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Dear Parents and Carers,

First Eucharist Celebrations

Congratulations to the children from our school and parish who received the Sacrament of First Eucharist last Sunday morning. Once again it was a very reverent and prayerful celebration of mass that I'm sure will live long in the memories of those who received Jesus in Communion for the very first time, as well as the memories of their families and friends.

My thanks to Mrs Michele Colley and Miss Kalinda Knight for their terrific preparation of our children to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist. A special thank you to Mrs Sheryl Perry and our Queenie's Choir members who came along to join with some members of the parish choir to lead us so beautifully in the singing during both masses. I would also like to thank all the staff who attended over the last two weekends to show their support for these young children as they deepened their commitment to Jesus.

Time To Think About How You Can Contribute

If you check your term planner on the fridge, you'll probably notice that our Annual Community Meeting (ACM) is coming up on Wednesday 30 November, commencing at 5.30pm in the Undercover Area with refreshments, followed by the ACM at 6.00pm in the Library.

The ACM is a very important event within the life of our school. There are three key aspects to the ACM. Firstly, it provides a forum for the election of new members to both the School Board and P&F Association. Secondly, it provides an opportunity for the Board Chair, Board Treasurer, P&F President and P&F Treasurer to report to the school community about the key work and spending undertaken by each group respectively during the course of the year, to support the learning of your children, to improve our school and plan for the future. Thirdly, it provides a platform for parents and carers to be informed about planning for the following year, via the presentation of our Annual Report and Annual School Improvement Plan (ASIP).

The School Board and the P&F Association are two very important bodies within the life of our school. We simply could not function effectively without them. The School Board is charged with the responsibility of overseeing the financial accountability and viability of

DATES TO REMEMBER	
Thurs 3 Nov	Interschool Athletics Day 2 9.00am Count Us In (Music)
Fri 4 Nov	2.00pm Year 6 Dancing
Mon 7 Nov	StartSmart Incursion 8.30am K1 Breakfast
Tues 8 Nov	StartSmart Incursion 8.30am K2 Breakfast
Wed 9 Nov	8.50am Assembly PP2 6.00pm School Board Meeting
Fri 11 Nov	11.00am Remembrance Day Gathering 5.1 2.00pm Year 6 Dancing
Sun 13 Nov	9.00am Family Mass
Mon 14 Nov	7pm P&F Meeting
Wed 16 Nov	8.50am Assembly SRC
Thurs 17 Nov	2.15pm Volunteers' Afternoon Tea
Fri 18 Nov	2.00pm Year 6 Dancing
Sat 19 Nov	P & F Sausage Sizzle @ Riverton Coles
Tues 22 Nov	Interschool Cricket Carnival
Wed 23 Nov	8.50am Assembly PP1 6.00pm K 2017 Parent Meeting
Fri 25 Nov	2.00pm Year 6 Dancing
Mon 28 Nov	9.30am K1 2017 Orientation PP/Year 1 Transition
Tues 29 Nov	9.30am K2 2017 Orientation PP/Year 1 Transition
Wed 30 Nov	8.50am Assembly Year 6
Fri 2 Dec	2.00pm Year 6 Dancing
Mon 5 Dec	K1 Leisureplex 7pm P&F Meeting
Tues 6 Dec	K2 Leisureplex
Wed 7 Dec	8.50am Assembly SRC Praise & Thanksgiving Mass Reports & Work Folders released
Thurs 8 Dec	1.30pm Graduation Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Fri 9 Dec	PP – Yr 5 Outing Yr 6 Outing LAST DAY OF YEAR FOR STUDENTS
Sun 11 Dec	9.00am Family Mass
Wed 1 Feb	TERM 1 2017 COMMENCES FOR STUDENTS



our school both in the present and for the future. The Board is responsible for planning to meet the current and future capital development needs of our school community, ensuring that our children and staff have the best facilities and resources possible to work and play in and around. The Board also plays a vital role in providing advice and consultation to the Principal on school policy development and review as well as strategic direction.

