Dear Parents and Carers,

Jesus said to her,
“I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me will live,
Even though they die;
And those who live
And believe in me...
... Will never die”

(John 11: 25-26)

Easter
So, what does Easter really mean to you? An extra-long weekend and a few days off work? A chance to pack the car, boat or caravan and head off down south or up the coast for 4 days? A time to catch up with extended family and friends? A time to watch the children make themselves feel ill from gorging on too many chocolate eggs? If you believe Bunnings it’s the ideal time to do those little jobs … like paint the whole house!

In the crass, consume-at-all-costs-even-if-you-can’t-afford-it, commercialized world in which we all live, where hot cross buns appear in the shops two days after the Boxing Day sales and Easter eggs appear straight after the Australia Day sales, you could well be excused for being a bit cynical and believing that Easter was invented by the retail industry! There is absolutely no doubt that Easter sales and “special offers” provide a handy little “spike” or “upturn” to retail sales and the economy, especially for chocolate manufacturers.

So where does Christ fit into your Easter? The most sacred and important time of the year in the Christian calendar - the death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is upon us. Will Jesus be a key part of your Easter celebrations? As parents and carers, what will you be doing to help instil and reinforce in your children the
sacredness and significance of the real Easter story? It is so very easy for young children to think that Easter is only about Easter eggs, and if we’re lucky their symbolic representation of new life. After all, our children have been subjected to a relentless media advertising blitz for the last two months and have no doubt been exposed to hundreds and hundreds of ads about chocolate, Easter eggs, Easter bunnies etc. So how is your local parish and parish priest and the message of hope and new life in the resurrection of Jesus, supposed to compete with the massive multinational corporations and their multi-million dollar advertising campaigns?

The answer is simple. You, as parents and carers, are the first educators of your children, and no one can ever replace your role as such. You may recall me telling you that at your enrolment interview? Your words, your actions, your beliefs and the example you set are THE most crucial influence on the words, actions and beliefs of your children. Whatever we teach, preach and demonstrate and model here at school will have limited impact on their lives without your support, encouragement and example.

It’s never too late to start having more of an influence in your children’s development. You could start simply by taking them along to Church over Easter and join in the Easter services. What better way to inspire their faith development and commitment to becoming a better person than the message of hope and joyous celebration in the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

So what message about Easter will stick in your children’s minds this year? The number of chocolate eggs they received? Or the joy and hope of the Risen Lord?

Please see the Easter Mass and service times for Queen of Apostles Parish further on in this newsletter.

No School
A last reminder that Easter Tuesday 29 March is a school holiday and therefore there are no classes that day.

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.

Next P&F Meeting
A reminder that the next P&F Meeting will take place on Monday 4 April at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. That’s correct people, we’ve moved back to the Staffroom as we now have a cover for our Data Wall so privacy and security of student data can be maintained, whilst allowing us the convenience of easier access to refreshments and less setting up/packing up. Please come along and join the fun and informative discussion that takes place! Why not bring a friend and help spread the friendship and camaraderie? I look forward to seeing you there on Monday week.

The peace, hope and joy of our Risen Lord to you and your family for a very happy and Holy Easter,
Shaun O’Neill
Principal
Holy Week Celebrations

This week is Holy Week. It is a time for us to renew our promises we made to God during Baptism and turn back to Him. It is also a time for us to remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us and the suffering and agony he went through.

In order to reflect and remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us, some classes have held a special reflection looking at one part of Holy Week. The first celebration began with the Year 5s presenting a reflection about Palm Sunday on Monday afternoon. On Wednesday morning, the Year 4 classes lead us through a reflection about the Last Supper, and this morning the Year 6 students presented the Stations of the Cross.

When we return after the Easter break, the Year 3 students will present a Liturgy about the Resurrection of Jesus on Wednesday 30th March at 9:00am in the Church. Thank you and well done to all the teachers and classes for their hard work in preparing these reflections for us. Thank you also to all the parents and friends who have joined us for these reflections. Please make some time to attend the Easter services throughout the coming days in this most holy time of the Church’s calendar.

