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

**NAPLAN Reports** for students in Years 3 and 5 have been sent home. It is my expectation that all students at St Vincent's will always work towards their best effort and endeavour to build upon their achievements. The NAPLAN reports represent one type of assessment with teachers undertaking a variety of assessments throughout the year. Assessment results are a powerful means of self-reflection for the student and I encourage parents and students to have regular conversations about learning and assessment results, working together towards establishing achievable goals. Please don’t hesitate to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher to check in on your child’s progress at school. It is important to have open communication between home and school.

**Reconciliation:** The students preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation were commissioned during last weekend’s masses. Please keep the Reconciliation Candidates, their families and coordinating teachers in your prayers.

**Grandparents Mass:** Today Grandparents were celebrated with a Mass and morning tea. Grandparents make up a significant segment of the parishioners in most churches. They provide tremendous support to today’s families and they are often among the most willing workers in a parish. Grandparents are a valuable part of family life and parish life that is sometimes taken for granted. A Grandparents Mass is an opportune time to recognise and affirm the Grandparents in our community.

**60th Anniversary:** Students are asked to wear their school uniform on the day of the 60th Anniversary. A note was sent home earlier in the week. If you are able to assist as a parking attendant for part of the day, please contact the office. Thank you.

**Cybersafety:** In the current age we live, our children have easy access to all sorts of information via the internet. It is essential parents are well aware of the current trends in technology use and how these are impacting upon children and teenagers. Parents are cautioned on allowing the use of computers and other digital devices into bedrooms and how this unsupervised time can result in lack of sleep, access to inappropriate content and an over-reliance on technology.

Some questions to think about:

- Are you having regular conversations with your children about what they are doing online?
- Do you understand how the apps your children are using work and what information is being shared with others, some of whom will be strangers?
- Are you in charge of your children’s technology use, or are they?
- Are you willing to say “no” to your children and to put limits on their screen time?
- Do you create a balanced lifestyle for your children, with time for technology balanced with time for outdoor play and other activities?
- Do you model a balanced lifestyle yourself?
- Would your children come to you if they came across something that made them feel uncomfortable, or would they fear getting into trouble and not want to tell you about it?

For further information, please visit the Esafety website [https://esafety.gov.au](https://esafety.gov.au) and enter the parent portal.

God Bless  …  Karmela Messineo  …  Principal

**Spirit – Peace - Wisdom**

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**Thought for the Week:**
Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love.

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

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**Coming Home:**
**Coming Up**

**TERM 3 2016**

**September**
- Fri 9  Prayer Assembly: Year 1 GO
- Mon 12  Prayer Assembly: Mrs Neri
- Tues 13  Reconciliation Lesson 3 3:30-4:15pm
- Thurs 15  Learning Journey 3:15-4:15pm
- Fri 16  Prayer Assembly: Mrs Messineo
- Sat 17  Anniversary Mass and Open Day
  10-2pm (Please RSVP)
- Mon 19  Prayer Assembly: Mrs Johnson
  “International talk like a Pirate Day”
- Tues 20  Reconciliation Lesson 4 3:30-4:15pm
- Thurs 22  Whole School Mass 11:30am
  (Year 2/4) Saint Vincent De Paul
- Fri 23  PUPIL FREE DAY

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

**Music News**
In term four and in the years to come, we are looking at being able to allow the children the opportunity of playing various musical instruments, as it is a part of the music curriculum. Currently Year 4 are learning to read music through playing the recorder and this will extend to Year 3 next year, as well, as Year 4. The lower primary students get the opportunity to play tuned and untuned percussion instruments.

A big thank you to those families who have donated instruments last term. Paul and Caterina Johnson (keyboard and drum kit), Bombara family (2 acoustic guitars), Carolyn O’Connor (keyboard), Gonclaves family (small amp). For this program to be able to start we are still seeking donations of the following instruments -
- Keyboards (two or three)
- Acoustic guitars (4 to 5)
- Ukuleles (10+)
- Bass guitar (1)
- Drum sticks (a set of 30 drum sticks)  the idea behind this is that every child in the class has an instrument to play. The private one on one keyboard lessons that I teach will continue and are completely separate from the basic skills that will be learnt in the classroom environment.

If you know anyone that has an instrument that can help make this program a success, it would be greatly received and used in the music classroom.

Thanks
Mr Poole
Music Specialist / IT Specialist

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**P&F NEWS**

**P and F News – Term 3, Week 8 2016**

**FACTION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL LUNCH**
A Subway lunch order form has come home today. Children and families are welcome to order a Subway lunch for the final day of the athletics carnival. This is provided by pre order only. Please see the note for more information. We will also be running a canteen on the final day of the carnival, selling drinks, snacks, baked goods and more.

**60TH CELEBRATION SAUSAGE SIZZLE**
We are looking for a few volunteers to help cook and serve at the sausage sizzle on Saturday the 17th. We will have the BBQs set up and begin cooking during mass. If you are able to help can you please message 0467 244 042 with your name and time you can help out?

P&F Committee

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**Did you know that...?**
- PP gold have new snails in the class to observe.
- YR4 Gr have been measuring square metres around the school.
- All the old school photographs will be going on display for the 60th Anniversary.
**MERIT AWARDS**

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**Library News**

Reminder that all library books are due back Thursday 15th September, thank you.

