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27th April 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back

Welcome back to all our children and families. An especially warm welcome to new families. I'm sure you will enjoy becoming part of our wonderful school community. Joining us for the first time this term are:

The Moura family – Lucas Kindy 1 and

The Bloomfield family – Megan 3.1

Second Term promises to be every bit as busy and industrious as First Term was, with so many things happening on a daily basis. I would strongly encourage parents and carers to make sure they stay informed of what's happening and coming up on the horizon via the term planner, this newsletter, the school website and our Facebook page. This is especially important as there are times when our best laid plans count for naught and we need to change dates and/or times for certain events.

A good example of this occurred yesterday when an email was sent out to all families as well as a Facebook update informing you that our Welcoming Mass to start the new term, which was to have been held this morning, has been postponed till next Tuesday 3 May at 9.00am, due to renovation work taking place in the church.

So please regularly check our website, newsletter, Facebook page and your emails to stay informed of the latest events and developments here at Queenies.

Anzac Day Ceremonies

Yesterday morning we held our ANZAC Day Commemorative Service at school in the Undercover Area. It was a very reverent, prayerful and educational service, which paid fitting tribute to the sacrifices that so many Australian men and women have made over the last century or so, in defending our country, our freedom and our way of life. I would like to thank Mr. Iannello and the students from Year 5.1 for their fantastic work in preparing and presenting our ANZAC Day Service this year. They set the tone for what was a very fitting and memorable ceremony.

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Fri 29 April	Peer Support
Sun 1 May	Pilgrimage to Holy Door at Schoenstatt Shrine
Mon 2 May	8.50am Rosary 4.1 7.00pm P&F Meeting
Tues 3 May	9.00am Whole School Mass
Wed 4 May	Assembly 1.1
Thurs 5 May	Yr 6 Schoenstatt Shrine visit
Fri 6 May	2.00pm Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Sun 8 May	9.00am Family Mass (Mother's Day)
Mon 9 May	8.50am Rosary 4.2
Tues 10 May	Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN – Language & Writing
Wed 11 May	8.50am Assembly SRC Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN - Reading 6.00pm Confirmation Parent Workshop
Thurs 12 May	Yr 3 & Yr 5 NAPLAN - Numeracy
Fri 13 May	Queenies Feast Day celebrations 9.00am Mass – 6.2

I would also like to acknowledge the attendance and participation of some of our others students at the City of Canning ANZAC Day Service held on Monday morning at the new Canning ANZAC Centenary War Memorial. Charlotte Brown (Year 6.2) and Caitlyn Foy (Year 6.1) braved the inclement weather to represent our school and march alongside children from other schools in the area. Our school was also represented with Jack Lilley, Joshua Pendleton (Year 6.1) and Darcy Brown (Year 2.2) marching as part of the Riverton Scouts. Charlotte and Caitlyn later showed great reverence and poise in laying a wreath, on behalf of our school, at the War Memorial as part of the ceremony. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Ellen Beemster for organising the wreath and the students who represented our school at the ceremony.



Capital Development Plan Update

It is with a great sense of relief and excitement that I can announce that the tender process for Stage 6 of our Capital Development Plan has been completed and that McCorkell Constructions have been awarded the tender to build our new Early Learning Centre. Documents are being processed, contracts are being signed and a Building Permit Application is being submitted to the City of Canning. It is now “all systems go” and we expect to have workmen on site within the next two weeks.

The commencement of the actual building work will mean some adjustments and of course some unavoidable inconvenience and disruption for staff, students and parents. Here are some of the key things to be aware of:

- Construction work will commence in early May and not be completed till mid-January 2017
- The whole of the Main Oval will be fenced off and become a building site, with no access by staff, students or parents.
- Site fencing will run along the edge of the oval veranda, to block access via the steps or ramp. Children, parents and staff will still be able to access the veranda from the car park through to OSH Club and the Undercover Area.
- The builders will endeavour, as much as possible, to schedule the delivery of materials and equipment on-site before school or after school, so as to minimize the disruption to traffic flow and parent access. Having said that, there will definitely be times throughout the remainder of the year where the building work will cause disruption and inconvenience at drop-off and pick-up times. We all need to be mindful that it is impossible to undertake and complete a project of this size and scope without some disruption to the normal operation of our school. We all need to be extra patient and understanding and perhaps keep in mind that putting up with some short-term pain will be more than compensated by the long-term gain from having a wonderful new Kindy and Pre-Primary centre.
- Part of this project will also include extensive changes to the front car park and drive-through in Tribute Street. Not only will there be a new entrance to the car park and drive-through, with separate parking and drive-through sections, but there will be the construction of a new veranda and steps along the front of the existing building, which will allow children to wait undercover and be picked-up on the passenger side at the curb, with 4-5 vehicles at once being able to drop-off or pick-up with increased safety.
- We are hoping to schedule the car park work to occur during the Christmas holidays, to minimise disruption to parent traffic flow and access. However, construction of the new veranda will cause disruption to parking and traffic flow during the year. Again, this is unavoidable and we ask for your patience, tolerance and understanding during this period.

