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

Parent Information Meetings: Thank you to the parents who attended our parent information meetings last Monday. During my address I reminded parents and staff about the importance of establishing positive relationships between home and school. Parents are the first and ultimate educators of their children; staff recognise and respect this fact. All staff at St Vincent’s are dedicated towards the education and development of the whole child, where every child is seen as precious and deserving of respect. Parents, if you’re unsure about something, please see the teacher. This is very important towards establishing and maintaining a positive and mutually respectful home/school relationship. It is my observation that every child at St Vincent’s is a much loved member of someone’s family, additionally every child is a valued member of our school community. When we work together, our children gain the greatest benefit. If you missed the parent information meeting, please contact your child’s class teacher to see if they have an information booklet for you.

Morning Drop Off: I have noted some children are arriving to school earlier than 8.10am and not attending the OSHClub morning session. Please note, staff are on duty from 8.20am and ideally students should not be at school before 8.10am, for safety reasons. We are fortunate to have OSHClub on site, you are welcome to contact them to arrange your children to join the morning session, if there is a need for your child to be at school before 8.10am.

Playgrounds after hours: Unfortunately our Kindy playground was found damaged after the parent information meetings on Monday evening. Play equipment was pulled out of the ground and name cards were pulled off the Kindy walls. Parents, I respectfully ask you to keep an eye on your children at all times.

Swimming: Today marks the end of the swimming lessons for Yrs 3 to 6. Next week swimming lessons for our PP to Yr 2 students start. Swimming lessons are a good opportunity for parents to help support staff by reminding their children of the importance of listening carefully to instructions, particularly within a water environment, ensuring the safety of self and others.

PP Playground: I am keen to have our PP playground completed. It has the basic building blocks in place but needs a bit of sparkle to ‘tizz it up’. If there is anyone in our school community who can help towards completing the PP playground, please leave your name with the office staff. If you have particular skills or contacts that can be of help, please let the office staff know when you leave your name.

Dress in Red Day: Students and staff are invited to dress in red on Wednesday 16th March for a gold coin donation. All money collected will be gifted to the Waroona Lions Club for the farmers in Waroona. As a result of the recent bushfires in and around Waroona, many farmers have lost fencing and livestock. The Waroona Lions Club has set up a group to help re-fence the many kilometres of fencing lost. Our donation will go directly towards helping with the fencing effort. Amongst the community members within my former school community, St Joseph’s, there are many farmers and I know they’d be greatly appreciative of our efforts to help with re-fencing.

Making Jesus Real (MJR): This week we are encouraged to wave as we greet people. MJR Conference - Mrs Brechany (Y6), Mrs Matheson (YSGo) and Mrs De Franca (YSGr) are attending the MJR Conference in Hobart. Upon their return they will be working with all staff to help MJR become very much a part of our school culture. In the near future there will be a parent information session, and where possible I encourage parents to attend.

God Moments - During any given day our attention can be taken up by things that make us sad, angry or frustrated. To the extent that we miss the many ‘God Moments’ in our day. There are constant acts of goodness that go unnoticed in our daily lives. When we; notice a beautiful sunset; admire the beauty of a flower; feel good when someone helps us; look with love into the faces of our children... we experience ‘God Moments’.

My challenge – each day reflect, where was God in your life today? Where was there a ‘God Moment’? For even one ‘God Moment’ reminds us God is with us, and when God is with us there is always hope.

Congratulations to the Bake family on the safe arrival of their baby son, Theodore, brother to Gabriella (Y3 GO) and Sebastian (PP GR).

Kind regards, God Bless … Karmela Messineo … Principal

Spirit – Peace - Wisdom

Thought for the Week:
It only takes a split second to smile and forget, yet to someone that needed it, it can last a lifetime. We should all smile more often (Steve Maraboli)

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

Coming Home:
• OSH Club flyer
**P & F News – Term 1 Week 4 2016**

**Welcome Family Fun Night:** The P&F wish to invite all of our families and staff to come along on Friday the 1st April from 5pm to 6.30pm to the P&F Family Fun night. Pack a picnic, bring your whole family and enjoy a night of relaxed fun for everyone. We will have carnival games (gold coin donation), fairy floss (gold coin donation), lucky dips, small canteen selling drinks, lollies, and icy-poles, raffles, and more. All proceeds from the night will be donated to the Farmers of Waroona, who sadly have suffered so much from the fires. Please come along from 5pm and head to the oval. We hope to see you there to enjoy a fun night. Please note that no alcohol may be consumed on school grounds. Thank you so much.

