Dear Parents and Carers,

Volunteers - The Lifeblood of Our School!

We are very blessed at Queenies to have a wonderful group of volunteer parents who take on many and various roles and tasks in and around our school throughout the course of the year. Quite simply, our school would not be anywhere near as fantastic as it is without the efforts of all our volunteers. Without the wonderful contributions that all our volunteers make to our school, we would be faced with two very stark and confronting choices:

1. Increase our school fees by 30% to cover the cost of paying people to fulfil the roles and tasks that our volunteers currently do.
2. Stop doing all the events and activities that our terrific volunteers enable us to do.

So what would that look like in reality? I’m glad you asked. Try to imagine our school if:

- There was no canteen to provide children’s lunches
- There were no sports carnivals because we couldn’t cover all the jobs and tasks to enable it to run.
- There were no volunteers (RAPPers) to listen to children read in the mornings
- No discos for the children each term.
- No camp for Year 6 students
- No Graduation celebration in the evening
- No interschool team sports because we could not cover all the coaching, umpiring and supervision requirements internally
- No classroom helpers
- No excursions due to inability to meet child/adult supervision ratios

- No fundraising by the P&F which would mean:
  - No Lego Robotics for the Year 5 & 6 classes.
  - iPad numbers in each class reduced by half
  - No interactive whiteboards in the classrooms
  - No new playgrounds for years 1 & 2 and 3 & 4
  - No benches to sit on in the Undercover Area
  - No new reading book series for take home readers
  - No new classroom furniture
  - The level of new resources and equipment in the classrooms halved each year.

- No P&F social functions for parents and families such as:
  - The Bush Dance in term 1
  - The Sundowner/Disco in term 4
  - Dinner/ dance, wine and cheese nights, Retro Bingo night, quiz night, family movie night

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Please note Friday 19 August is a Pupil Free Day
This list is by no means exclusive, but I think you’re starting to see the big picture. Just that small sample of items, activities and events give you a very real insight into just how much of a magnificent contribution all our volunteers make to the success and well-being of our school community day in and day out! Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our school and we could not do what we do without them! I thank them all for their priceless and invaluable service and contribution to our school community!

Volunteers Needed!

1. CANTEEN - Trish needs more volunteers to help plug gaps in her roster. Currently there are no canteen helpers available next week and there have already been a couple of days this term where she has struggled through without any help. Even if you could only stay till recess is over, that would be a great help to Trish. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a wonderful Canteen Manageress as Trish Bryant, but without volunteers to help out, she will eventually have to change the menu and move away from freshly prepared lunches and recess snacks towards more frozen and packaged products that she just heats and serves. I’m sure that no one wants to see our canteen menu of healthy lunch and recess snacks undermined by a lack of volunteers. Just volunteering for one morning a term will make a great contribution.

2. The P&F is looking for volunteers to help out with upcoming social events such as the Retro Bingo Night and the Father's Day Breakfast. Again, this doesn't mean being stuck with organising the event, it just means lending a hand for a few hours. The old adage, “Many hands make for light work” springs to mind. In some instances you might only be needed for one hour on a roster and these sorts of events occur outside of normal work hours, so that working parents can still contribute to our school.

Please give serious consideration to how you might be able to offer a few hours once a year towards the ongoing success and vitality of our school community - we simply cannot do it without YOU!

Cross Country Carnival

Congratulations to the mighty Flynn (Gold) for winning the Cross Country Carnival on Monday afternoon. There was some very exciting, close and very competitive running during the afternoon and I personally think that everyone who completed their race was a winner, just for having the determination and perseverance to keep going and not give up!

As always, I would like to thank Mr. Bridgeman for his wonderful organisation of the Carnival. I would also like to thank the staff who assisted with the setting-up, running and packing-up on the day. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came along and cheered and supported their children’s faction. My congratulations to the parents and staff who competed and completed the parent/staff race .... without any hamstring tears or medical emergencies arising!

P&F Retro Bingo Night

Have you organised your table of ten for the P&F’s Retro Bingo Night on Saturday 27 August yet? I know of a few parents who already have their table of ten sorted plus there is also at least one staff table of ten filled already. With a 70’s retro theme for the evening, I think I have an advantage, as unlike many of our parents who weren’t born back then, sadly I was and I still have the clothes in my wardrobe to prove it!

There will be loads of fun and prizes on the night with the bingo, retro music, raffles and spot prizes up for grabs. This will be the biggest fun-filled night of the year, so please don’t miss out! I believe that tickets will be on sale next week, so get cracking and organise your table of ten and I’ll see you there!

Kindy Enrolments For 2017

A reminder to all our parents and carers that we are currently doing interviews for Kindy enrolments for next year. If you have a child at home who was born between 1/7/2012 and 30/6/2013, then you should be enrolling them to start Kindy next year. Enrolment forms are available to be downloaded from the website, or simply see Mrs. Healey in the Office for a form or to schedule an Enrolment Interview.
Building Progress
As you can see in the photos below, the structural steel work is almost complete.