New School Website

If you haven't already noticed, I would like to make all our parents and carers aware that we have our new school website up and running. The new site actually went live right at the end of last term, so we've used the holiday period to do some trialling and checking to ensure it is all operating correctly. I'm very excited about our new website, as it is a significant improvement over the old one and I'm certain that parents, carers and the wider community will find it a much more “user-friendly” environment to navigate around and find what you're looking for.

If you haven't seen it yet, I would encourage you to find half an hour to sit down and have a look through the various sections and pages. I'm also excited because this new website more accurately reflects to the outside world our school as being a place dedicated to being caring, supportive and inclusive, while striving for excellence in all we do.

Mercy Care - No Interest Loans!

Many of you will already be aware of the Mercy Religious Order through their long and proud history of ministering to the needs of people through their involvement in establishing and maintaining many Catholic schools, hospitals, aged-care facilities and other associated charities and care programs. MercyCare has become a recognised brand name in providing quality health and aged-care services and facilities, always with a predisposition to offering help to those most vulnerable and in need.



MercyCare is now extending their range of services to offer financial support to families who are perhaps finding themselves challenged financially by the economic downturn. To assist families in tough financial circumstances MercyCare has established MercyCare Lending Services. MercyCare Lending Services will provide loans aimed to help families cope with the burden of education costs, health costs and household expenses. Loans range from \$100 to \$1,200 with repayment terms between 6 and 18 months. MercyCare is looking to provide a zero-cost alternative to families who sometimes find themselves at the mercy of “payday lenders” and short-term money lenders that charge a fortune in interest rates and charges.

Please see the attached flyer with contact details for MercyCare Lending Services.

New Faces on Staff

Some of you may be wondering about the new faces you’ve noticed around the school at the start of this term. One aspect of our very multi-faceted role as a Catholic Primary school is to help train and prepare the next generation of teachers, so they will be well equipped and familiar with the ethos and culture of Catholic schooling, in order to take up teaching positions in our schools.

We currently have 5 young people completing teaching practicums in our school as part of their undergraduate teacher training. They are as follows:

- Mr. Peter Sinagra in Miss Messer’s Year 1.1 class.
- Mr. Kane Tomasevich is working with Mr. Bridgeman doing Physical Education and also in Mrs Boronovskis’ Year 6.2 class.
- Miss Carly Colalillo is in Mrs Minchinton’s PP.1 class
- Mr. Alexander Caldera is completing his final internship in Mrs. Maloney’s Year 6.1 class.
- Miss Beverley Kim has already been here last term for 3 Wednesdays and will complete two more Wednesdays followed by a solid 4 week block in Ms Lesque’s Year 3.2 class.

I’m sure you will all make these young aspiring teachers feel most welcome as part of the “Queenies Community” and we wish them all the best in their work with us over the next few weeks or months as the case may be.

Going On Holidays?

Following a recent Federal Government Post Remuneration Audit conducted here at school, it has become apparent that we need to slightly modify some of our current administrative practices, in order to be more fully compliant. Given that historically education has been largely a state responsibility, there are numerous areas and aspects of administration that vary from state to state.

One such aspect concerns parents taking their children out of school for a family holiday. In the eastern states it has been a requirement for some time now that parents must apply in writing to the Principal for written permission to take their child out of school. If that family holiday means that the child/ren will be absent during a student attendance audit period, the Principal has to apply to the Federal Education Minister’s Office for an exemption to include those children in their census data. Without that exemption being granted, the school will lose thousands of dollars in government funding come audit time. As you can well imagine, we cannot afford to lose thousands of dollars out of our budget for the sake of a bit of paperwork.

