Dear Parents and Carers,

Flynn Goes Back-to-Back With Carnival Wins!
You might recall that the mighty Flynn (Gold) faction broke a 15 year drought to win the Athletics Carnival in October last year. Well, I'm extremely pleased to announce that last Friday they backed up that win with another at the Faction Swimming Carnival! The incredible thing is that when I checked the shield, the last time that Flynn won the Swimming Carnival was in the previous century in 1999 - the same year that they last won the athletics! So it has been 16 years between Swimming Carnival wins, which made their victory all the more special.

As always the carnival ran without a hitch and this was due to the fantastic organizational skills of Mr. Bridgeman; the terrific support from staff members; the wonderful support and volunteering of so many amazing parents and the awesome team spirit, competitiveness and sportsmanship of the children. It was a very enjoyable day and I would like to congratulate all the children who competed and participated in the carnival for their great effort and behaviour. You were a credit to yourselves, your factions and your families!

Early & Late Arrivals
I would like to remind parents and carers that aside from Kindy, all other classrooms open at 8.30am in the morning and that the siren goes at 8.40am. As I do duty before school each morning, I’m very well placed to observe that we have far too many children arriving here before 8.15am each morning - some even before 8.00am! This places an unfair burden on staff who arrive early to get organised and prepared for the day’s lessons. If you need to drop your children off early each morning before 8.15am, then please book them into OSH Club, so they can be cared for and supervised.

At the other end of the spectrum, we have far too many children who are arriving after 8.40am. I have already written in previous newsletters about the serious impact that regularly arriving late to class can have on your child’s learning and progress. It is very disruptive to the class routines and teacher instructional time, if they have to stop and go back and re-cap what children arriving late have missed out on.

I would, again, ask for your cooperation in ensuring that your children arrive at school no earlier than 8.15am and no later than 8.40am.

OSH Club on Easter Tuesday
I would just like to remind our families that OSH Club will be operating all day on Easter Tuesday, 29 March for those families who can’t get the extra day off work. OSH Club will be open from 7.00am through to 6.00pm. Please book beforehand as bookings on the day cannot be accepted due to staffing requirements.

CCTV Now Operational!
A reminder that we now have CCTV coverage of the car park and drive-thru area at the front of the school. The CCTV system will serve two main purposes:

DATES TO REMEMBER

| Thurs 17 March | St Patrick’s Day  
| Fri 18 March   | Life Ed Van     
| Mon 21 March   | 8.50am Palm Sunday Reflection – Yr 5  
| Tues 22 March  | Life Ed Van     
| Wed 23 March   | 8.50am Last Supper Reflection – Yr 4 
| Thurs 24 March | 8.50am Stations of the Cross Reflection – Yr 6 
| Fri 25 March   | Good Friday Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED 
| Mon 28 March   | Easter Monday Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED 
| Tues 29 March  | Easter Tuesday Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED 
| Wed 30 March   | 9.00am Resurrection Mass – Year 3  
| Tues 5 April   | Interschool Swimming Carnival 
| Wed 6 April    | 8.50am Assembly – SRC 
| Fri 8 April    | Last day of Term One  
| Mon 25 April   | ANZAC Day Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED 
| Tues 26 April  | SCHOOL COMMENCES FOR TERM TWO 

16th March 2016
1. To monitor vehicle security and help identify thieves who break into cars in the car park - “smash and grab” robberies.
2. To monitor drivers that put other vehicles and pedestrians at risk through their poor driving and road courtesy out on the road, in the car park and drive-thru areas. So if you are doing the wrong thing in the car park or at the drive-thru, please remember to smile because you will be on camera and we will be able to identify you!

School Tours
Just a final reminder that we have our second School Tour happening this 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 that 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 higher 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.

Peace and best wishes,
Shaun O’Neill
Principal

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

St Patrick’s Feast Day
Tomorrow is St Patrick’s Feast Day. Students will be allowed to wear something green to celebrate this day.

