Dear Parents and Carers,

**Lifelink Launch**

Yesterday morning Mrs. Galbraith, our Student Council Executive and Year 6 Councillors and myself attended the official LifeLink Primary School Launch at Lake Monger Reserve. There were 75 Catholic Primary Schools in attendance with their student leaders representing over 30,000 primary school students. We took along the paper chain that we made last week on LifeLink Day, with each link in our chain representing a gold coin donation by one of our students. Our children raised a total of $555, which was a very commendable effort. Our thanks go out to the Social Justice Committee, Mrs Galbraith and Ms Maloney for arranging the event.

After the speeches, each school went forward in turn and joined their paper chain to an ever-increasing link chain spiralling outwards from a large wooden cross on the lawn. The resulting chain of links ended up being a bit over 2kms in length and it was a very visual and impressive way to realize that when our children and schools all join together, we can achieve great things.

For those who are perhaps wondering what LifeLink is all about, it is the fundraising and promotional organisation that raises funds and donations, coordinates promotional activities and distributes all the money raised to all the charities and social welfare groups that the Catholic Church runs or supports within the Perth Diocese.

Some of the charities and welfare agencies and groups supported by LifeLink’s fundraising efforts include:

- Catholic Ministry for People who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired
- Centrecare Employment and Training
- Centrecare Inc. - delivering over 72 quality, professional counselling, support, mediation and training services
- Djooraminda - providing residential and support services for Aboriginal children unable to live within their own families due to abuse, neglect or other difficulties.
- Emmanuel Centre - self-help centre for people with disabilities
- Emmaeus Community - providing long term, independent, community living for adults with mental health issues
- IDENTITITYWA - supporting people with disabilities and their families
- The Shopfront - providing support to people experiencing difficulties with homelessness, health issues, lack of food, accommodation, addiction, violence, loneliness, finances and budgeting.

Last year, the charities, welfare agencies and support groups funded through LifeLink provided support and services to over 34,000 individuals and families throughout Perth, the Goldfields and the South-West of WA. So your children have made a real effort and contribution towards supporting the great and vital work that these
charities, welfare and support agencies do to help those in our communities that are less fortunate than ourselves.

Traffic Report
Once again I would like to say “Thank You” to all the parents and carers who have been terrific in their cooperation, patience and awareness of the safety of children, pedestrians and vehicular traffic during this period of modified traffic flow and parking. Your understanding and support has been wonderful!

I would, however, like to mention a couple of points that parents and carers do need to be aware of and compliant with:

1. The driveway in Tribute Street (old drive-thru exit) is NOT TO BE USED FOR PARKING, DROP-OFF OR PICK-UP.
2. The area immediately in front of the church, between the two driveways, is a DRIVE-THRU ZONE ONLY - NO PARKING AND LEAVING YOUR VEHICLE IN THE MORNING OR THE AFTERNOON.

Your cooperation with regards to these two matters will be greatly appreciated and helps to ensure that everyone arrives and leaves school safely.

Do’s and Don’ts - A Reminder
Visitors to our school, be they teachers from other schools, visiting specialists working with various children, artists, speakers and performers conducting incursions, or other adults, often comment on the wonderful feeling they experience here at Queenies. Some mention the manners and courtesy displayed by the children; others comment on the friendly atmosphere in the classrooms and around the school; others comment on the enthusiastic, energetic and passionate staff; others comment on the happy and positive environment they experience and the wonderful engagement of parents in their children’s schooling that they have witnessed. Whatever their specific experience and comments, it all adds up and contributes to the wonderfully supportive and positive school environment we have here at Queenies.

But this is not something that we should ever take for granted. The wonderful school we all enjoy being part of and contributing to is what it is because of the support and input of you, our parents and carers. The values we teach and try to instil in the children are the same ones you, as parents and carers, are trying to teach and instil in your children. We couldn’t achieve what we do without your support and input as parents at home.

Having said all that, I need to address a couple of issues that do raise their head from time to time:

1. Parents meeting with teachers - we always encourage you as parents to meet with your child’s teacher if you have a concern or issue that you wish to raise. These meetings, because they generally involve talk about a student or students, are best conducted in the privacy of an empty classroom or office. They are also best conducted one-on-one. Groups of parents wanting to see the teacher with regards to any issue is not an acceptable practice. Due to privacy requirements, staff are unable to discuss details of any incident, issue or concern that relates to or involves other students, with anyone other than that child’s parent. I’m sure you can

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appreciate this from the perspective that you would not want your child’s teacher to be discussing any issue involving your child with another group of parents. Therefore, please do not be offended if a teacher declines to meet with a group of parents, they will be more than happy to meet with you individually and listen to your concerns.