I would therefore request that from this point forward, any parent or carer planning to take their child/ren out of school for more than one week needs to write a letter to me four (4) weeks prior to their planned absence seeking permission to do so and including the dates the child/ren will be absent. I will write back to you granting permission and then apply to the minister for the required exemption. You go on your holiday and we don’t lose any money! Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Requests for Documentation - Why?

This issue is closely related to the one above. It would appear that while we have adequate records and information regarding birth records, citizenship and visa information for our students, we do not currently have the same level of detail for all of our parents. If you have not already received an email request from Mrs. Healey

for additional documentation to be brought in so we can sight it and photocopy it for our records, you may in the near future.

Again, this is to ensure we comply with all Federal Government audit requirements, as we do not want to risk any loss of funding. There is also an issue with some children's birth certificates, as many parents have paid the bit extra for the more decorative birth certificate, as compared to the more routine standard birth certificate. Unfortunately the more decorative birth certificates that feature colourful hand or foot prints of babies around the border do not fully comply with Federal Government requirements as they do not state the sex of the child. Therefore, some of you may have already, or in the near future, receive a request from Mrs. Healey to obtain a new standard birth certificate that states the child's sex. I appreciate the inconvenience that this will cause some parents, however, once again we do not want to risk thousands of dollars in funding simply because a piece of paperwork is not compliant.

Your cooperation in these matters will be greatly appreciated and help us to keep our budget balanced and out of the red.

Term 2 Dates to Remember

Thursday 19 May	Pupil Free Day - Staff Professional Development
Friday 20 May	Pupil Free Day - Staff Professional Development
Monday 6 June	WA Day Holiday
Friday 1 July	End of Term 2 - last day for students and staff

Peace and best wishes,

Shaun O'Neill

Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Anzac Day Reflection

The Year 5.1 class led us through a very reverent and thought provoking reflection about ANZAC Day yesterday. It is important we remember this day, as it marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War and those who fought for us and died in this conflict.



Thank you to Mr. Iannello and the Year 5.1 class for their work in preparing and presenting this, and the parents and grandparents who came to participate.

Year 4.2 Mass

We will be celebrating Mass on Tuesday 3rd May at 9:00am in the Church. The Year 4.2 class will be leading us and helping us to think about the importance of Prayer. We look forward to seeing many families joining us for this celebration.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Year 6 students will also be attending a retreat on Thursday 5th May at the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale. This retreat will provide an opportunity for the students to reflect what Confirmation means and on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and think about how these gifts can be used in their lives.

Praying the Rosary

As we are about to enter the month of May - Mary's month we will come together to pray a decade of the Rosary each Monday at assembly starting next week. The Year 4.1 class will lead us through the first Joyful Mystery – the Annunciation. This is when the Angel Gabriel told Mary that with the help of the Holy Spirit she would conceive in her womb and give birth to a Son. Please encourage the praying of the Rosary at home and the practicing of the prayers that are said.



Confirmation Parent Evening



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this term on **Sunday 22nd May** and **Sunday 29th May** at **10:30am**.

There is an Information Evening for all candidates for Confirmation, and at least one of their parents, in the hall on **Wednesday 11 May** beginning at 6.00pm and finishing at 7.30pm. All families involved in the Sacrament are expected to be present.

To make it a little easier for organisational numbers the parish suggest that the first Confirmation Ceremony on Sunday 22 May be for the 6.1 children and the second ceremony on Sunday 29 May be for 6.2 families. This decision is only for a balance of numbers and if this date does not suit your family it can be changed.

Schoenstatt Pilgrimage for the Year of Mercy

All families are invited to take the opportunity, for the Year of Mercy, to undertake a pilgrimage to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale. The Shrine is one of 4 churches in Western Australia that has a Holy Door.

We can begin our pilgrimage with Mass in the Queen of Apostles Church on Sunday 1 May at 9.00am, then travel to Armadale in your own car. The address is 9 Talus Drive, Mt Richon. On arrival we will have a talk given by Sr Lisette, complete child friendly activities, have a BYO picnic lunch and then visit the Shrine.

The Schoenstatt Sisters were the first teachers in our lovely school when it first began 60 years ago. Sr Lisette runs the sacramental excursions in Armadale so many of our children know her and the Shrine. Sr Lisette considers Queenies a very special place and she is always present in our congregation to witness our children making the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. This pilgrimage is a lovely way to bring the school community together with its past. This invitation can be extended to grandparents, aunts and uncles, especially if they have links to our school. Past students of Queen of Apostles will have fond memories of the nuns and how they developed this wonderful community spirit that still enfolds our school today.

