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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pilgrimage to Schoenstatt Shrine

Last year Pope Francis declared 2016 to be a “Jubilee Year of Mercy”. The year began on December 8 2015, celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father’s mercy. Every cathedral around the world has opened a Mercy Door and the Holy Father has challenged us all to make a pilgrimage to one of these Doors of Mercy and enter through it. In doing so we show our desire to be more merciful and show greater forgiveness and compassion for others, just as the Father shows unending mercy to us. In the Perth Archdiocese, aside from St. Mary’s Cathedral, there are 7 other designated churches and shrines that have a Mercy Door, so that people may more readily make a pilgrimage to pass through such a door and make that commitment to be more merciful.

Last Sunday a small group of families from our school, along with Mrs. Galbraith and some of her family and myself, made a pilgrimage from Queen of Apostles Church to the Door of Mercy at the Schoenstatt Shrine at Mt. Richon in Armadale. After the 9.00am Mass we headed off by car to the Schoenstatt Shrine, where we were warmly greeted by Sr. Lisette, a Schoenstatt Sister, who runs the educational programs and sacramental retreat programs at the Shrine. It was a wonderful occasion which provided a terrific opportunity for us all to learn more about not only the history and traditions of the Schoenstatt Order, but also about the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The day was educational, inspiring, and enriching. You could not help but be inspired and motivated by Sr. Lisette’s energy, dedication and passion. Her faith, humour and positive nature were infectious and life-giving. All in all, it was a great day and I’m sure all who attended left at the end of the day richer in spirit and mercy for their pilgrimage.

DATES TO REMEMBER	
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 PP excursion to Fremantle Literature Centre
Tues 10 May	9.00 PP Liturgy 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
Mon 16 May	8.50am Rosary 5.1
Tues 17 May	Yr 6 Liturgy ICAS Test – Digital Technologies
Wed 18 May	8.50am – Assembly SRC 6.00pm School Board Meeting
Thurs 19 May	Pupil Free Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 20 May	Pupil Free Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
Sun 22 May	10.30am Confirmation Ceremony – 6.1
Mon 23 May	8.50am Rosary 3.1 Interschool Basketball Carnival
Wed 25 May	9.00am School Mass 2.1
Fri 27 May	12.00pm Peer Support Eagles Cup
Sun 29 May	10.30am Confirmation Ceremony – 6.2





The pilgrimage also reinforced our long and strong connections with the Schoenstatt Order and the Shrine. Sr. Lisette did mention that Queenies is one of only 3 schools that has always had our sacramental classes visit the Shrine as part of their sacramental preparations and retreat. Our history and connection with the Schoenstatt Sisters is even more direct than having our children visit the Shrine. Queenie's very first Principal was Sr. Mary Magdlen, a Schoenstatt Sister. Sr. Magdlen was Principal from 1956 through to 1968. Of course her name lives on in our school with Red Faction being named Magdlen.

Confirmation Parent Workshop

A reminder to all parents and carers of children enrolled to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation that the Parent and Child Workshop is coming up next week on Wednesday 11 May at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. It is essential that at least one parent or carer attends with their child for this workshop. We look forward to seeing you all there for this very important part of their preparation for this sacrament.

A reminder that the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated over two weekends with the first one taking place on Sunday 22 May and the following Sunday 29 May. Both Masses commence at 10.30am sharp!

Winter Uniform

A reminder to parents and carers that by the start of next week all children must be wearing correct winter uniform. I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the parents and carers who do the hard yards to ensure that their children always present at school not only in the correct uniform, but clean and well-groomed as well. It certainly helps to foster and maintain their sense of pride in their uniform, themselves and their school when they start the day off looking smart and well dressed!

For those who have let their children's uniform standard slip, please do not be surprised or upset if your child brings home a Uniform Infringement Slip. By definition it is only a uniform if they are all wearing the same things. Please see Fiona in the Uniform shop if you need to update or replace some elements of your children's winter uniform.

Pupil Free Days - OSH Club

A reminder to all our parents and carers that we have **two pupil free days coming up on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 May**. Staff will be engaged in professional learning activities including a training course on Protective Behaviours, which will further enhance our delivery of this important pastoral care program in our classrooms.

A reminder also that OSH Club will be operating for the whole day from 7.00am through to 6.00pm on both Thursday 19 and Friday 20 May. It is essential that you get online and book your children in, as bookings on the day cannot be accepted due to the impact on maintaining staffing ratios and catering for numbers in activities. Avoid the hassles and book early to ensure your children are cared for on those two days.