Peace and best wishes,
Shaun O'Neill
Principal

Religious Education

Bishops Religious Literacy Test
The Year Five children will take part in the Bishops Religious Literacy Test next week. This assessment is for all children in West Australian Catholic Schools in Year Five. The test covers the religious content of the Units of Work taught from Pre-primary to Year Five. Children will complete this assessment on line for the first time. Year Three students will also be completing a Bishops Religious Literacy Test in Week Four. They will do a trial next week so they get a feel of what the test will look like.

ICAS Testing
Children whose families have paid for them to complete the English assessment of the University of New South Wales ICAS testing will sit this test on Tuesday 2 August. Certificates and test results for the Digital Technologies Test will be given out at our next assembly on Wednesday 3 August. Parents are welcome to be present.

School Photos
Thank you to all the families who sent their children to school looking so impeccable in their school uniforms for photo day. Kindy 2, Year One, Junior and Senior choirs and the remainder of the family photos will be taken tomorrow. Please ensure your children are wearing their correct winter uniform.

Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith
Assistant Principals
Scholastic Bookclub
Orders for Issue 5 are due no later than this Friday, 29th July. No late orders accepted.

School News

kids for kids
Cake Stall

Dear Parents

The first fundraiser for our ‘kids for kids’ Social Justice Program will take place this Friday, 29th July when we will be holding a Cake Stall.

We would welcome donations of baked goods (cupcakes, slices, biscuits and other sweet treats) from school families. These can be left on allocated tables in the undercover area next Friday morning.

PLEASE NOTE THAT BAKED GOODS MUST BE NUT-FREE

Egg-free and gluten-free items are also welcome.

Please label your baked goods.

Cake Stall items will be priced at 50c and $1.

The Cake Stall will be open during recess and lunch and throughout the Littlies’ Lapathon. Any remaining items will be offered for sale after school.

Every class will have the opportunity to visit the cake stall so please remember to send your child to school with money if you would like them to purchase something special.

If there are any parents who would be willing to assist with the stall on the day, your help would be most welcome. Please contact Susannah Naim at naimps@iinet.net.au or on 0448 874 956.

Thank you for your generosity and support of this fundraising activity.

Susannah Naim, Valencia Maloney & the Social Justice Committee
Book Week (Week 6)
There will be a dress up day on **Monday 22 August** as part of our school's Book Week celebrations. Please note the change of day for this year as there is a Mass scheduled for the Wednesday of that week and there will be no Assembly. The parade will take place as part of our Gathering Assembly on the **Monday**. The 2016 theme for Children’s Book Week is "**Australia: Story Country**". Students are encouraged to take part in this initiative by coming to school dressed as a book character or as something to do with the 2016 theme.
Thanking you
Kerry Miller

Canteen Week
Next week is Canteen Week and there will be special treats for sale at recess to celebrate.
We are also running a colouring competition with two winners chosen from each year group. The prize is a voucher to spend at the Canteen. Pick up your entry forms from the Canteen. All entries must be handed to the Canteen by **Wednesday 3rd August**.
Tricia Briant, Canteen
Faction Cross Country
After wins in Athletics and Swimming in recent times, Flynn made it three in a row with a win in Monday’s Faction Cross Country Carnival.
There were spirited performances all afternoon as our students pushed themselves to exhaustion. It was wonderful for our students to be supported so well by their classmates, other students, and by the many parents and grandparents who created such a positive atmosphere. With a focus on resilience in PE, our students are developing a sense of determination and self-motivation with each event they participate in at Queenies.

Final Scores
Flynn 252 Magdlen 244 Luemmen 240 Canning 228

Race winners:
Yr 3: Charissa Kheng and Brodie Davey
Yr 4: Natasha Hodgkinson and Matthew Radojkovich
Yr 5: Alicia Herbert and Sebastian Kelleher
Yr 6: Caitlin Hodgkinson and Killian Jordan-Keane

Luemmen won the ‘Bonus Points’ shield, largely due to a great turnout at our lap-running sessions before school.
Lap running before school will continue, as it is a great way to start the day. Parents, teachers and all students are welcome: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on the oval at 8.15am.
Interschool notes will be out in a couple of weeks. The Inter-school Cross Country Carnival will takes place on Tuesday 6th September.

Littlies Lap-a-Thon
Friday 29 August from 2.00 – 3.00pm on the Annexe Oval. All Pre Primary – Year 2 students, parents, Kindy kids and toddlers are welcome to join in! Runners complete as many laps as they can by running, jogging or walking. A runner’s card will be marked after each lap. We hope to see you there.

After-school Table Tennis lessons
Irwan Budiarto, a qualified table tennis coach, will be offering coaching sessions free of charge on Tuesday afternoons from 3.10pm to 4.10pm in the undercover area starting Week 2 (Tuesday 26th July). There are limited places, so this program will be offered to Year 5 and 6 students to begin with. If places become available more year levels will be invited.
If your Year 5 or Year 6 child would like to participate, please reserve their spot by emailing bridgeman.ross@qoa.wa.edu.au.
**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 on Sunday 7th August.

Buddika Perera - 0414 479 768
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