Last Sunday was 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.

Project Compassion

Week Six Dhaniram’s story – India

Advocating for change
Dhaniram is driven to help create change in his village. Through the grass-roots Hamara Haq (‘Our Rights’) project, run by Caritas India and supported by Caritas Australia, he’s gained the skills to help his community claim what’s rightfully theirs and develop their plan for a better future.

Dhaniram lives with his family in a region of Central India known locally as the Tribal Belt. For generations, the tribe’s people have been marginalised and discriminated against. Today, they’re amongst the poorest of the poor in India.

Until recently, people in Dhaniram’s village were unaware of the Government’s social security schemes that are offered to support India’s most vulnerable communities. “There is a low rate of literacy in my village and a low level of awareness of our own rights and entitlements,” he explains.

So when Dhaniram heard about the Hamara Haq (‘Our Rights’) project, he saw the potential to create real change.

Through this project, run by Caritas India and supported by Caritas Australia, Dhaniram learnt about Human Rights, local governance and leadership. He was so inspired by his learnings he persuaded many community members to join local government planning meetings, so they can direct the development of their own communities.

Already, Dhaniram has helped to bring electricity to his village and restart a stalled government housing project that will deliver 84 new homes for his village.
“I am passionate because I feel that this village is mine and we all should live a good life,” Dhaniram tells. “We are now empowered to speak up and ask for our rights.”

To find out more about Dhaniram and watch a short video about him check out the link: http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/weekly-stories/week-6-dhaniram

**Project Compassion Box**

Thank you for your continued generosity towards Caritas’ fund raising initiative 'Project Compassion’. Please know you are supporting a very worthwhile cause. The Project Compassion box you have in your home can be dropped off at school as soon as possible or taken to your parish church when you attend Mass over the Easter break.

The SRC will announce our total fundraising for Caritas before the end of term. Our school initiatives of an Easter egg raffle and Class Challenge for donating in the Project Compassion box have been very successful. Thank you for supporting these.

**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.

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. 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.

The ........................................family 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.

We wish all families a safe and holy Easter break and look forward to seeing the students return, full of chocolate, on Wednesday 30th March.
Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith
Assistant Principals
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 so 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

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.

Student Leadership at Queenies
Year 6 students from the SRC and Social Justice Committee were among the emerging generation of leaders at The National Young Leaders Day at Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre on Thursday, 17th March. The event, which attracted 1,500 upper primary students, was hosted by the Halogen Foundation - a not-for-profit organisation whose mission is to inspire and empower young people to be active leaders in their schools and the wider community.

Keynote speakers who shared their stories and leadership insights included: Paper Pilot Dylan Parker; Young Australian of the Year 2015, Drisana Levitzke-Gray; and Cultural Ambassador and children’s author, Taku Scrutton. Each speaker brought unique life experience to the event, sharing empowering lessons and instilling the
message that despite circumstances, anyone can be a good leader and make a difference in the world around them.

The theme of this year’s National Young Leaders Day was Master the Little. The aim was to empower young people with the knowledge that even the little things in life matter in helping them grow and reach their potential. An interactive panel made for an exciting and inspiring conclusion to the day, exposing students to people with some of Australia’s most interesting jobs.

**SRC Highlights:**
“Dylan Parker made me realise that the smallest choices that you make could result in BIG consequences for your life.” Killian Jordan-Keane

“Drisana inspired me to always believe in myself and have passion in what I believe in.” Ruofan Jin

“I was told that little things add up over time, but it still takes focus to make a difference. I want to have that focus.” Kevin Tirta

“Sean said to us that if you love your job then you will never work another day in your life - because it won’t feel like work.” Caitlyn Foy

“Taku told me that magic DOES happen when I do the little things.” Jonas Schaub

“Never underestimate the power of passion was Drisana’s message.” Isabella Rossi.

