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

60th Anniversary: Last Saturday’s 60th Anniversary Mass was a celebration of the past, present and future times of St Vincent’s School. The day was a culmination of dedicated work by many people, who worked together for the good of our beloved school. As the principal of St Vincent’s School, I was deeply humbled and very appreciative of your efforts and support.

Special thanks to;

• Fr Marlon and Fr Brennan for leading the beautiful Mass and to Fr Marlon for negotiating the loan of the 1st Class Relic of St Vincent de Paul for our celebration. Fr Daniel is currently interstate, he had our community in his prayers.
• The P&F for their generous gift to the School; a Family Tree depicting every member of our 2016 school community. Please take the time to appreciate it, it’s located by the school office. Thank you to the group of parents who organised and put up the display.
• The students and all staff for their efforts towards ensuring today was a success. The staff gave countless hours towards ensuring the day’s success.
• The volunteers of our extended school family, who generously gave their time and expertise towards the day. We are very grateful to you all.
• The 60th Anniversary Committee; Alicia Paparella, Sue Walker, Natalie Lynch, Simone Roper, Natasha De Franca, Liz Lazzara, Julie Brabin, Christine Scanlan, Katherine Johnson, Yvette Gaffney, Moira Howard, Kirsty Byrne and Helene Iriks.
• Natalie Lynch, Lisa Johnson and their mum, Jill Watkins for baking over 300 delicious scones for the Devonshire Tea.
• The parents and friends who worked at the sausage sizzle, ensuring everyone was well fed.

At St Vincent’s School we have always prided ourselves on the family and community atmosphere that permeates throughout our school - past, present and future. We always acknowledge parents as the first educators of their children. The staff have always appreciated, understood and respected the great trust parents have placed, and continue to place in them, to build upon the education of their children. We have been blessed to have a supportive and enthusiastic Parents and Friends Association (P&F) and School Board throughout our past, in our present and into the future.

Like the principals before me, I am honoured to be the Principal of St Vincent’s School Parmelia. The dedication and commitment displayed throughout the years by all who have been a part of St Vincent’s School is very present in current times and, I believe, will continue to be a feature of our school well into the future.

The staff and students worked hard to present their work this year and to set up displays commemorating the six decades of our school. Each Learning Block took on a decade in our school’s history. The library had a display of buildings past and present, across the two different campuses - both this campus and the Pace Road campus.

The Hall had a display of uniforms. There was Devonshire Tea in the Hall and a sausage sizzle outside the library, both of which were hits with all attending; many thanks to the people who worked hard to ensure our visitors were well fed and welcomed with a smile. We had anniversary souvenirs and raffle tickets for purchase. Please note; there are still some souvenirs available for purchase from the school office.

Staffing: Miss Reynolds will finish at our school this week. Miss Reynolds has been a wonderful member of staff as she replaced Miss Van Ryt for the last three weeks. PP Green has loved having Miss Reynolds in their class. Miss Van Ryt will return next term “bright eyed and bushy tailed” after her overseas adventure. Best wishes to Miss Tandy who completes her final practicum at our school this week. Year 3 Green has enjoyed having Miss Tandy in their class. We wish Miss Tandy every success as she completes her teaching degree and enters the world of education.

Thank you to Mrs Forrest for taking on Mrs Byrne’s teaching days whilst Mrs Byrne took on both Assistant Principal roles during Mr Blake’s leave. Thank you to Mrs Byrne, she did a ‘splendiferous’ job and kept me in check. Mr Blake will return “bright eyed and bushy tailed” next term.
Congratulations to Leanne, Michael and Noah Holcombe on the birth of their baby daughter and sister on Tuesday 20 September. Mother and daughter are well and very happy.

Pupil Free Days: Remember tomorrow Friday 23rd September and Monday 10th October, the first day of Term 4, are Pupil Free Days. Term 4 will commence on Tuesday 11th October.

Holidays: Thank you to all members of St Vincent’s School, particularly the students and staff, for a wonderful term. It’s has been a super busy term, full of many achievements and milestones on both personal and community levels. Have a ‘fantabulous’ two week holiday. Enjoy time with your family and friends; look after each other and yourselves. I look forward to welcoming you all back next term, “bright eyed and bushy tailed”.

God Bless … Karmela Messineo … Principal

Winner of the 60th Anniversary raffle is Andrew Racunica

Spirit – Peace - Wisdom

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**P & F NEWS – Term 3, Week 10 2016**

**P & F Committee**

**DISCO TIME FRIDAY 13th OCTOBER**

A note has come home today for our last disco for the year. Pizza order forms are due back on Thursday 13th October. We will let you know what our theme will be the first week back.

HAVE A SAFE HOLIDAY AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT.

Thank you so much

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**Did you know that…?**

- Miss Van Ryt visited Mexico recently.
- Mr Blake’s office currently looks like the “spare room”.
- The Barjaktarevic Family currently predicted Mrs Messineo would be wearing flats on Wednesday.
- Mrs Byrne has missed her Year 2 Gold teaching days.
- Mrs N. Lynch made delicious shortbreads biscuits for the staff on Monday. They were a big hit and much appreciated.
- Miss Newman rescued a super cute puppy last week. It looks like the puppy will be going to Mr Holbrook’s family.
- Next term there are only 9 weeks in the term!

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**Thought for the Week:**

Great opportunities to help others seldom come, but small ones surround us everyday.

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

Mother Teresa

**Coming Home:**

Disco Note
MERIT AWARDS

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Merit Award week 8  Year 3 Gold - Tahlia Calder  Year 3 Green - Sabina Britto

RELIGION

Thanksgiving Mass
Today, our Year 2 and Year 4 classes led the school in a beautiful Thanksgiving Mass, commemorating the memorial of our patron saint, Saint Vincent de Paul. Our Year 4 choir led the singing in true St. Vincent’s style and we were in awe of our liturgical dances who danced prayerfully for our Communion reflection. Thank you to Mrs Johnson, Miss Paparella and Mrs Barjaktarevic for their exceptional preparation of the choir both on Saturday and today and Ms Scanlan for choreographing the Liturgical Movement. Thank you to Mrs Matheson and Mrs De Franca for their coordination of the choir on Saturday. A job well done ladies!

Whole School Opening Term Mass – Wednesday 12th October
On Wednesday 12th October, we will celebrate our Opening Term Mass at 11:30am in the Church. Students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be attending. We hope you will be able to celebrate with us!

Sacramental Date - 2016
Reconciliation (Year 3) – Tuesday 15th November at 6pm

ADMN
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. Currently we have 23 followers!

Pirate Dress Up Day
“Ahoy there me hearties!” On Monday, we enjoyed “International Talk Like A Pirate Day” as a school community. There were lots of shenanigans and “argh-ing” throughout the day and both students and staff had a lot of fun! We were really impressed by the donations of buttons, which were received, with a total of 5620 buttons! Thank you all for your support.

Here is a message we received from Bialik Primary School for our donations:

What wonderful support from St. Vincent’s School in Parmelia! Today they held their “International Talk Like A Pirate Day”. Staff and students dressed as pirates and for the privilege of doing so, each staff member and student brought in a donation of buttons. So far St. Vincent’s have collected 5234 buttons for our Button Project. They wrote to us, saying: “We offer you our prayers and our buttons, may you accomplish your goal. We are proud to contribute towards your button project, for we too believe every child who lost their life deserves to be represented and remembered. St. Vincent’s School Parmelia remembers.” We are humbled and touched by your remarkable show of solidarity. Thank you St Vincent’s!

Kirsty Byrne – Assistant Principal