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Dear Parents and Carers,

They're Off!

What a busy, action-packed, intensive learning and training week it has been, and will be, for our Year 6 students this week. Firstly, they have all completed two days of intensive training to become qualified Peer Support Group Leaders. We very much look forward to their contribution to our very successful Peer Support Program during Terms 2 & 3 and I'm sure it will be a very positive, helpful, creative and supportive contribution. This morning we waved them off, as they headed off to camp for the next 3 days. Year 6 Camp is always a perennial favourite amongst Year 6 students and this year will be no different. I'm sure they're all going to be tired, exhausted and full of wonderful stories when they return on Friday afternoon.

It never really matters what activities are planned, how the weather turns out or if the toast is burnt each morning, it all adds to the sense of adventure and shared experiences that they really enjoy. School camps provide an opportunity for children to show other talents, abilities and aspects of their personalities, that you just never get the opportunity to see or experience at school. Whilst they are incredibly demanding of staff in terms of duty of care, supervision and involvement in activities, as a classroom teacher I always found them to be incredibly rewarding in terms of observing the relationships and interactions between students and also between students and myself. You really do get to see and experience another side of their personalities and the overall camp experience can be the absolute best bonding and team-building experience ever - that sets both classes up for a really terrific year at school.

I'm sure that all our staff and parents and carers will join with me in wishing the students and staff a very enjoyable, memorable and safe time on camp. For the children, we pray that their camp experience is all that they wished for and one that they will have fond memories of for the rest of their lives.

Capital Development Plan (CDP) Update

Since our Board Chair, Mr Chris Willesee, officially announced our successful funding application for our new Early Childhood Centre at the ACM last November, there has been a lot of preliminary work happening behind the scenes. To bring you up to date, this is a brief summary of some of the work and processes that have been taking place:

- Our architect, Dani Martin from EIW Architects, has been working on the development of detailed plans in consultation with myself.
- The quantity surveyors have been developing detailed project costings.
- Engineering, electrical, hydraulics, mechanical and landscaping consultants have been engaged to do preliminary project scope work and have been on-site.

- Consultants have drilled holes in the oval to test soil density, compaction and other technical aspects for the site preparations
- Power demands and availability were reviewed in consultation with Western Power
- EIW submitted a Development Application with the City of Canning and we are currently working through the approval process with them.
- Expressions of Interest documentation has been developed and was advertised in the West Australian on 20 February.

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Thurs 3 March	Year 6 Camp WIZE Therapy Kindy Screenings
Fri 4 March	Year 6 return from Camp
Mon 7 March	Labour Day Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 8 March	Pupil Free Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed 9 March	9.00am Whole School Mass (4.1)
Thurs 10 March	School Tour 9.30am Camp Quality Incursion PP – Yr 6
Fri 11 March	Swimming Carnival – Yr 3 AM only Year 4-6 all day
Sun 13 March	9.00am Family Mass

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- Internal and external colour selections have been discussed in meetings with Dani Martin.
 - As soon as we receive Development Application approval from the City of Canning, we will proceed to advertise and put the project out to tender.

So, as you can see, there has been a lot of work and planning happening over the school holiday break. Delays with our Development Application Approval are threatening our original timeline of having the whole project completed and ready for the start of the school year next year. We are still hopeful that with some tweaking of other aspects of the timeline, we will still be able to finish the project on time.

School Tours

As you may have noticed in your local newspaper, the Canning Times, we have been advertising two upcoming dates for **School Tours**, on **Thursday 10 March at 9.30am and Friday 18 March at 1.30pm**. The idea of these School Tour days is to enable potential new families with young children ready to start Kindy next year or the year after, to come along and find out more about our school. The tour comprises an information session in the Library, followed by a tour of the school and finishes with some light refreshments back in the Library where parents can ask questions and also book a date and time for an enrolment interview.

If you know of any friends, neighbours, relations or work colleagues who might be considering enrolling their child here at Queenies, then please let them know about these School Tour dates, so they don't miss this valuable opportunity. Remember, we really do depend on the help and support of you, our current families, to help promote and attract the next generation of new families to our school. Solid enrolment numbers means a stable budget, which in turn means reduced pressure on large school fee increases for all families!

Sibling Enrolments

Whilst on the subject of new enrolments, if you have a child who is due to start Kindy in 2017 I urge you to submit your application now. Please don't wait until the end of the year, as interviews for new families will have been completed and Kindy positions offered by then. Applications for sibling enrolments are always accepted, however, if we don't know you have a sibling to enrol, we can't hold a place for them. Application forms are available from the website or from the school office.

School Uniform Reminder

It is now just over 12 months since we introduced the faction-coloured sports shirt with the school logo on it. As with any change of uniform there has to be a period of "transition" from the old to the new. Generally, with uniform changes we allow 2 years for children to grow out of, or simply wear out, their existing item before insisting on parents purchasing the new item. So this means that from the start of next year we would be expecting all children, with the possible exception of some Year 6 students, to be wearing the new faction-coloured sports shirt with the school logo.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Pupil Free Day & OSH Club

A final reminder to all parents and carers that next Tuesday is a pupil-free day, which means that the children have a 4 day long weekend. Staff will be busily engaged in professional learning to do with the new HASS (History and Social Sciences) Curriculum.