Emily Boronovskis, SRC Co-ordinator

**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

**Hello from the School Social Worker**

Raising bilingual children does have its challenges. It can mean a lot of work and a long term commitment, however raising bilingual children does have many benefits. The two main models for raising bilingual children is “the one person-one language model” or “the minority language model”. Whichever model you choose it will be beneficial for the children, family and community. For children, speaking more than one language it is linked to better academic results, increased sense of self-worth, identity and belonging as well as more diverse career opportunities in later life. For families, developing a native language improves communication, makes it easier to be a part of your culture and boosts cultural identity and belonging. For the wider community it means that everyone in the wider community gets an appreciation of different languages and cultures. (adapted from raisingchildren.net.au).

Regards, Tracy Small
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

P&F Easter Raffle
A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our P&F Easter Raffle. We managed to raise over $1400 to go towards equipment and resources for our children. The raffle was drawn on Tuesday morning by Mr O’Neill. Congratulations to our winners:

1st Prize (a gourmet food hamper valued at $100) – Kate 6.2
2nd Prize (a gourmet food hamper valued at $50) – Fay Stewart
3rd Prize (a gourmet food hamper valued at $50) – Monica Bloom

These lovely hampers were supplied by Nosh Gourmet Food & Gifts in Victoria Park.

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:
(that is a ‘j’ between the ‘S’ 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:
HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2016
at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton

Holy Thursday - 24th March
NO morning Mass
7-00 pm - Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper
followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight.

Good Friday - 25th March
10.00 am Station of the Cross
3.00 pm Solemn Celebration of the Lord’s Passion.
At the end of this celebration a special collection for the holy places in the Holy Land will be taken up.

Holy Saturday - 26th March
NO morning Mass or Reconciliation

EASTER VIGIL
6.30pm. Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday - 27th March
7.30 am Morning Easter Mass
9am Family Easter Mass
7pm Evening Easter Mass.

EASTER TRIDUUM
St Vincent Pallotti Chapel,
Rossmoyne

Holy Thursday 7pm Mass - The Lord’s Supper
Good Friday: 10am Stations of the Cross
3pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
At the end of this celebration a special collection for the holy places in the Holy Land will be taken up.

Easter Vigil 7pm
Easter Sunday 9am
Enrol now for our April Vacation Care Program

What is provided?
- Experienced, qualified leaders
- Transport, admission fees on all excursions
- Access to play & craft equipment at the centre
- Indoor Sports Courts
- A healthy afternoon snack
- Developmentally appropriate activities

7.30am - 5.30pm

Elves 5-7 Year olds
Giants 8-12 Year olds

Our service is licensed with the Department for Communities, and registered with the National Childcare Accreditation Council Inc.

Fee Structure
Full daily fee: $65 - Less Child Care Benefit
Don't forget: Govt pays 50% of your out of pocket expenses!

For more information
Phone: 08 6350 7300
Cnr of Wharf & Sevenoaks Street, Cannington 6107
leisureplex@canning.wa.gov.au
www.canning.wa.gov.au/leisureplex
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Enrol by Sun Wed 6 April 2016 to avoid a late fee of $10 per family per day

Pre-ordered lunches available from our friendly café

For more information please call 08 9350 7200

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### Parents & Friends Federation of WA Inc. STATE CONFERENCE

2016

**STATE CONFERENCE**

“Congratulations, We Hear You’re Engaged!”