St Joseph’s Feast Day
Saturday is the Feast Day for St Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and part of the Holy Family. He protected and cared for Mary and Jesus during his life with them. Please keep St Joseph in your prayers on today.

Holy Week Celebrations
Next Monday, we will be starting our Holy Week celebrations. Holy Week looks at and celebrates the last week of Jesus’ life. In order to reflect and remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us, some of the classes will be holding a special reflection looking at one part of Holy Week. The first celebration will begin with the Year Fives presenting a reflection about Palm Sunday on Monday at 1.40pm in the church. Parents welcome.
We will then reflect on the Last Supper on Wednesday 23rd led by the Year Fours, and the Stations of the Cross on Thursday 24th with the Year Sixes. These celebrations will be celebrated in the Church at 8:50am. All parents, family members and friends are more than welcome to join us for these reflections.

This Sunday is Palm (or Passion) Sunday, the day that Jesus returned to Jerusalem. The crowds waved palm branches to proclaim him as King. Passion Sunday also marks the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus’ final agonising journey to the cross. It would be wonderful to see families sharing this special day by attending one of the Masses over the weekend and collecting their palm frond which will be burnt next year on Ash Wednesday.

Easter Raffle
The Social Justice Committee have been running an Easter Raffle to help raise money for Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion. Each family is asked to donate one Easter egg. If you are yet to donate your egg, could I ask that you please bring one in and give it to your classroom teacher, or leave it 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. The Easter Raffle will be drawn next Thursday 24 March.

Project Compassion

Week Five Sreymom's story – Cambodia
Learning more, helping many

Education and training have helped Sreymom transform from an inexperienced young midwife into a confident healthcare worker. Now she has the skills to provide vital healthcare, support and information to indigenous mothers and children in remote Northeast Cambodia.

Sreymom, now 26, lives in the remote Mondulkiri province of Northeast Cambodia, where extreme poverty has led to many health issues for the region’s indigenous population.

When she started work at the local Health Centre, Sreymom was eager to use her three years of midwife training to help care for indigenous mothers and children in the surrounding villages. But soon she realised she lacked the practical experience she needed to safely assist in childbirth. “When I had to assist a delivery,” Sreymom recalls, “my body and knees were trembling, I was sweating and losing confidence.”

Seeing Sreymom’s difficulties – and her true potential – a local healthcare worker helped Sreymom to enrol in the Mondulkiri Community Health Program. Established by Caritas Cambodia and supported by Caritas Australia, the program empowers and trains local health centre staff in pre- and post-natal care, safe delivery practices and children’s health.

The course not only improved Sreymom’s skills as a midwife, but also gave her information on broader health issues, which she could take back to the indigenous women in her community.

These days, Sreymom delivers one or two babies each month and is trusted by the indigenous community. “If we did not have the program, more pregnant women would face death,” Sreymom says. “I hope Australian people will support my communities more in building awareness in healthcare, hygiene, nutrition and sanitation.”

To find out more about Sreymom and watch a short video about her check out the link: http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-5-sreymom
Scholastic Book Club
Orders for Issue 2 of Scholastic Book Club are due back at school no later than this Friday, 18th March, 2016. LATE ORDERS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED.

Parent information sessions

Life Education Van - Parent Information session

The Life Education caravan will be open from 2:30pm to 3:10pm on Tuesday 22nd March. This is an opportunity for you to find out about the topics your children will be covering during their visit to the Life Education Van, and to meet the Educator for an informal chat. You are welcome to visit the van at any time during this session.

Faction Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Flynn for winning their first swimming carnival since 1999! It was a fun day of races, relays, colour and cheering. Thank you to our wonderful teachers and the many generous parents who made contributions on the day.
For all the pics and results please go to www.qoape.com.