I'm pleased to say that bookings for OSH Club for the Tuesday have been solid enough to have the service run for the full day, from 7.00am through to 6.00pm. If you have not booked yet, then please do so ASAP. Bookings cannot be accepted on the day, due to staffing ratios.

Peace and best wishes,

Shaun O'Neill
Principal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Project Compassion



This term our focus at Queen of Apostles is **Compassion**. One way we can show compassion is through the support of programs such as Caritas Australia's **Project Compassion Appeal**. Each year, Lent offers us the opportunity to share what we have with those who have less. This year's theme is 'Learning More Creating Change'. As Pope Francis says "Education is an act of hope", so this year Project Compassion celebrates the power of learning, and the many ways in which Caritas Australia is working with local partners around the world to provide vital learning and renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice. With your support, Caritas Australia is working hard to support communities living in poverty to help people to help themselves.

Each family has been sent home a box that can be filled with loose change, spare pocket money or donations. We encourage families to fill this box over the Lenten period and donate to help not only people within Australia, but also those struggling in other countries. These boxes will later be collected and forwarded onto Caritas Australia so they can help people both in Australia and other countries of the world.



Week Three Dominic's story - Papua New Guinea



Creating a harmonious future

Participating in the Caritas Australia supported Community Conversations program has empowered Dominic and the people of his village to create a new way of life, far from the violence and gender inequality of the past.

Dominic (36) lives with his wife and four children in the Jiwaka Province of Papua New Guinea (PNG), where generational poverty has led to many challenges, including inequality, alcohol abuse and violence.

Dominic admits that he too faced some of these challenges. But when Caritas Australia and local partner, the Sisters of Notre Dame, established the Community Conversations program, he saw an opportunity to create change.

"I was inspired to hear of the different issues highlighted and processes used to come up with solutions," Dominic explains.

Through regular Community Conversations training sessions, Dominic learnt communication and problem-solving skills that helped him lead open, respectful community discussions in his village. By empowering everyone to voice concerns and play a role in community decisions, Dominic's village has achieved greater peace and increased respect, as well as reduced violence and alcohol abuse. Now, Dominic's community has a chance to thrive and create a better future for themselves.

"When we start to realise we have power to stand independently to change ourselves, help ourselves, we feel liberated," says Dominic. "I am most proud of the positive changes I am witnessing. I pass my big thanks and pray God will bless our supporters in Australia."

To find out more about Dominic and watch a short video about her check out the link:
<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-3-dominic>

Easter Raffle

The Social Justice Committee will be organising an Easter Raffle to help raise money for Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Each family is asked to donate one Easter Egg. Eggs can be taken to your classroom teacher, or left at the office. The Social Justice Committee will be selling raffle tickets at 50c each or 3 for \$1.00 outside the Library before school each morning.



Year 4.1 Mass

We kindly invite all family and friends to join us to celebrate a Whole School Mass next Wednesday led by our Year 4.1 class. The Year 4s will be asking us to reflect on Lent and the promises we are trying to keep during this special period. Mass will begin at 9:00am in the Church.

Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith

Assistant Principals

SCHOOL NEWS

SEQTA Engage

Next Wednesday, 9 March, all families will receive an email reminder from the school for you to access SEQTA Engage on qoa.ta.cathednet.wa.edu.au to choose your own username and password. This will allow you to reset your password and username should you ever forget it. Every family will need to go through this process to gain access to the SEQTA Engage portal. You have the option of using your current username and password or choosing something you find easier to remember. If you lose your login details, the school will no longer be able to help you and you will need to use the reset button on the website. Please note once you get the email from the school you will only have **7 days** in which to go to the site and choose your username and password.

This change has been made to help families who need two separate usernames and is an easier option if usernames or passwords are forgotten.

Please remind everyone of this change that is to occur.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will be open 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30pm – 3.30pm every Wednesday.

We still have the 'mail order' system available - the forms are on the school website if you cannot make it in to the shop.

Winter Uniform

It is officially time to sort out your winter uniform needs. The winter uniform consists of the following items:

Boys

Grey trousers
Lemon shirt
Royal blue jumper
Navy socks
Black shoes

Girls

Check skirt
Lemon blouse
Royal blue jumper
Navy socks or tights
Black shoes

Please get in early with your winter uniform order to avoid any stock problems.

Out of Stock items

None

Fiona Agostino, Uniform Shop



Hello from the School Social Worker

Learning to share can be a challenge for children, but sharing is a skill that is required for play and learning throughout childhood. It is vital for making and keeping friends and for cooperative play. It teaches about compromise, taking turns and negotiating. It assists with coping with disappointment. These are all important life skills and can be encouraged by:

- Modelling good sharing and turn-taking within the family.
 - Pointing out good sharing in others.
 - Giving lots of praise when you see a child trying to share.
 - Playing games that involve sharing and taking turns.
 - Practising at home, particularly before any playdates.
 - Initially staying close by to remind children of the importance of sharing.
 - Using consequence for those things that are not being shared.
 - Checking the rules of the game to ensure fairness especially if the game has been made up.
- (Adapted from the Raising Children Website).