2. Parents talking to other children - This seems to be an issue that occurs at least once per year and therefore I need to again remind parents that, **no parent is permitted to approach and talk to the child of another family about any issue or complaint at all!** If, when you pick up your child from school, they mention an incident or something that happened at school involving another student, you do not have the right to then approach that student and address the issue yourself. You do have the right to see your child’s teacher, the other child’s teacher or any member of the Leadership Team and have your concerns listened to and investigated. **You do not have the right to take matters into your own hands and speak to the other child/ren involved directly.** Please bear in mind that you’ve only heard one version of events and in any situation there is a minimum of two sides and sometimes more when dealing with children’s issues. Again, imagine how you’d feel if your child came home and said that another parent had yelled at them or spoke harshly or accused them of something or worse still threatened them if it happened again! You would have every right to be very upset, which is why we ask that such matters are reported to us and then we can investigate and deal with the issues raised.

3. Parents informing us - even when your child doesn’t want you to - this is another scenario that occurs all too frequently I’m sorry to say. Sometimes your child comes home from school and tells you about some problem that may have occurred at school that day involving another child or children from their class or year level in the playground for example. Often your child will also say that they don’t want you to say anything to the teacher about it, it will be okay, they will deal with it themselves, they’ll speak to someone and have it dealt with etc. In some cases the child will only divulge to mum or dad what happened once they have their parents’ solemn word that they won’t go and see the teacher. These sort of scenarios generally end up with an upset and disgruntled parent sitting in my office telling me about a situation or issue that has been occurring periodically throughout the year and they can’t remain silent any longer and they want something done about it! Invariably when I ask them why they didn’t raise this issue 2 or 3 terms earlier when it first started happening they reply that their child did not want them to say anything.

This is where being a parent sometimes means displaying tough love. If you do believe there is any situation or issue that is repetitive or ongoing and is negatively impacting on your child’s happiness and well-being at school, you have an obligation to come and tell a staff member at school, even if your child made you promise a million times over not to tell anyone! Part of being a parent means making tough choices that you know are in your child’s best interests in the long term. Would you stop giving them important medication when they are ill just because they don’t like the taste?

**As parents, you do have the right and the obligation to let us know about events or issues negatively impacting on your child straight away and not wait 6 months until you’ve reached your breaking point!**

OSH Club Update

Only three more weeks after this one until the school holidays. Have you been online to book your children into OSH Club for their school holiday program? I know that there are some parents that have been asking for this for a long time, so now that we have an opportunity to trial the Holiday Program over the next two school holiday blocks, let’s make sure the service is well supported and successful, so that the trial becomes a permanent fixture.

**Dear Parents and Guardians**

OSHClub is delighted to advise that from this coming Term 2 holiday break a Vacation Care service will be added to the existing Out of Hours Care service and available to all families!

In partnership with the school we are pleased to be trialling this new service for the next 2 x holiday breaks and we invite and encourage families to use the service.

Attached is an updated Key Information Sheet with all the service details and information on how new families can enroll. The Holiday Programs bookings are now open and the Vacation Care brochure for the service will be emailed out and available from the 4th of June.

We look forward to seeing you at the new service
Eagles Cup Sport Tomorrow!
Good luck to all our Year 5 & 6 students competing in the Eagles Cup Interschool Sport Competition tomorrow. Irrespective of winning, losing or drawing, I know you will be great sporting ambassadors for our school.

Peace and best wishes,
Shaun O’Neill
Principal

Religious Education

LifeLink Day
Our focus for this term is Care, and one of the ways we can show care is help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. One initiative, which supports many people who require assistance, is LifeLink. Last Thursday, the students came together to make a paper chain, which represented the money that was raised for the Archbishop’s LifeLink appeal. Well done to our families, for helping to raise a total of $555 for this important appeal.
Mr O’Neill, Mrs Galbraith and the students from our Executive SRC committee attended a special LifeLink day yesterday at Lake Monger to join our chain with those from the other Catholic schools in the metropolitan area.

Year 2.2 Whole School Mass
Next Wednesday 15th June, the Year 2.2 class will be leading us through a Mass about Friendship. We warmly invite all families to join us at 9:00am to celebrate. We hope to see lots of friendly faces there.

Confirmation Photos
Confirmation photos are available to view and order online at: www.prophotobooth.com.au.
The passcode is: qa327. Please support this, as it ensures we will continue to have a photographer come each year to photograph these Sacraments.

Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith
Assistant Principals
Parking Update
Following the first week of our altered traffic flow and parking arrangements, which we have been monitoring carefully, I would like to inform you of some changes and adjustments which will come into effect from Wednesday 8 June.