New School Website and Facebook Page

Have you checked out the new school website or visited our Facebook page yet and liked us? If not, then please make the time to visit both and discover the easiest way to keep up to date with all that is happening at Queenies. Website: www.qoa.wa.edu.au Facebook: Queenies Riverton

MercyCare - 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.

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.

Peace and best wishes,

Shaun O’Neill

Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 4.2 Mass

Well done and thank you to the Year 4 students for the way they led us through Mass yesterday. Thank you also to Miss Knight and Mrs Colley for their organisation and to Fr Paul for helping us celebrate. It was wonderful to see so many parents come and celebrate with us too!!

Sacrament of Confirmation

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

Our Confirmation Workshop/Parent Information Evening is on **Wednesday 11th May** in our Parish Hall **starting at 6pm** and finishing at 7.30pm. All candidates for Confirmation are expected to attend along with at least one of their parents.



Please confirm with Mrs Maloney and Mrs Boronovskis at the workshop:

- (1) Which date you want your child to receive the Sacrament (to balance numbers we have suggested Sunday 22 May for the 6.1 children and Sunday 29 May for 6.2 families).
- (2) How many persons from your family will attend.

The rehearsal for Confirmation will be held in the church on Saturday 21st May and Saturday 28th May starting at 9.30am and finishing by 10.30am. Your child will need to be present at the rehearsal.

The Year 6 students will also be attending a retreat tomorrow to 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 in 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. On Monday, the Year 4.1 class led us through the First Joyful Mystery – the Annunciation. Next Monday at 8:50, the Year 4.2 class will lead us through the Second Joyful Mystery – the Visitation, when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. Please encourage the praying of the Rosary at home and the practicing of the prayers that are said.



Queenies Feast Day

This year we are celebrating Queenies 60th year on **Friday 13th May**. You are invited to come along to some of our festivities. Our timetable for the day is set out below but is not exact as we cannot be sure of how long some things will take.

We encourage parents to join us for Mass and be part of our celebrations until morning tea which will be served in the library. Young children welcome.

Queenies Feast Day Proposed Timetable

9.00am	Mass in the church organised by 6.2
9.45am	Cutting the cake
10.00am	Plant and bless a rose to commemorate the 60th anniversary
10.30am	Children and parents making a large 60 symbol on the oval with helium balloon release
10.45am	Morning tea - children are given a cupcake by peer support leader Staff and Parent morning tea in library
11.15am	First Activity – Newspaper, toilet paper and masking tape to make a school uniform that could be worn in the future.
12.30pm	P & F Sausage Sizzle (order form accompanying newsletter)
1.30pm	Afternoon activity - Making up dance moves to a song from the last 60 years.
2.30pm	Sharing our dance moves with the community.

Parents are welcome to come along to any part of our celebrations throughout the day. Should you wish to be here at lunch time please put in your sausage sizzle order with your child's order form.

Next week we will also ask parents, as they drop off their children to school, to build up a comment bank **“60 reasons why we love Queenies”**.

Please reach out to people you know who are past parents, students or teachers of Queenies to add to this list.

Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith
Assistant Principals

SCHOOL NEWS

NAPLAN

Year 3 and Year 5 students will sit the annual NAPLAN Testing next week. Please keep this as stress-free as possible for your children. There is always a lot of media hype at this time of the year but we try and make our students think of NAPLAN as just another activity they need to complete as part of their normal school day. The children have been prepared and know what to expect by looking at past papers and working under the test conditions that are required of them for NAPLAN. Please remember that this is only a point in time exercise and the results will not be available for many months whereas the school gives feedback and constantly assesses your child's progress.

Please ensure your child has a healthy breakfast as they normally would have and treat the day as you would any other day.

Scholastic Bookclub

Orders for Issue 3 of Scholastic Bookclub are due **no later than Friday 13th May, 2016**. Late orders cannot be accepted.

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.