The P&F Association has an equally important role within our school community. The P&F performs three equally key roles within our school community. Firstly, the P&F provides a platform for social engagement and connectedness across our school community, through the many and varied social events they organise for our children, families and parents. P&F social events are the glue that binds us together as a community - that provide the means for us to gather and mix together, socialise and make new friends. Secondly, the P&F provides the organisational capacity to fundraise much needed additional money to provide the extra resources and equipment that enhance the academic, emotional, physical and social opportunities for our children to grow and learn. It is only through the fantastic and ongoing fundraising efforts of our P&F Association over the years that our children enjoy the benefits of such things as interactive whiteboards in all classrooms, group sets of iPads in all classrooms, LEGO Robotics programs in Years 5 & 6, bench seating in the undercover area, updated take-home reading series of books, additional sports equipment, new and contemporary 21st century classroom furniture, modern playground equipment in the Year 1 & 2 and Year 3 & 4 playgrounds and tens of thousands of dollars worth of other classroom teacher 'wish list' items to name but a few examples. Thirdly, the P&F provides a forum for parents and carers to meet and be informed about school matters, as well as an opportunity for parents to hear from guest speakers on a variety of topics relevant to parents and families such as anti-bullying, building resiliency, cyber-safety etc.

In order for these two vitally important groups to continue to do their great work that benefits our children and our school, they need your support. It is neither fair, nor reasonable or practical to expect the same dedicated group of people to continue to commit their time and energy year after year after year. In all volunteer organisations there is an ongoing need for new volunteers to step up and become part of the organisation that provides the benefits to all the other members of the organisation.

I am therefore asking each and every parent and carer to give serious consideration to how they might contribute to the work of either the School Board or the P&F Association. Both groups have vacancies available for new nominations at the upcoming ACM. To operate effectively and efficiently both groups need their full quota of members. Further information and nomination forms will be available via the school website under the 'Our Community' tab or accompanying this newsletter. Please give serious consideration to nominating yourself or someone else, with their consent, who you feel can contribute to our school community through either the School Board or the P&F Association.

School Traffic and Safety

I would like to thank all of our parents and carers for the terrific way in which you have all adapted to the changes in parking and traffic flow situations in and around the school in recent months. Obviously the loss of the street parking in Tribute Street has added further to the level of congestion at other locations around the school and surrounding streets. I am really pleased with the way in which parents have got onboard with keeping the area in front of the church, between the two driveways as just a drive-thru area for drop-off and pick-up, free from parking. Thank you all for your understanding and patience during our building project. The pay-off will be next year when we have more parking bays and improved traffic flow and safety in the new car park and drive-thru in Tribute Street.

I would, however, point out that a small percentage of parents are still parking in the driveway entrance to the Staff Car Park, when doing a drop-off or pick-up and some are even parking there when coming into the office. This is not allowed as we need this access-way left open at all times. **Please do not stand or park in the driveway entrance to the Staff Car Park.** This has been mentioned several times in the newsletter over the last few months and yet the practice still continues, which is really very disappointing and concerning.

Uniform Changes

In the first week of term parents and carers would have received a letter from Mrs. Fiona Agostino, our Uniform Shop Manageress, outlining a couple of changes/refinements to our school uniform. Over the last 6-8 months Mrs. Agostino, in consultation with me, has been engaged in contractual negotiations with current and new suppliers of various uniform items.

With regards to the introduction of the new sports socks which feature our school initials and colours, and the new bucket hats which feature a reversible faction colour side, these two items will not be compulsory till the beginning of 2018. This will allow parents who have recently purchased current items plenty of time to wear them out before purchasing the new items. Of course, if you are in the market for new sports socks or a school hat, then the new items will be available for purchase, but please do not be concerned that you have to rush out and buy them right now.

Building Project Update

Following a site meeting last Thursday morning, I am extremely pleased to confirm that our new Early Childhood Centre will be completed and ready for the start of the 2017 school year. This is especially great news for all our Kindy and Pre-Primary children and parents for next year, as it means that we can start from day one in our wonderful new facility. As you may have noticed today, work is continuing on the new verandah and car parking facilities at the front of the school. Scaffolding has been erected to enable the construction of the new verandah across the front of the school, which will allow children to wait undercover and to be picked up at kerbside in the new drive-thru section, thus greatly improving safety for our children.