**Volunteer for your P&F:** Thank you to everyone who has completed and returned the form sent home last week. We will be in touch over the year to call on your generosity of your time. The overwhelming response motivates us to continue our hard work throughout the year.

**School Banking:** School banking is on Wednesday morning from 8.10am-8.30am sharp. Please make certain you complete deposit slips in full including child’s name, student number, and banking amount. The volunteers are not able to complete on your child’s behalf unfortunately, so to avoid disappointment please complete. There some special rewards this year for our super savers so keep an eye out. Every time your child makes a deposit they go into the draw to win a prize. We will soon have a sign up day where parents can come and register their child for school banking. We will keep you posted on the date.

**Account Opening Day – 4th March:** If you wish to open an account for your child come and see the School Banking Staff before and after assembly. Don’t forget your driver’s licence and a birth certificate if your child does not attend St Vincent’s.

**OUR NEXT P&F MEETING IS ON WEDNESDAY 16**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Welcome Family Night, Easter Raffle, P&F Meeting

Thank you for your continued support.

President Tamara Nzima
Vice President Katie Sullivan
Secretary Katie Waudby
Treasurer Jane Frank
Pastoral Care Michelle Barjaktarevic

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**Canteen:** The Canteen is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

New menu has been sent out and copies are available from the School Office. Lisa.

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

**School Fee Statements** have been emailed out to parents. If you have not received your statement please contact the School Office as a matter of urgency.

Thank you.

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**RELIGION**

**Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting – Tuesday 8th March:** The Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th March from 3:30pm in the School Hall. It is important that a parent attends this meeting as an outline of this term’s Sacramental Program for Holy Communion will be explained and notes for enrolment will be distributed. The first Holy Communion class will be on Tuesday 15th March from 3:30 - 4:15 pm.

**Holy Communion Commitment Masses – Saturday 12th or Sunday 13th March:** Year 4 parents please note that the Holy Communion Commitment Masses will be held on the weekend of Saturday 12th (6pm Mass) and Sunday 13th March (9:30am Mass). It is essential that all preparing communicants attend one of the Masses with their parents and hand in their enrolment form at the Mass.

**Sacramental Dates 2016**
- Holy Communion (Year 4) – Sunday 12th June at 11:30am
- Confirmation (Year 6) – Saturday 20th August at 6pm
- Reconciliation (Year 3) – Tuesday 15th November at 6pm

**Project Compassion:** Your donations and generosity towards Caritas Australia will help to change the lives of others. Thank you to the families who have handed in their donations to the front office already. You are welcome to return your families Project Compassion box to the school office at anytime before the end of the term. If you would like another Project Compassion box please ask one of our friendly staff at the office. We thank you for your generosity.

**Hum Noy’s Life Changing Story – Laos:** Duangmala wished for a bright future for her eight-year-old son, Hum Noy, who has Down Syndrome. However, she feared he would remain isolated and never reach his full potential due to a lack of support services for children living with intellectual disabilities in Laos.

Thankfully, everything changed when Duangmala and Hum Noy were introduced to the Intellectual Disabilities Unit, which was set up by the Lao Disabled People’s Association with the support of Caritas Australia. This specialised school provides learning support and nurturing care to 50 children with intellectual disabilities in the Laos capital, Vientiane.

Since starting school, Hum Noy’s behaviour and abilities have changed remarkably. He is no longer isolated, lonely or frustrated, and his communication skills have advanced quickly. “Hum Noy is learning how to follow instructions and say the names of his teachers and friends,” says Duangmala proudly. “He likes to draw, play instruments, and when they do aerobics he joins in!” The program has also opened new opportunities for Duangmala, who received training to become a teacher at Hum Noy’s school. Now, she is hopeful that her son and his classmates can lead more prosperous, fulfilling lives. “It’s important to use our knowledge to help our children grow and develop, she says. “We are lucky to have this program.”

**ADMIN**

**SEMESTER ONE – FACTION CAPTAINS**

Congratulations to the following Year 6 students who were elected by their peers to be St Vincent’s Faction Captains for Semester One 2016.