Fiona Agostino, Uniform Shop

Hello from the School Social Worker

Families face many stresses. Stressful experiences can impact upon the capacity to parent. Children may feel frightened and vulnerable at times of stress and change. We cannot assume that children understand what is happening and they can feel responsible for "bad" things that can happen to people they care about. Children can respond to stress in a number of ways: they may act younger than their age; they may be more clingy, demanding or disruptive; they may have interrupted sleep, nightmares or bedwetting; they may withdraw or try hard to make everything better. Here are some tips to help children cope with stressful events:

- * Reassure children that you love them.
- * Tell children that what is happening is not their fault.
- * Let them know that you are in control despite being upset.
- * Be honest and clear with what is happening.
- * If possible include children in decisions that affect them.
- * Give children time to talk with yourself or someone they trust.
- * Let children know that they may experience many uncomfortable feelings and encourage ways to express them.
- * Be patient and tolerant.
- * Adhere to familiar routines.

Regards, Tracy Small.

Raise funds for your school with Jugglr



Dear Mum,

You might have found a little card in your child's bag last week saying 'Help raise funds for your school with Jugglr'.

Rossana and Elio have three children at school and they are working hard to launch Jugglr, an app in your phone connecting you with a trusted network of mums in your local area to help you juggle the demands of your busy life.

Jugglr's goal is to make mums' lives easier and needs you and your friends to build the community. To help mums through their school, **Jugglr will donate \$1 to Queen of Apostles for every mum** who will:

1. Sign up @ www.jugglrapp.com
2. Like their facebook page @ www.facebook.com/jugglr

You can also **invite other mums** in your local area to sign up and like the page, **Jugglr will donate \$1 for them too!!**

Please help raise funds for your school. A world where mums can easily connect, share and care for each other is a better world. Help Jugglr get there, be part of the journey.

FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Welcome back to another busy term.

I am sure you are all aware by now that building will commence this term on the new Early Childhood Centre. It's very exciting to see that the many hours of preparation are finally going to translate into something tangible.

We envisage that due to the building project that there will be a certain amount of disruption to students who would normally use the oval, and at times there will be disruption to the car park on Tribute Street. I'm sure that if we are all patient then the small term pain will be well and truly worth the long term gain.

Another exciting development which occurred over the break was that the School has employed a new staff member, Mrs Debbie Radice, to help implement the MultiLit Literacy Program. This is great news for our students and we heartily welcome Debbie to the family.

And finally, for now, if you haven't been on to the new website, I highly recommend it. It is a huge improvement on the old site and brings us up to the standard we would like to set going forward.

Warm Regards

Chris Willesee
Board Chair

P&F

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Queen of Apostles Feast Day Friday 13th May, 2016

On this Queen of Apostles Feast Day, there will be an option for a sausage sizzle lunch. If you would like your child to have a sausage sizzle for lunch, please fill out the form below and return to the school.

Please ensure that the form and correct money is placed in an envelope. Last orders will be taken on **Tuesday 10th May.**

Child's name: _____ Year: _____ Sausages: _____

TOTAL SAUSAGES: _____ **@ \$3-50 each \$** _____

QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH



Queen of Apostles Parish
Family Movie Night

Starting with a

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

6.30pm Friday, May 27th 2016

Parish Hall

Tickets \$5

(sausage sizzle, popcorn and icecream)

“INSIDE OUT” Rated PG (mild themes)

Tickets available before school from 8.15am outside Library every Monday & Thursday
and after school Tuesday from 2.50pm from 2nd May to 24th May 2016.

*****Last chance to buy tickets Tuesday 24th May 2016*****



NO TICKET SALES AT DOOR

For further information contact Jannet 0438 590 449

COMMUNITY NEWS



FOOTBALL FUNDAMENTALS



Footy Fundamentals aims to prepare our kids for the future. Fundamental Movement Skills are patterns of movement that involve different body parts such as the legs, arms, trunk and head and include skills such as running, hopping, catching, throwing, striking and balancing. These skills are the foundation movements to more specialised, complex skills used in kids games, sports, dance and every day activities.

Fundamentals is a 'pre Auskick' program where we cater for two age groups, 3-4 year olds and 4-5 year olds.

For more information or to REGISTER please contact Emma Swanson on eswanson@wafc.com.au or 0439 717 316

Atom Stadium, East Fremantle – Thursdays

Starting 12th May - 16th June

Williams Skeet Reserve, Forrestdale – Fridays starting

Starting 13th May - 17th June

\$90 for the full 6 weeks – or \$15 per session
All sessions 9-10am or 10-11am

JOHN XXIII COLLEGE THROUGH 'INIGO - SPIRITUALITY & RELATIONSHIP CENTRE'



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THE WORLD IN OUR FACE

FAITH, YOUNG ADULTS AND THE AUSTRALIAN MEDIA CULTURE

BY FR RICHARD LEONARD SJ

THURSDAY 12 MAY 2016

7:00 - 8:30PM

GONZAGA BARRY LECTURE THEATRE

RSVP BY TUESDAY 10 MAY 2016 : TRYBOOKING - <https://www.trybooking.com/194340>

"On average our young adults now spend almost six hours away from school each day looking at screens – large, small and smaller. Many of them have friends they have never even met; their big stories are often on discs. This presentation will look at the pluses and minus of the role the media now plays in all our lives, and how we might help our young people to download the best and leave the rest."



