning tea. We look forward to a special morning with all of our grandparents.

Sacramental Dates 2016

Reconciliation (Year 3) – Tuesday 15th November at 6pm.

Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal
Over the last couple of weeks Year One Green have been exploring worms during our investigation time as well as through our Science unit. We have measured and made worms using play dough and spaghetti as well as using magnifying glasses to find the earthworms in our class worm farm!

Last Wednesday 17 August, Year One Green had a special visitor come and talk to us about earthworms. It was Miss Brabin’s Mum! She spoke to us about earthworms and answered all the questions we wanted to know about earthworms. We learnt what transparent means, why earthworms come to the surface and how earthworms are very good for our garden. Miss Brabin’s Mum also talked about how earthworms move through the soil and how we can attract earthworms to our garden. We found some baby earthworms in our worm farm and learnt what foods earthworms like and don’t like to eat. We had a great afternoon learning about earthworms and we are loving our investigation time in class. We are learning so much about worms!

“Wacky Races, organised by the P&F”
SCIENCE WEEK!

Our Science Week went off with a bang! All students from Kindy to Year 6 explored, experimented and absorbed a range of different Science concepts during rotations within their blocks last Thursday.

Kindy and Pre-Primary reached great heights with their kites and made us ooze with joy when we saw their fantastic pink Ooblek. They had a fantastic time seeing which kite flew the highest!

Year 1 and 2 discovered the difference between physical and chemical reactions. Miss Roper covered herself with Diet Coke after she dropped her mentos in the bottle! Miss Brabin almost blew up the sandpit with her volcanoes! Mrs Forrest showed us how to make a pom-pom float while Mrs Serfontein showed us how to clean iodine out of water just like Jesus washes away our sins!

Year 3 and 4 showed us their knowledge about acids and oils! Miss Paparella went fizzy with enthusiasm when they made grape sherbet. Miss Tandy and Ms Scanlan were bubbling with excitement when they made their own lava lamps. Quizmaster Espinoza tested our Science skills under intense conditions to beat the clock while Mrs Barjaktarevic and Mr Poole turned their classroom into a Planetarium and took us on a trip to space!

Year 5 and 6 explored the uses of yeast and acids. Year 5 experimented with making ice-cream from scratch and investigated how to blow up a balloon using only yeast! Year 6 also tested household items to determine whether they were acid or alkaline for Science Week.

Well done to everyone! Your participation and enthusiasm made Science Week 2016 a Sciency-Success!!!

Thank you to all of the teachers for all your hard work!
The Science Team

SPORT REPORT WEEK 6

We are working hard in sport preparing for the Faction Athletics Carnival. Notes for the Athletics Carnival are going home today. They must be returned to the classroom teacher by 2nd September (Friday, Week 7).

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

The Champion and Runner Up medals for Cross Country will be presented at tomorrow’s assembly. We apologise for the delay.

Also, the Semester 2 Faction Captains will be announced at tomorrow’s assembly.
COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY TALENT SHOW – Are you and your mates singing stars? Musicians, soloists, bands and groups should come to the Community Talent Show on Saturday 24th September from 10am to Noon at Town Square, Baldivis. Entries are open to bands, soloists, duos, etc. 1st prize – full artist press kit, 2nd prize – 1 day recording session, 3rd prize – professional photo shoot. Either turn up on the day or register by following the links at baldivisfair.com.au.

KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE – 2019 Expression of Interest for Enrolments. The College is calling for the submission of Expressions of Interest for Enrolment forms from current Year 4 students who will be entering Year 7, 2019. All applications will be reviewed at the conclusion of this year with interviews commencing early in 2017. Early submission of your application is requested. Should you have any queries please contact the College on 9592 1500.

TRIPLE P POSITIVE PARENT PROGRAMS are free programs offered by the Department of Health. All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to attend. Next program – Group Triple P at Wanslea Family Services in Mandurah on Tuesdays 11th October to 29th November 2016 (no crèche available) from 10am to 12 Noon. Bookings are essential by ringing Joanne on 9419 2266.

HEAD SPACE ARMADALE MUFFIN MORNING This is a great opportunity for you to meet the team, network and get to know more about their service, on Friday, 2nd September 9.30am to 10.30am at 40 Fourth Road Armadale. Please RSVP to naomi.lorkin@headspacearmadale.com.au by Wednesday August 31st.

A ‘SENSE-ABLE” TEAM APPROACH to helping children with SENSORY PROCESSING CHALLENGES across different environments will be held on Thursday 22nd September from 5.30 – 7.30pm at the Telethon Speech & Hearing Tomasi Room, Bendat Parent and Community Centre, 36 Dodd Street, Wembley. Cost is $92.61/ticket (GST inclusive). To register, go to http://tsh-p-seminar-5.eventbrite.com. Enquiries to Yuriko Kishida at ykishida@tsh.org.au or 9387 9862.

HOLDING MIND IN MIND: Facilitating improvements in the social and emotional development of children we work with – Tuesday 30th August 2016 from 5.30 – 7.30pm at the Telethon Speech & Hearing Tomasi Room (address above). Tickets $92.61, students $75.45. To register go to http://tsh-p-seminar-4.eventbrite.com.

THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING? Clan volunteers offer support to families who are overwhelmed with parenting. They provide an extensive 7 day training program. No formal qualifications are necessary. The role requires a 2-3 hour a week commitment. Courses run through October in Wellard. Any queries please contact volunteers@clanwa.com.au or phone 9477 0400.

WATER SAFETY PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE “Keep Watch” water safety presentations are available now for the busy spring and summer period for parents and carers of children -0 – 4 years. Presentations cover drowning statistics, where and why toddlers drown and water safety around the home etc. A CPR demonstration can also be included if requested. Book early to ensure your preferred date. Bathtubs are the most common drowning locations for children under 1 year old. In an effort to reduce the number of bath incidents they have a resource available to remind parents about the importance of supervision. These packs will include a Keep Watch face washer and rubber duck, along with other resources such as a Keep Watch tap hanger and CPR fridge magnet. For more information email sgreen@rlsswa.com.au.

Did you know that...?
- Mrs Gaffney’s daughter, Annaleise, a former St Vincent’s student, has been accepted full time at Transit Dance in Melbourne next year. They only offered 25 places! Congratulations Annaleise!
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