Peace and best wishes,
Shaun O'Neill

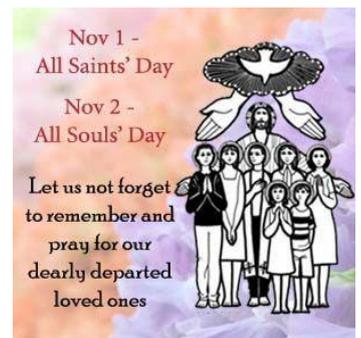
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All Souls Day - Whole School Mass

Well done to Miss Moore and the Year 1.2 class for their lovely Mass this morning to commemorate All Souls Day. This Mass helped us to remember all the souls who have passed from this world. This day is part of the Liturgical calendar each year so the faith community can pray for our own loved ones who have passed from this life but also the many who have left this world and have no one to pray for them. Please remember to pray for all those who have died and are in need of your prayers.

All Saints Day

The first day of November is remembered as All Saints Day. Yesterday, this special day was celebrated in the Church, where we remember the many saints who have died. The prayer of consecration calls on the 'communion of saints' which means all the saints who are in communion with the Lord. Many of these saints are unknown to us and not traditionally remembered by the praying community as they have little or no story that can be found. These saints are in need of our prayers too. Please pray for all the saints who have led the way to Christ for others.



Remembrance Day

The Year Five students will be holding a reflection on Friday 11th November to mark Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day is the day Australians remember those who have died in war. In 1918 the armistice that ended World War I came into force, bringing to an end four years of hostilities that saw 61 919 Australians die at sea, in the air, and on foreign soil. Few Australian families were left untouched by the events of World War I - 'the war to end all wars' most had lost a father, son, daughter, brother, sister or friend.

At 11am on 11 November, we will pause to remember the sacrifice of those men and women who have died or suffered in wars and conflicts and all those who have served during the past 100 years.

Parents and friends are more than welcome to join us for this reflection in the Undercover Area at 11:00am.



Photos from First Holy Communion

Photos from both weeks can be viewed and ordered online at prophotobooth.com.au. The passcode is: q125

Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL NEWS

Volunteer Afternoon Tea

Queenies is blessed with many enthusiastic parents who love to help out in classrooms and for the many different events that occur over the year. We have classroom helpers, carnival helpers, library book coverers, P&F helpers for social events such as Fathers' Day, and Mothers' Day, canteen helpers, school banking, special lunches for the children, RAPPers who help with reading, fundraising helpers and the list goes on. If you help as a volunteer please join us for Afternoon Tea in the library on **Thursday 17 November** from 2.15-3.00pm. We would love to say thank you for the great work you do in and around our school. So come along and meet up with the many other parents who also give generously of their time.

Uniform Shop

We have new reversible faction hats in stock but we only have a small amount of stock available with the balance coming in early next year.

We also have hair accessories back in stock for only \$2.00 each. We have a few different styles so come in and have a look.

Shop Closure

The Uniform shop will be closed on Wednesday 23rd November, but we will be open extra hours the following week. We will be open for Kindy Orientation and for general sales on Monday 28th November 8.30am – 11.00am, Tuesday 29th November 8.30am – 11.00am and then again on Wednesday 30th November 8.30am-9.30am and 2.30pm-3.30pm as usual.

Hello from the School Social Worker

School-age children spend a lot of time with computers. Here are some tips on how to take a balanced approach to computer use and computer time for children.

- Most child development experts recommend limiting children's daily screen time. "Young children should spend no more than an hour a day using tablets, mobile phones, electronic games and computers". Real life interactions develop children's relationship and language skills. Social skills development is just as important for academic learning.
- Long periods spent on screen time increases the risk of childhood obesity.
- "Computer use is changing the physical shapes of our brains". This is a concern for children as their brains are still developing. It can create attention problems for some children.
- Talking with children about how much screen time is allowed and what websites and computer activities are ok teaches them to think, plan and make choices about computer use.
- Keep the computer in a shared space.
- Perhaps also encourage these basic rules for internet use and safety; no sharing of personal details, no meeting strangers, no sharing of passwords, stick to the time limit and avoid games that make violence look acceptable. (from raisingchildren.net.au)

Regards, **Tracy Small**



QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL BOARD

Being on the Board is an opportunity to make a contribution to school life. It can be an ideal opportunity for those parents who are unable to make such contributions during the day. No particular skills or background are required for a role on the School Board, however, the Board has identified that parents with skills in accounting, building or engineering would complement the skills of the other Board members.

