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

60th Anniversary: Great excitement abounds at St Vincent’s School this week. This afternoon we have a mini learning journey from 3.15 to 4.15pm, followed by our 60th Anniversary celebrations this coming Saturday. Mass will be celebrated at 10am on Saturday, the school will be open for viewing afterwards until 2pm. Each learning block will have displays for every decade of our school; students and staff have worked hard to ensure the displays are visual feasts. Mrs Lynch, Mrs Johnson and their mum have organised a delicious Devonshire Tea and our wonderful P&F has organised the Sausage Sizzle. There will also be anniversary gifts and raffle tickets for sale. Lots of people have responded they’re attending, so there will be opportunity for catch-ups and reminiscing.

The P&F have generously donated the 60th Anniversary Family Tree. Please be sure to check it out. It will be located at the entrance to the school office. The P&F gift is very generous and thoughtful, sure to be appreciated now and into the future.

My sincere thanks to the 60th Anniversary Committee, all staff members, the P&F Committee and associated helpers for their support and huge effort towards the event. The event has come together because many people have worked together, for the good of St Vincent’s School. I look forward to seeing many of our school families throughout the 60th Anniversary celebrations this Saturday.

Parking for 60th Anniversary: There will be limited parking bays in the main carpark. Further car parking will be available along Parmelia Avenue and Tunnicliffe Street.

Dress as a Pirate: Next Monday, 19th September, is ‘Talk Like A Pirate Day’. To celebrate, all students and staff are invited to dress like a pirate for the day. We ask for the donation of a button, or lots of buttons, from each student. The buttons will be counted and sent to Bailik College in Victoria, to be used towards a Holocaust Memorial, for information please see http://www.bialik.vic.edu.au/community/buttonproject

When we contacted Bailik College to register our interest to help, the Principal, Mr Jeremy Stowe-Linder wrote, “... I have just been informed of the beautiful response of your school to our Buttons appeal – please pass on my thanks to your Principal Karmela and all the school community. It is such a wonderful activity and gesture and demonstrates incredible values and inclusion that must be present in your school. Thank you.”

Don’t forget to dress like a scurvy pirate ‘n brin’ ye button on Monday, me hearties.

Staffing: Mrs Barjaktarevic will continue to replace Mrs Holcombe in Year 4 Green, when Mr Blake returns next term.

Pupil Free Days: Next Friday 23rd September is a Pupil Free Day, staff will be attending a professional development day. Monday 10th October, the first day of Term 4, is a Pupil Free Day, staff will be attending a SW Regional Conference. School will resume on Tuesday 11th October.

Please keep in your prayers: Condolences to Ned Miller (Y5Go) and his family on the recent passing of both Ned’s grandmother and great grandmother. Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

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

VISION STATEMENT
The school is Catholic and therefore the vision is based on the Gospel Values.
Our motto is SPIRIT, PEACE & WISDOM and we try to encompass this in all that we do.

Thought for the Week:
One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.

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

Coming Home:
**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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**Did you know that...?**

- **Matthew Carr** competed on Sunday at the WA State titles for GKR Karate and was successful in gaining himself a Silver medal.
- **Abel B (PPGO)** is able to identify the flags belonging to Japan, Canada, Australia, Jamaica, England and Philippines.
- Its Netball Grand Finals week – Good luck ladies!
- Some Big new additions to YR6 this week – Come to Learning Journey to meet them!
- **MasterChef Cookbook** is now on sale for $5 from Y6. Great Christmas Present, Please support our cause.
- **Mrs Messineo** was serenaded by the YR4 Choir angels singing!
- **Thomas B and Riley T (YR3GR)** are the first Mini-Lit group to complete 20 lessons, equating to 232 pages, this term. Their Mini-Lit teacher, Mrs Lynch, is very proud of their efforts. Well done, Thomas and Riley.
MERIT AWARDS

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RELIGION

Whole School Mass – Thursday 22nd September

Next Thursday, 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 memorial 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 Date - 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.

Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal

Carnival dates are the 13th and 14th of October (Thursday and Friday of week 1, term 4).

If you have not returned your carnival forms please do so ASAP. Without these forms your child/ren will be unable to attend the carnival.

NEWS FROM MR HOLBROOK

A very big thank you to our mini grounds people for their efforts in assisting to prepare for our 60th Anniversary Celebrations. Their community service was very much appreciated.
In Year 2 Gold this week, we have been investigating ‘Spring’. As a class we walked around the school grounds to search for signs of Spring-time and new life.

We observed flower buds on the rose bushes and fruit on the lemon tree. In class, we were excited to see how much the bean seedlings had grown and we noticed the roots growing into the soil. Next week, we will measure and record the growth of our seedlings. We are still waiting for our sweet potato to start growing and cannot wait to see how long the vine will end up growing!

We have also really enjoyed doing different jigsaw puzzles together, even though we have found them to be very challenging.
Raffle tickets are now on sale for our 60th Anniversary special raffle! Tickets can be purchased from the front office. Tickets will be sold for $5 each and will go beautifully with the wine that is on sale on Saturday.

**Merchandise for sale on Saturday**
- Pens - $1
- Fridge magnets - $1
- Key rings - $5
- Wine - $15

Bebras is an international student challenge whose goal is to promote computational thinking for students in years 3-12. Bebras is aligned with and supports information and communication technology curricula across Australia. Bebras Australia is run by NICTA under the Digital Careers program, funded by the Australian Government. It’s a great way to get students interested and participating in information and communication technology (ICT) which could lead to an interest in pursuing a career in the exciting ICT industry! We opened this competition up to all Year 5 students this year.

Well done to David Roche - 5 Gold, who achieved a massive 129/135 points and topped the St Vincent’s charts.

Also participating with excellent results from YS were:
- Ian Lewis and Ethan Sergeant 126pts
- Michael Rosales 72pts
- Madison Cromb & Brianne Reyes 48pts

Well done to you all!

Mrs Matheson

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**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Hello and Welcome to all Families and Friends of OSHCLUB.

The term seems to have flashed past by our eyes and the holidays are nearing. The OSHClub team members are looking forward to the arrival of the students participating in the holiday program. We have many new activities for the children to explore and enjoy their time at OSH (All programs can be viewed as per attached Holiday Program Planner). Just a reminder, please do not forget your hat, sunscreen, comfortable clothes and closed shoes (no crocs or thongs). Keep in mind that our centre is nut-free. Please ensure to bring a refillable drink bottle, morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch. Please confirm your bookings before it’s filled up. Thank you.

**Reminders:- Bookings**

Please note that we are getting very busy in the morning and afternoon sessions on all days during the week. Please provide us much notice as possible for casual bookings to ensure that we meet our regulatory requirements of Staff/Child ratios. Casual bookings incur an extra charge so please try to book online as far in advance as you can. If your child has not attended school for the day or been picked up from the school please text 0428744575 (Thila) or email oshclub.stvincents@gmail.com to inform us about the absence. Please include your child’s full name and year level.

Thank you for the parents who currently have been doing this. Well done.

**OSHC program phone:** 0428744575
**Coordinator:** Thilagam Ratenam or Thila
**Assistants:** Laura McNab
**OSHCHead Office:** 03 85649000

*All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au) all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.*