Barbican Street will cease to operate as a drop-off and pick-up location due to very low usage numbers.

On Tudor Avenue, the area immediately in front of the church between the driveway at the front of the church and the driveway entrance to the church car park, will be a drop-off and pick-up area only in the mornings and afternoons. Parents and carers are asked not to park there and leave their vehicle unattended.

THERE IS TO BE NO PARKING IN THE DRIVEWAY EXIT IN TRIBUTE STREET AT ANY TIME DURING THE DAY.
This spot is currently reserved for school deliveries and to allow staff to exit the staff car park. Parents may continue to park on the school side of Tribute Street as has been the case in the past.

Parents are not permitted to drive into the school grounds through the church car park gates to drop-off children. The gates are open in the morning to allow early arriving staff to enter and park, freeing up space in the streets and church car park for parents and carers. The gates will be locked at 8.15 am each morning.

Once again, can I say a huge “Thank You” to all our parents and carers for your patience, understanding and cooperation with the changes to traffic flow and parking. Your efforts so far have been exemplary and have really helped to ensure that the children all arrive and leave school safely.

Are You Report Ready?
Report time is fast approaching. Reports come to families via SEQTA Engage and the school no longer prints semester reports for families, so it is essential that you have set up your own password that is easily remembered. Once you have made your own user friendly password, it will then be your responsibility to remember it.

In first term this year each family was contacted via email to select their own easily remembered password for SEQTA Engage. This email expired after one week. Many families have already set up their password and can access SEQTA Engage to see term overviews and other useful information that is on class portal pages. Some families however, have still not done so and will not be able to access their child’s report/s at the end of the term. If you cannot access SEQTA Engage please contact Terri in the office and she will need to re-provision your access. To check if you are report ready go to: https://qoa.coneqt-p.cathednet.wa.edu.au/ Please click on this link to see you get to the appropriate web page.

Wear Your Football Colours Day
Queen of Apostles will be hosting a “Wear-your-Football-Colours-Day” to raise vital funds for children with cancer next Friday 17th June 2016.

The chosen charity is the Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation (PMH Foundation). The PMH Foundation raises funds for vital medical equipment, supports research and provides specialist staff and services at the hospital to make it better for the children in WA.

The “Wear-Your-Football-Colours-Day” will allow students to wear their favourite AFL, netball, soccer or rugby jerseys for the entire day for a gold coin donation.

Looking forward to seeing everyone wearing their football colours with pride and help raise money for a worthy cause.
**Eagles Cup #3**

Good luck to our teams who compete again this Friday 10th June:

- Soccer A, B, Netball A, B, C, D at Rossmoyne Primary School (Second Avenue, Rossmoyne)
- Football at Shelley Reserve (Koolan Drive, Shelley)
- All games start approx 1.30pm
- Bus returns by 3.00pm
- Spectators welcome

**ICAS Spelling Test**

Many families have registered their child to sit the ICAS Spelling Test. This will take place on Wednesday 15 June.

**Hello from the School Social Worker**

**Reducing sibling fights** can be aided by these tips:

- Look after each child’s needs. Consider a way to foster their need to feel valued and loved equally by spending special time with each child.
- Have clear family rules. Keep the rules simple, involve the children in making them, put a copy of the rules on the fridge and have agreed consequences.
- Set up a family routine.
- Catch children being good. Tell the children clearly and specifically what they are doing well and how much it is appreciated. A recommendation is six positive comments for every negative one.
- Demonstrate how to get along and problem coach.
- Have cool down fighting spots.
- Let children work it out themselves sometimes. Keep an eye on how they are trying to work things out, offer tips and reminders, divert their attention or change the setting. (from the raising children website).

Regards, **Tracy Small**.

**Dear Parents and Friends,**

I would like to sincerely thank those parents who responded to the P & F request for people who may be able to assist in the construction of a nature playground to complement our new early learning centre. As the project continues we will be in contact to discuss the plans and see how you will be able to assist.

We are looking forward to our first School Disco of the year and the first time that the entertainment will be provided by **Bop Till You Drop**. You can view their details at: [http://www.boptillyoudrop.com.au/home-perth/primary-school-discos-perth/](http://www.boptillyoudrop.com.au/home-perth/primary-school-discos-perth/). We are promised a fun evening with a professional children’s entertainer who will get the children dancing, singing and having a great time.

A copy of the Disco Rules will be coming home this week along with a slip where you can volunteer to assist in the running of the disco. The disco will be supervised by P & F volunteers, and we need at least four people from Kindy - Year 2 and four from Year 3 - Year 6. Please note that the Kindy - Year 2 disco will be from 5:45 pm until 7:15 pm and the Year 3 – Year 6 disco from 7:30 pm until 9:00 pm. The cost for each is $3 payable on the night.