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![Flynn Swimming Carnival Banner](image-url)
ICAS – Entry deadline extended to Friday
Each year Queen of Apostles School offers children in Years 3-6 the opportunity to sit International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS). These assessments have taken place annually in schools for over thirty years and in twenty countries. The assessments are designed by a not for profit arm of the University of New South Wales and tests are conducted annually in different learning areas. ICAS contains questions designed to specifically explore abilities of students of all standards – this includes those of both lower and higher levels of achievement.

Results are available to students and parents online and these online reports and analyses remain available indefinitely. ICAS reports indicate which questions were answered correctly, compare student performance to that of the other students tested and are highly suitable for inclusion in a student’s portfolio. Achievement certificates are awarded to all students at a range of levels.

**High Distinction** to the top 1% of students  
**Distinction** to the next 10%  
**Credit** to the next 25%  
**Merit** to the next 10%  
**Participation** to all other students

Entries are administered through the school, so if you wish your child to be involved please fill in and return the attached application form with the correct entry fee/s. All entries must reach the school by Friday 18 March. No late entries will be accepted. Testing will take place at school within school time.

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### 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

I give permission for my child ________________________________ in Year _____ to participate in the 2016 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter. And return to the school on or before Friday 18 March 2016.

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**School Fee Accounts**
Thank you to all the parents/guardians who have returned their payment option reply slips and direct debit forms. To the families who have not returned them, can you please do as soon as possible, as the cut off time was for 26th February.

If you need any assistance regarding the fees, please don’t hesitate to contact me on 9457 4913 or make an appointment to see the Principal. If for some reason you don’t return the reply slip and have no contact with me over the next week, please be assured that I will contact you in the following weeks.

Kind regards, Janice Della Bosca

**Canteen**
On Thursday 17th March, the Canteen will be selling some special tasty treats at recess in honour of St Patrick’s Day.
Wanted - Spot Books
If you have any “Spot” books at home that you no longer need or want, the school would love to make use of them. Any donations gratefully accepted at the school office.

Uniform Shop
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:

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

Out of Stock items - None
Fiona Agostino, Uniform Shop

Young Engineers Club (Year 2-4) - every Friday
Term 2 - 1st Class: April 29
Last Class: June 24
Time: 3:15pm to 4:30pm
Room: Computing Room
Capacity: 16
Registration Link: http://www.trybooking.com/172317
Hello from the School Social Worker

Praise and encouragement helps us all to feel good about ourselves. It boosts self-esteem and confidence. It may be worthwhile to consider the use of descriptive praise and praising children of different ages for different things in combination with encouragement or praise for effort. Praise and encouragement challenges criticism as sometimes it is easier to criticise than it is to compliment. We may be more likely to notice poor behaviour than to praise good behaviour.

Rewards can make praise and encouragement more effective and can be regarded as an additional way of saying ‘well done’.

Here are some tips for using praise, encouragement and rewards:

- Give some words of encouragement every day.
- Describe what you like.
- Praise strengths.
- Remember that it takes a lot of praise to outweigh one criticism.
- Look for changes and successes.
- Accept and love difference.
- Surprise with a reward.
- Praise effort as well as achievement.

Regards, Tracy Small

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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”
Riverton Football Club – Players needed URGENTLY

The Riverton Football Club is urgently seeking players for the Year 5 and Year 6 playing cohorts for the 2016 so that we can make team nominations by this Friday.

Without the minimum numbers the Club will not be able to nominate teams for these grades and existing players already registeried will have to be transferred to another club as a consequence.

Contact Richard Brown at rivertonjfc president@gmail.com
NAB AFL Auskick is a great way for kids to have fun, make friends and learn skills of Australian Football.

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3. Select the centre you would like to attend
4. Complete the registration process

Play & Post! Colour in the NAB AFL Auskick image for your chance to WIN an AFL prize pack to the value of $250.

To enter, ask your parents to:
1. Follow @aflauskick on Instagram
2. Take a photo of your colouring in and post it on Instagram with #aflauskick

For more information and terms and conditions, visit aflauskick.com.au/playandpost

*Prizes based on club of supporter.