Regards, **Tracy Small**

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Dear Parents
Welcome back!

The new year has greeted us with a bevy of activity and exciting new challenges. I was reminded how wonderful our parents are a few weeks ago at the Welcome Sundowner and Bush Dance. It was great to see so many members of our community enjoying themselves and listening (and some dancing) to the Mucky Duck Bush Band. I fondly remember them coming to my Primary School many years ago. Thank you to all the parents who support these events and the tireless work of the P&F for organising so many wonderful experiences for us to share with our children.

The Board has an exciting new look this year. Jason Fair has moved from Secretary to Treasurer, with Kenneth Patterson taking the role of Secretary. I would especially like to welcome our newest member Carmel Matthews whose wealth of experience will be a great asset to Queenies. Your School Board for 2016 is:

Chair	Chris Willesee
Treasurer	Jason Fair
Secretary	Kenneth Patterson
Member	Michael Cosmelli
Member	Carmel Matthews
Parish Rep	Father Paul Manickathan
Principal	Shaun O'Neill

I look forward to seeing you at the Parish Pizza and Family Bingo Night and providing you with an update as to the Capital Development Plan in the next newsletter.

Warm Regards
Chris Willesee
Chairman of the Board

P&F

The 2016 P&F Committee

President – Andrew Upfold
Vice President - Angela Goes
Secretary - Cassandra Thomas
Treasurer - Janet Lane

Committee members - Katherine Forbes, Simone Potthast, Deanne Strommen, Korina Martin, Katrina Wiedermann

We look forward to seeing some more people at the meetings every second Monday of the month, 7pm in the Library. All welcome.

A few things to put in your diary:

- ▶ Queenies Coffee Hour is on again this Thursday 3rd March 8:45am to 9:45am in the school Library. No need to RSVP, just turn up and enjoy a chat with a coffee or tea. This will take place every second Thursday in the school library. Small non-school age children are very welcome.
- ▶ We are running an Easter Raffle with prizes of beautiful hampers full of luscious goodies from Nosh. Tickets sell for \$1.00 each and a book of 10 tickets has been sent home to each family for selling. All profits go back into the school. Please return all money and tickets by 16th March.
- ▶ Save the date for the Mother's Day Afternoon Tea on Friday 6th May in the library.



Queenies Easter Raffle Drawn Tuesday 22nd March 2016

Book of 10 tickets selling for \$1.00 each ticket.
Buy a ticket for your chance to win a

“Nosh Gourmet Food & Gift Hamper”

- 1st Prize – Mega Easter Hamper rrp valued \$100
- 2nd Prize – Easter Hamper rrp valued \$50
- 3rd Prize – Easter Hamper rrp valued \$50

All profits go to the P&F for our children's school.

Tickets and money must be back to the office by Wednesday 16th March, 2016.

PLEASE RETURN MONEY AND TICKETS IN AN ENVELOPE LABELLED “EASTER RAFFLE”

QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH

QUEEN OF APOSTLES FAMILY MASS PERMISSION SLIP

Please complete the reply slip below giving permission for your son / daughter to read at **the 9am Family Mass Sunday 13th March.**

Karina Jonasson 0439 879 878
Alice Jordan-Keane 0405 386 179
Family Mass Co-ordinators

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QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH REPLY SLIP

I give permission for my child _____ of class _____ to read at **the 9am Mass on Sunday 13th March.**

Parent's signature

Date

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Queen of Apostles Social Committee

PIZZA NIGHT

on
Friday 11 March, 2016
in the
7pm Parish Hall
and followed by
FUN FAMILY BINGO

Adults \$8
Children \$5

B I N G O

2	17	32	46	63
4	20	33	50	67
6	21	★	55	69
7	23	36	58	71
8	28	43	60	73

Pizza, Tea, Coffee,
BYO drinks – Bingo no charge

Coupons (pre-paid only) available
before school **8.15—8.40am**
every Tuesday & Thursday
outside the Library from 16th February
contact Jannet on 0438 590 449
LAST DAY TICKET SALES
TUESDAY 8th MARCH

COMMUNITY NEWS



URSULA FRAYNE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

I ♥ Netball!

NETBALL CLINICS

You are invited to attend Netball Clinics to be held at Ursula Frayne Catholic College. The clinics will teach the fundamentals of the game in a fun and inclusive environment.

WHEN
Tuesday 22 March 2016
Thursday 19 May 2016
Monday 13 June 2016

TIME
3.30pm - 5.30pm

WHERE
Duncan Street Campus, Victoria Park
(enter through the gates on Teague Street)

COST
\$5.00 per participant

The sessions are open to both male and female participants and places can be booked online through Trybooking at:

<http://www.trybooking.com/KOJV>
(please type exactly as is seen above)

If you have any queries please email DeReus.Claire@cathednet.wa.edu.au