One of Pope Francis' Year of Mercy wishes is *"My thought first of all goes to all the faithful who, whether in individual Dioceses or as pilgrims to Rome, will experience the grace of the Jubilee. I wish that the Jubilee Indulgence may reach each one as a genuine experience of God's mercy, which comes to meet each person in the Face of the Father who welcomes and forgives, forgetting completely the sin committed. To experience and obtain the Indulgence, the faithful are called to make a brief pilgrimage to the Holy Door, open in every cathedral or in the churches designated by the Diocesan Bishop, and in the four Papal Basilicas in Rome, as a sign of the deep desire for true conversion. Likewise, I dispose that the Indulgence may be obtained in the Shrines in which the Door of Mercy is open and in the churches which traditionally are identified as Jubilee Churches."*

If you would like to bring your family to the Schoenstatt Shrine please reply with an expression of interest so we have an idea of how many are likely to come along so Sr Lisette can organise activities for the children and parents to complete together.

Thefamily would like to come on the Queenies Pilgrimage to the Schoenstatt Shrine in Armadale on Sunday 1 May. There will be adults and children. Arrival time at the Shrine will be around 10.45am.

RSVP by Wednesday April 6, 2016.

Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith
Assistant Principals

SCHOOL NEWS

Found

Last term a tow hitch was found in the front carpark which has obviously fallen from a vehicle, perhaps when children have taken bags from the boot area, or maybe just because it was loose and not secured correctly.

If this belongs on your vehicle, please come to the school office to collect it.



Woolworths Earn And Learn

As promised, here are some photos of a selection of the wonderful Earn and Learn products obtained by our school as a result of last year's program. We could not have received all this without the help of our parents, friends, neighbours, extended families etc, collecting stickers for us!

The students are just loving their new resources including funky floor mats, educational and fun games, balls for kicking, CD's for listening, and many more fun and exciting things!



Music News

The Catholic Performing Arts Festival – Years 4 - 6

If your child learns an instrument outside of our School Instrumental Program and they would like to enter **The Catholic Performing Arts Festival**, please ask them to come and see me for an entry form. Entry forms were sent home last term with students who qualified. Please ensure these forms are returned by this **THURSDAY 30TH APRIL**, and that a copy of the piece of music they wish to play is attached. All forms must be returned to me by THURSDAY 30TH APRIL.

PLEASE NOTE – Entry forms will be completed by your child's tutor if your child is enrolled in our School Instrumental Program.

Thank you, Sheryl Perry

Uniform Shop



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

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

P&F

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a great Term 1 holiday. Your P & F is hard at work at the moment planning and organising events for the school year. I have mentioned before that the P & F has a number of roles which, in no particular order, are to arrange social functions for our families, raise funds for the school and provide a parent voice in school decision making.

We have a Mother's Day Afternoon Tea coming up on Friday 6 May at 2 pm.

Our first Disco of the year will be held on 17 June in the parish hall. We are very excited to introduce a new format with "Bop Till You Drop" - children's entertainers who provide an exciting, interactive format that will really get our kids engaged, moving and singing. We'll be looking for some parents to help out with supervision and running the disco.

Make a note in your diaries, because on 27 August we will be holding a bingo night at the Bill Cole Centre at the Riverton Leisureplex. We have hired Perth entertainer, Jon Lennon, to run the evening for us and the theme is going to be retro music. We'll keep you posted.

This week your children will be bringing home a postcard with information about Jugglr a new service being developed by one of the parents in our school aimed at helping mums to help each other. Jugglr have kindly offered to donate \$1 to the Queenies P & F for every parent who signs-up.

Our next meeting will be on 2 May at 7 pm. Some of the items up for discussion include the Bingo Night and the Disco. We'd love to see you there. Everyone is welcome and as a parent at our school you are already a member.

Best wishes.

Andrew Upfold

P & F President



Queenies Coffee Hour this Thursday, 28th April

Please drop in for a coffee and chat
8.45am to 9.45am in the school library

Coming Soon!

The P&F will be selling Entertainment Memberships again this year. You can pre-order online **now**, and be one of the first to receive your book or digital membership as soon as they are available.

Please go to:

<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8325j6>

(that is a 'j' between the '5' and '6').