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**PROCEEDINGS & SPEAKERS**

- Acknowledgement of Country and Welcome
- Annual address: Dr Tim McDonald, Executive Director, Catholic Education WA
- Town of Narrogin Presentation
- AGM: Tabling of Federation reports / Acceptance of Minutes / Address motions from last year; new motions / Election of Council
- Keynote Speaker: Peter Bell - Former Captain Fremantle Dockers and Broadcaster
- "The value of leadership, teamwork and overcoming obstacles"
- Information Session: Elevate Education
- "Practical tips for parents to support their children with learning effective study skills"
- Launch of the ongoing induction resource for school parent associations
- Forum and panel discussion with Peter Collier MLC, Minister for Education and Sun Jitney MLC, Shadow Minister for Education

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**WELCOME PARENTS**

- Registration is $30 for parents of affiliated schools, $100 for parents of non-affiliated schools
- Funding support for out-of-town parents to attend is provided by our wonderful sponsor

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**Triple P Positive Parenting Program**

**Triple P Positive Parenting helps you:**

- Raise happy, confident kids
- Manage kids’ behaviour so everyone enjoys life more
- Set family rules and routines that everyone follows
- Get along well with your kids and argue less
- Balance work and family without stress

**FREE programs offered by the Department of Health**

- Seminar Series
- Group Triple P

**All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to attend.**

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**Next program:**

Triple P Seminar Series held at George Burnett Leisure Centre
Manning Road, Karawara WA 6152
8:30am - 1:00pm Thursday commencing 12th May 2016
No Crèche available. All enquiries please call 0406 730 285 or email Keylee.Crowley@health.wa.gov.au

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**Saturday 21st May 8:15 am - 5:30 pm**

The Astral
Crown Perth, Burswood

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**HealthyWA**
healthywa.wa.gov.au

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**Government of Western Australia**
Department of Health
St Mary’s School Donnybrook invites you to our
100th Anniversary
Sunday 1st May 2016
10am Mass
followed by an Open school event 11am—3pm
(digital displays, memorabilia, time capsule)
Morning tea & Sausage sizzle available for purchase or bring your own picnic.
Please RSVP on 0471 1490 or email
admin@stmarysdbrk.wa.edu.au
by April 1st 2016
Please tell all past staff and students about it.
We would love to see you there!
A centenial magazine will be available for purchase on the day.

For more information, please contact a Youth Worker at one of our Centres:

Canning Youth Centre
Canning Community Centre
Northside Way, Canning
0417 7186 or 0417 958 382

Clydebank Youth and Family Centre
Highmore Street, Clydebank (Adjacent to Western Oval)
0417 7154 or 0417 973 629

Willetton Youth Centre
58 Bannister Road, Willetton
(Adjacent to Bannister Sports Lounge)
0229 3517 or 0408 354 448

Website: www.canning.wa.gov.au
Email: youth@canning.wa.gov.au

AUGUST 2016 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

School holiday activities for young people
11-17 years of age in the City of Canning

Pick up and drop off locations:
CNC - Canning Youth Centre only.
Pick up and drop off times may vary slightly according to traffic and other factors.

Participation Agreement:
• Be nice to one another and to everyone you meet;
• If you act inappropriately or create problems for others your parents may be called to collect you and you will be excluded from the program;
• We do not allow smoking, drugs, alcohol, bullying or profanity;
• We are all here to have fun, and we trust you will respect this.

Like us on Facebook
CanningYouth
Liquid Pool Party & Disco

★ RIVERTON LEISUREPLEX ★
★ FRIDAY 8TH APRIL 2016 ★
★ 4PM – 8PM ★

ENTRY ONLY $5

DJ & COMPETITIONS
COOL PRIZES
FOOD & DRINKS

This is a Smoke, Drug & Alcohol FREE event
for young people aged 11 to 17 years.
Permission form and payment due by Wednesday 6th April 2016 at Youth Centres.
Limited tickets on sale at door. For more information please call 9461 7184.
Find us and like us on @canningyouth
www.canning.wa.gov.au

South of Perth Yacht Club

Sailing Academy

April School Holidays
Learn to Sail Courses

Tackers 1 (7-12 years)
Sailing in an Optimist Dinghy
Monday 11th April to Friday 15th April, 2016
(8.30am—12.30pm)
Monday 18th April to Friday 22nd April, 2016
(8.30am—12.30pm)

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT THE ON WATER GROUP OFFICE ON
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Email: owgadmin@sopyc.com.au
Or
Visit our Website: www.sopyc.com.au