- De Paul (Green) - Deegan Kosovich and Claudia Roberts
- MacKillop (Blue) - Ethan Smith and Julia Mott
- De Vialar (Red) - Jacob Breznansky and Jodie Spence
- Harper (Gold) - Gabriele Rizzo and Aura Thomson
SWIMMING LESSONS FOR JUNIOR PRIMARIES:
Pre-Primary  1.15pm
Year 1      2.00pm
Year 2      2.30pm

On Sunday 21 February, a number of students and their parents participated in the ROTARY CLUB OF KWINANA’S SWIMARATHON, together with other members of the community. The event was organised to raise funds for Rotary International’s major polio eradication effort. With 69 swimmers participating, a total of 31.65km was swum between 11.30am-12.30pm, and over $3000 raised.

Congratulations to Olivia Barjaktarevic, Nadia Barjaktarevic, Bianca Barjaktarevic, Dean Barjaktarevic, and mum Michelle Barjaktarevic; Owen Iriks, Isla Iriks, younger brothers Abel and Evan Iriks, and dad Gareth Iriks; Matthew Carr and parents Genevieve and Damian Carr; Oscar Johnston and mum Melanie Johnston; Madison Ierino; Esay Ghebreab, Niyat Ghebreab, Sesan Ghebreab; Luke Buchanan, Alicia Buchanan, Bradley Buchanan, and mum Michelle Buchanan; Tahlia Cappeluti, Emily Cappeluti; Bethany Blogg, Michaela Blogg; Cassandra Miller, Jasmine Miller, and mum, Tammy Miller.

MAGAZINES: The Year Ones would love old magazines that can be cut up for different activities. If you have any magazines like Donna Hay, Better Homes and Gardens, Australian Women’s weekly, New Idea or Woman’s Day magazines that you no longer need, we would love to have them. There will be a box located outside the Year One class to put old magazines in. Thank you.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

JOHN XXIII COLLEGE OPEN DAY SATURDAY 12 MARCH, 9:00am TO 12:00pm.
Come and see for yourself what these young people already know about John XXIII College. Students will proudly tell you about the facilities, programs and opportunities which exist at this very successful Catholic, co-educational college. Tours every half hour from 9:00 to 11:30am. For enrolment enquiries please call (08) 9383 0400 or visit www.johnxxiii.edu.au.

Mercedes College celebrates 170 Years of quality education in the Mercy tradition.
To register please go to: www.mercedes.wa.edu.au/openday. OPEN DAY – 14th March (Monday) from 9.30 – 11.30am. Telephone 93231323 or visit www.mercedes.wa.edu.au.

KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE are holding an OPEN DAY on Wednesday 9th March at 4pm. Students will showcase their outstanding facilities and the many activities on offer at Kolbe. Registration is essential. Please visit their website: www.kolbe.wa.edu.au. RSVP by Thursday 3rd March 2016.

Year 7 2017 and 2018 Academic Scholarships. Applications, please visit their website: www.kolbe.wa.edu.au or telephone 9592 1500 for more information. They are currently holding interviews for entry into Year 7, 2018. Registration closes 9am on 11th March 2016.

BOGAN BINGO – 1st April from 7pm – 10pm at Ken Jackman Hall (Darius Wells Library & Resource Centre). Fundraising for an assistance dog for Kenahdy (aged 5) who has severe hypoglycemia. For more information check out Kenahdy’s Journey Bogan Bingo on Facebook. Follow Kenahdy’s Journey on Facebook at Kenahdy’s Journey.

Did you know that…?
- Mrs Chapman, our Finance Officer, also works at Salvado College? We’re so lucky to have Mrs Chapman in our school.
- Mrs Howard is delighted to back with us? She even said she missed us. We certainly missed her and are happy to have her back.
- Owen I (Y4Gr) has sensational manners? He thanked Mrs Messineo personally when he was awarded his recent merit award.
- Sandra (Y6), Teddy (Y3Go) and Nelly (KGo) Kurubone have a big brother called Elvis? Mrs Messineo taught him when he was in Year 6 at Our Lady Of Fatima School. Coincidentally, Aura (Y6) and Callum (Y4Go) Thomson’s mum was in Mrs Messineo’s Year 7 class at Assumption.
- Year 2’s had some special guest speakers teaching them about the history of our school?
- Swimming lessons for Years 3-6 finish tomorrow? PP – Year 2 start next week.
- Only 31 days to Easter?