**RELIGION**

*Grandparent’s morning*

This morning our Pre-Primary and Year 5 students led our school community in a beautiful and prayerful Eucharistic celebration. It was heart-warming to see the interactions between our young people and their grandparents. Our students were very excited to attend Mass with their beloved grandparent/s and to share in morning tea together afterwards. We thank our Pre-Primary and Year 5 staff and students for their lovely coordination of the celebration and for the gorgeous handmade gifts each grandparent received. Please see the photographs from this morning towards the back of today’s newsletter.

**Whole School Mass – Thursday 22nd September**

On Thursday 22nd September, our Year 2 and Year 4 classes will lead the whole school Mass at 11:30am in the Church. Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be attending and will celebrate the Feast Day of our patron saint, Saint Vincent de Paul. Saint Vincent’s Feast Day is commemorated on the 27th September and as this falls on the school holidays we will be celebrating Saint Vincent de Paul at our end of term Thanksgiving Mass. We hope you will be able to celebrate with us!

**Sacramental Dates 2016**

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

**ADMIN**

*Twitter*

We are officially on Twitter! Follow St. Vincent’s School @StVincentsPS

We will be uploading current events and happenings around the school to our Twitter account and invite you to follow us and check it out.

*Pirate Dress Up Day – Monday 19th September*

“Ahoy there me hearties!” On Monday 19th September, it is the “International Talk Like A Pirate Day”. For a bit of fun and to celebrate all of the hard work and efforts of the students and staff throughout the term we will enjoy a Pirate Dress Up Day on the 19th September. Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 are encouraged to dress (and talk) like a pirate for the day. This will not be a fundraising event but in lieu of a coin, can you please bring a button in memory of the children that perished in the Holocaust.

“Ooo Argh me hearties!”

*Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal*
During Investigation Time we develop many life skills including problem solving, dealing with conflict, the feelings of others and empathy, sharing and taking turns to name a few.

Children were working together to make a train track. Nino took Lincoln's train without asking and played with it. Lincoln was not happy about this so came to tell Mrs Ikin what had happened.

After talking to Nino about this he graciously gave Lincoln the train back to him. Scarlett had been watching what had been happening and very kindly gave Nino another train for him to play with.

Everyone was very happy to get back to playing with their trains.

The learning taking place here shows the true value of Investigation Time.

Grandparents Morning
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 PHONOLOGICAL AWARENESS.

Phonological Awareness (PA) skills are vital for learning to read and write. PA refers to the ability to hear and manipulate (i.e. play with) sounds and words that are spoken.

You can help your child develop good PA skills by doing activities such as;

- Sing Nursery rhymes to young children.
- Play hand-clapping games like “Miss Mary Mack” or “Patty cake”.
- Clap out the syllables in words e.g. “Clap for each syllable you can hear in the word ‘banana’ or delete syllables in words e.g. “Say blueberry without saying blue”.
- Play with the sounds in words e.g. “Can you change the ‘c’ in ‘cat’ to a ‘b’ to make a new word?” or “What’s the last sound you hear in the word ‘dog’?”
- Make words playing with blocks. Each block represents a sound in the word. The blocks don’t need to have letters on them.
- Read to your child …
  - See if they can count how many words they hear in a sentence.
  - Emphasise the rhyme in rhyming books such as Dr. Seuss. Prompt them to think of other words that rhyme.
- In the car or when you’re walking …
  - Talk about the names of places or signs they see.
  - Play “eye spy” e.g. “I spy with my little eye, something beginning with h…”
  - Play a game where you take turns to think of an object starting with a certain letter.
  - Ask your child to finish off a sentence you say with a rhyming word. e.g. “The man had a …” (‘pan’, ‘fan’, ‘tan’, etc.). Silly words are fine.

Make it fun and you’ll be giving your child a great start in learning to read and write!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Evening for Dads, Stepdad or Grandad
Come along, meet and listen to Luke McPharlin talking about his experience of being a Dad. Hot beef rolls and a chance to chat and pick up tips! Monday 12th Sept 6:30-8:30pm, free event at Child Parent Centre, Harlow Road, Calista. Booking essential Kellie.w@clanwa.com.au 95815595

National eSmart Week event
Everyone should know how to be safe online. During National eSmart Week, we would like to help spread the word about how to be safe, smart and responsible when using technology, and to encourage our children to do the same. Come along to our Internet Safety session and pick up some tips about how you can better protect yourself online.

Bookings are preferred but not essential. All ages are welcome. Please contact the City of Kwinana Public Library on 9236 4300 or library@kwinana.wa.gov.au

Date: Wednesday, 7 September 2016
Time: 4pm to 5:30pm
Location: Kwinana Public Library
Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre

TEEBALL – Kwinana Teeball is running a 10 week clinic for children aged 3-4yrs introducing them to a great game. Starts Wed 12 Oct 4:30-5:30pm. Children will be taught catching, throwing, base running and team skills. Age groups available 3-4yrs, 5-7yrs, 8-10yrs, 11-13yrs
Registration a must 17th Sept, Thomas Oval, Rowson PL Medina.
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