Our next P&F meeting will be on Monday 13 June at 7 pm in the staffroom at school and you are all invited to attend. It would be fantastic to have you join us!

Best wishes,
Andrew Upfold
P & F President
Entertainment Memberships Are Here!

Please support our Term 2 fund raiser. $13 from every membership sold goes to our P&F, which is then used towards equipment and events for our children.

Order a book or digital membership for $65 at:

https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/8325j6. Digital memberships can be used on 2 devices, so you’ll never be without your vouchers.

If you prefer to pay cash (books only) there will be a stall outside the library every Wednesday after school.

There are loads of restaurants, cafes and attractions included in this year’s membership, including a whole Bali section. You can preview the book by following this link: http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/Tell-me-More/Perth#FLICKBOOK

If you have any questions, please call Deanne Strommen on 0407 986 269.
QUEEN OF APOSTLES Family Mass Permission Slip

Please complete the reply slip below giving permission for your son / daughter to read at the 9am Family Mass Sunday 12 June.

Katherine Forbes – 0419 861 587
Adele Terrell – 0412 701 651
Family Mass Co-ordinators

QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH REPLY SLIP

I give permission for my child ______________________________ of class ___________ to read at the 9am Mass on Sunday 12 June.

Parent’s signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

QUEEN OF APOSTLES Parish

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PARENT WORKSHOP

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP

This workshop is a must for all parents and carers. This training workshop has been designed to provide parents with information regarding the content of the internationally acclaimed Protective Behaviours Child Safety Program to increase their children’s personal safety.

There are many ways of talking to children about their personal safety and when we do so, it is important that we do not scare them or leave them feeling unsafe, afraid or disempowered.

Protective Behaviours provides children with strategies to keep themselves safe and cope with situations that threaten their well being such as bullying, child abuse & domestic violence. The program empowers the individual with the right to feel safe and sets out ways in which they can gain the appropriate help when they are not feeling safe.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS WORKSHOP

1. To provide parents and carers with a basic understanding of child sexual abuse and other unsafe situations.
2. To provide specific personal safety training skills, techniques and examples to use with your children.
3. To lesson your anxiety about your children’s safety, so you can allow them the freedom of movement they need as they grow up.

DATE FRIDAY, 10 JUNE 2016
TIME 7.00PM – 9.00PM
VENUE QUEEN OF APOSTLES PARISH
55 TUDOR AVENUE RIVERTON
PRESENTER JUSTINE O’MALLEY
COST GOLD COIN DONATION
CONTACT KAREN 0401 492 787
MIKE 0432 994 336

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM
SAXON GEE | TRAINING COORDINATOR
0409 071 068
info@protectivebehaviourswa.org.au
protectivebehaviourswa.org.au
**Community News**

**Kidz Paradise** now do private bookings, afterhours. Lots of different corporate functions with children, school discos and holiday camps, sport club get-togethers and more.

We've had several functions at the centre which have been a huge success, even the 16 year olds love it... We HIGHLY highly recommend it.

There is a huge area for parents and teachers to have coffee, snacks, food and timeout. Please look at the website [www.kidzparadise.com.au](http://www.kidzparadise.com.au). Contact Kidz_paradise@optusnet.com.au or call 9472 8655 you can ask for Iris who is the owner.

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**Willetton Basketball Association**

**School Holiday Camp**

First Week: Monday 4th – Friday 8th July
Second Week: Monday 11th – Friday 15th July
9.00am – 3.30pm daily

*** Please visit [www.willettontigers.com.au](http://www.willettontigers.com.au) and go to the Junior Holiday Camp tab and register your child.

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Join your next FREE local program at BOUNCE Cannington!

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PLACES ARE LIMITED! FIND OUT MORE OR REGISTER NOW:

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**Days:** Mondays & Wednesdays

**Time:** 4.00pm – 6.00pm

**Call us:** 1300 822 953

**Text us:** 0409 745 645

**Online:** [www.betterhealthprogram.org](http://www.betterhealthprogram.org)
Managing Fighting and Aggression in your children

Do you want to learn more about aggression in children and how to help? Then come along to our discussion group where you will be encouraged to share your experience and talk about why children fight. We will look at how you can encourage good behavior and teach your children new skills.

All participants receive workbooks.

Date: Monday 27 June 2016
Time: 9.00am to 11.00am
Venue: Child and Parent Centre Gosnells
173 Hicks Street (access from Clara Street) Gosnells
RSVP: Thursday 16 June 2016
T: 9398 8720 or E: CPCGosnells@centrecare.com.au
A free crèche is available upon request for children over 12 months. Bookings are essential.

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