Fr Richard Leonard

Richard is a Jesuit priest, an author, educator and critic of our modern culture.

Richard has undergraduate degrees in arts, education and theology, as well as a master's degree in systematic theology. After ordination to the priesthood at St Mary's Church, North Sydney, on 11th December, 1993, he was apprenticed to Albert Street Productions where he wrote, produced and directed documentary films for Australian television.

Fr Richard is a member of the Australian Catholic Media Council and a film critic for all the major Australian Catholic newspapers. He has served on juries at the Venice, Berlin, Hong Kong, Montreal, Brisbane and Melbourne International Film Festivals and has lectured on film, faith and culture across Australia and the Pacific, Asia, the UK and the USA.

Enquiries to Murray Graham: graham.murray@johnxxiii.edu.au

EXCELLENCE IN CO-EDUCATION



Child and Parent Centre
Brookman

Term 2 2016 Calendar



Month/Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 1	25	26	27	28 	29
May 2	2 	3 	4 	5 	6
3	9 	10 	11 	12 	13
4	16 	17 	18 	19 	20
5	23 	24 	25 	26 	27
June 6	30 	31 	1 	2 	3
7	6 PUBLIC HOLIDAY	7 	8 	9 	10
8	13 	14 	15 	16 	17
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"It Takes Two to Talk": Fridays

Programme for parents with children aged 0-5 who have with speech and language difficulties
Contact Beth on Ph. 9258 4646 or email bdoherly@parkerville.org.au

Kids Kingdom Playgroup: Tuesdays 9am-11am

Little Treasures Playgroup: Fridays 9am – 11am

South Thornlie Primary School
Ovens Road, Thornlie

Ready Set Go – Prep for Kindy: Wednesdays 9am – 11am
For 3 year olds entering kindy the following year

Leap Frogs Play Group – Prep for Kindy: Fridays 9am – 11am
For children attending Brookman Primary School Kindy the following year

Triple P Parenting workshops and discussion Groups

NB: Triple P marked "PD" is a professional development series for teachers and day care workers.

See our App for topic and more information

Let's Learn English: Every Thursday

Adults 9am to 11am; Children 11am – 12pm. Class caters for beginners to intermediate.

Babble With your Bub: Mondays 12pm - 2pm

Contact Beth on Ph. 9258 4646 or email bdoherly@parkerville.org.au

Parenting WA Workshop: Promoting Positive Behaviours

Monday 16th May, 9am – 11am

Kidsafe WA Child safety workshops: Pre-natal – 12 months

Monday 30th May, 9am – 11am. See our app for more information.

Families Week Community BBQ and activities

Wednesday 18th May 3.30pm – 5.30pm

RSVP via our app or contact the Child and Parent Centre on 9258 46464.

Download the Child and Parent Centre Brookman App!

The app will:

- Keep you up to date on what is happening at the Child and Parent Centre, and in the community
- Inform you of when parenting workshops are being held
- Let you know when school holiday activity enrolments are open
- Allow you to enrol for activities and book crèche services

Down load the app by going to your app store and searching for "Child and Parent Centre Brookman"



Child and Parent Centre
East Maddington



Child and Parent Centre – East Maddington

My Child and Autism



The Early Days Workshops are provided free to families and carers of children with (or who may have) Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

The My Child & Autism Workshop is facilitated by the Autism Association of Western Australia and will provide parents with the opportunity to learn:

- About Autism Spectrum Disorder and what it may mean for their child and their family.
- Practical strategies that can make a positive difference to their child's development.

The initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Social Services through the Helping Children with Autism package.

**Bookings essential.
Crèche available.**

When: Friday 6 May 2016
Time: 9.00am to 11.00am
Venue: Child and Parent Centre – East Maddington
79 Pitchford Avenue (access via Westfield Street),
Maddington
Telephone: 9452 7882
Email: CPCEastMaddington@centrecare.com.au

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