Board Function:

The Board shall carry out the following functions in pursuit of its objectives:

- Planning for the present and future operation of the School;
- Providing membership of the panels for the employment of staff to the School in accordance with CECWA policy;
- Providing membership of the panel which recommends the appointment of a Principal in accordance with CECWA policy;
- Disseminating information about the School and about Catholic education to persons and organisations in the local Catholic community;
- Liaising in all matters relating to the financial management of the School with persons and organisations in the local Catholic community;
- Managing all the finances associated with the School; and
- Advising the Principal with respect to School policy.

Criteria for Membership of the Board shall be:

- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board;
- A deep interest in the welfare of the students and staff;
- A desire to give service to the Catholic School Community;
- A keenness to promote Catholic schooling;
- An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Board; and
- A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties.

I urge you to give serious consideration to being on the Board and complete & return nomination slips by 4pm Friday 25th November 2016

QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Queen of Apostles P & F Committee is the organisation of the school's parent body. Nominations for office bearers are open and there is no limit to the number of P & F Executive Members. The P & F meets monthly and all parents are encouraged to attend these meetings.

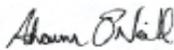
The Parents and Friends Committee is an important part of the Catholic School Structure.

Members of the P & F should:

- ♦ Strive to develop at the school a real community of parents, teachers and students;
- ♦ Work closely with the school Principal to achieve common goals;
- ♦ Act as a liaison between the wider school community and the Board;
- ♦ Ensure that a high level of social and educational interaction exists between home and school, parents and teachers;
- ♦ Endeavour to have all parents enjoy the experience of their children's formal school years by active participation and personal involvement in the school programmes;
- ♦ Provide a healthy forum for ideas and discussion;
- ♦ Work to provide additional resources which are considered necessary for the children;
- ♦ Assist in planning and organising functions with the social, sporting, cultural and educational life at the school;
- ♦ Organise guest speakers for the P & F Association on current and suggested educational programmes, faith development and other matters of interest.

Nomination slips should be returned to the school office no later than 4pm Friday 25th November 2016

We look forward to your attendance at the Annual Community Meeting on Wednesday 30th November 2016, and sharing light refreshments with other community members from 5.30pm in the Undercover Area, with the meeting starting at 6:00pm in the Library.



Mr Shaun O'Neill
Principal



**Annual Community Meeting
Queen of Apostles School Board Nomination Form**

I wish to nominate for a position on the Queen of Apostles School Board.



**Annual Community Meeting
Queen of Apostles P & F Committee**

I wish to nominate for a position on the Queen of Apostles P & F Committee

Name: _____

Child's name: _____

QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH

URGENTLY NEEDED

We are looking for some volunteers who can help us as

Church Cleaners on the New Roster for 2017.

It can be done on Fridays or Saturdays by a group of 5 or 6 people and only requires 1 hour of your time.

Parents collecting children from school could come an hour earlier on Friday afternoons.

If you can help *Please contact the Parish Office on*
6188 6877 or Fr. Paul on 0408410029
or email: qoa@ozemail.com.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

25th Shrine Jubilee
Sunday, 27th November 2016
3 pm Holy Mass

Celebrant - Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproston

We warmly invite you to join the Sisters and the Schoenstatt Family to celebrate and give thanks for 25 years of Blessing from the Shrine.

We are looking forward to seeing some families from each class who have previously visited the Shrine.



Schoenstatt Fair

Sunday 6th November
10.00am - 2.00pm
7 Talus Drive, Armadale



Bouncy Castle and fun for all the family.

Christmas Shop and lots of stalls.
Homemade produce.

Food & Drinks available all day
Raffles and Prizes



MARY MACKILLOP NEWS

SPRING PRAYER DAY

When: Wednesday, 16th November

Where: Mary MacKillop Centre, 16 York Street, South Perth

Time: 10am - 1pm (9.30am morning tea and lunch provided)

Theme: *"I have come that you may have life ..."*

RSVP: Essential by Thursday 10th November - *for catering purposes please*, to Laura (08) 9334 0999
lmccarthy@sosjwa.org.au

Cost: By donation

TAIZÉ MEDITATIVE PRAYER

When: Sunday, 20th November

You are invited to join the South Perth Taizé praying community

Where: St Joseph's Chapel, 16 York St, South Perth

Time: 7 - 8pm (Chapel doors open 6.30pm)

Theme: *Praying for all those who have died especially our families and those who have died in tragic circumstances*

Bring: a small torch, a friend ... and a small plate to share for supper

Further info: Sr Maree Riddler rsj, 0414 683 926, mriddler@sosjwa.org.au

** This is the final prayer in the style of Taizé for 2016.*

PLEASE NOTE: **There will be no Taizé Style Prayer during 2017** at the Sisters of St Joseph Chapel, South Perth.
(Taizé will recommence in March 2018.)