There are a lot of the old favourites in the book, as well as new exciting offers, including Bali! You can preview the book via this link:

<http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/Tell-me-More/Perth#FLICKBOOK>

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Mums

Of Queenies

Mothers Day

High Tea

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School library on
Friday 6th May at 2pm

Hosted by the Year 4 Classes
Everyone is welcome

Please RSVP by Monday 2nd May
parents.friends@qoa.wa.edu.au

Or at the office

Coming on Saturday 27th August



QUEENIES MUSICAL BINGO

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAEKWON-DO KIDOKWAN



Riverton Leisureplex Fitness Centre

CNR HIGH AND RILEY RDS, RIVERTON

Mon 4.30-5.30pm,

Wed 6.00-7.00pm,

Sat 11.30am-12.30pm

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Grace-filled Parenting: The Centre for Faith Enrichment is excited to present “Grace-filled Parenting” - a series of workshops aimed at giving parents some time for faith growth in a way that nurtures home and family life. Thursdays 19th May – 23rd June, 10am-12.30pm (includes morning tea break) at the Newman Siena Centre, 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview. Total cost is \$45 and a free crèche is available on-site. To register, for more information, or to see the full range of Term Two courses and events, visit www.cfe.org.au, or call 9241 5221. ALL are welcome (you don't have to be Catholic!).

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How can MercyCare Lending Services Help?

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- School uniforms
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- Prescription glasses
- Airconditioners
- Household furniture
- TV, mobile phones, computers

You can borrow from \$100 - \$1200* and negotiate your repayment term between 6 and 18 months.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for an interest free loan, you must:

- Be 18 years or over
- Be a healthcare card holder or low income earner
- Be able to show that you can repay the loan
- Have your application approved by the loans committee

How do I apply?

Visit our website mercyare.com.au or please call MercyCare Lending Services to book an appointment or to get more information.

You will need to complete a detailed application form, an identity check and provide evidence of income/ allowance and expenses before your request will be considered.

Contact

FREECALL 1800 268472

Cannington

6 Cecil Ave
Cannington

Mirrabooka

4 Brewer Place
Mirrabooka

Merriwa

26 Jenolan Way
Salvation Army Building
Merriwa



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Dear Parent,

Mathematics Enrichment Classes

Since 1998 the Department of Mathematics and Statistics of Curtin University has successfully run a Mathematics Enrichment program for Years 5 – 11 students. The web address for further information is <http://maths.curtin.edu.au/enrichment.cfm>. The program is suitable for a broad range of mathematically talented students. The main aim is to develop a sound mathematical understanding and to develop a range of mathematical problem-solving skills. These skills are essential in preparing and equipping our students to the challenges they face in the modern technology focussed economy. Students will be issued a certificate upon completion of the course.

The topics covered by the program will be selected to complement the school curriculum and to challenge students with some non-standard problems. The course presenters will be drawn from the WA mathematical community. The classes will run in second and third terms as scheduled below. The classes are intended for able, but not necessarily brilliant students. However, we point out that the program is not intended for weak students who need remedial studies. There will be some overlap with the mathematics covered at school but in general we intend to cover topics that are new to the students.

There will be 16 weekly sessions held at the Curtin University campus in Bentley. Places are limited and early applications will be favoured. All applicants will be informed in writing about the outcome of their applications, and of the time and venue of the classes.

The classes have been scheduled in Term 2 (from Monday 09th May to Friday 01st July) and Term 3 (from Monday 18th July to Friday 09th September). **The closing date for enrolment is Friday 29th April, 2016.** The sessions for each year are listed below. Note that these may be added to or cancelled according to demand.

Year 5	Tuesday Friday	4.00 – 5.00pm OR 4.00 – 5.00pm
Year 6	Monday* Thursday	4.00 – 5.00pm OR 5.00 – 6.00pm
Year 7	Monday* Thursday	5.00 – 6.00pm OR 4.00 – 5.00pm
Year 8	Friday	4.00 – 5.00pm
Year 9	Friday	5.00 – 6.00pm
Year 10/11	Wednesday	5.00 – 6.00pm

* Monday Classes will finish a week later in view of public holiday (Western Australia Day) on Monday 06th June 2016.

For further information please call 9266 7672 or email on MATHSAdmin@curtin.edu.au or visit our website at <http://maths.curtin.edu.au/enrichment.cfm>

**Please note: the Department of Mathematics and Statistics cannot accept cash payments.
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