With the end of term fast approaching, I am sure you will wish to thank your child's teacher for their inspiration and influence of your child, both academic and pastoral, throughout the year. What better way to show your gratitude than to give them a gift that truly changes lives – just like they do.

Catholic Mission offers a selection of life-giving gifts that will truly have a lasting impact for children and communities in desperate need around the world.

Choose from a wide variety of options at different price points that your teacher will love!

Gift options include:

- a back-to-school kit for a primary school child (\$20)
- a bicycle so a child living in a rural area can travel to school (\$53)
- a wheelchair for a child with disabilities (\$220)
- catechism classes for children (\$60)
- living expenses for a child in an orphanage (\$48)

For each gift you order, you will receive a beautifully designed printed card portraying a photo of the gift you have purchased, as well as some information about what your gift represents. You will be able to write your own personal message on the card before passing it to your child's teacher.

Please allow up to 10 days to receive your printed card. Alternatively, e-cards are available when you order online. These can be sent immediately, or on a designated date.

Email us at relations.cm@perthcatholic.org.au for this unique gift catalogue to be sent out, or you can order easily online at www.catholicmission.org.au/gifts.

Thank you for giving a life-giving gift this Christmas.

SKATEBOARDING WA PRESENTS

WILLETTON SKATEPARK

FREE SKATEBOARDING WA EVENTS – NOV 2016

ALL AGES & SKILL LEVELS WELCOME // SKATEBOARDS & HELMETS PROVIDED

WEDNESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER	4PM - 6PM	CLINICS - ALL AGES
WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER	4PM - 6PM	CLINICS - ALL AGES
WEDNESDAY 23TH NOVEMBER	4PM - 6PM	CLINICS - ALL AGES
WEDNESDAY 30TH NOVEMBER	4PM - 6PM	CLINICS - ALL AGES




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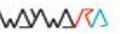
Participants under 18 require parent / guardian signature on registration form.
Download a registration form to fill out at home - www.skateboardingwa.com.au
Weather cancellation updates are posted on Facebook & Instagram 60 mins before event start time.

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SCORCHERS**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC



Have your child learn to play the Scorchers way at #TheFurnace these school holidays!

Over two action packed mornings, participants will take part in MILO T20 Blast skill sessions, be involved in social cricket games and have the chance to meet our mascots Blaze and Amber!

Registration is open to boys and girls of all abilities aged 5-14 years old. The focus of the clinic is to have fun, participate and develop your child's cricket skills.

When: Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 Dec 2016

Time: 9am - 12pm

Where: #TheFurnace (WACA Ground)

What to Bring: Hat, water bottle, sport shoes, cricket gear (if owned)

Cost: \$80

Please note: A healthy morning tea will be provided

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MATHEMATICS ACCELERATION PROGRAM: YEAR 7, 2017

Corpus Christi College, Bateman, is continuing to cater for the most Mathematics students by offering Acceleration Programs in Years 7-9. Many boys and girls start secondary school with a mathematical understanding beyond that required in the Year 7 Western Australian Curriculum. It is our belief that these students, with the proper guidance, would benefit from undertaking an Accelerated Program which focuses on the Year 8 Western Australian Curriculum.

There are numerous benefits to accelerating students appropriately, such as improving their skills and motivation, and creating opportunities in their pathways of study through to Senior School.

Any current Year 6 student wishing to be considered for the Mathematics Acceleration Program in 2017 is invited to complete an assessment at the College on Saturday 12 November. This assessment is designed to identify students who possess the innate ability to cope with challenging Mathematics.

This opportunity is open to students who are currently enrolled at the College for commencement in 2017, as well as those who are not currently enrolled but who are considering attending the College in 2017.

For further information about this program, please contact the College at fitaliano@corpus.wa.edu.au.