Dear Parents and Carers,

Performing Arts Festival (PAF)
I was privileged on Monday morning to be able to attend our Senior Choir’s performance in the PAF at St Benedict’s Church in Applecross. The choir performed admirably and their choice of two very different songs served to highlight the range of their ability. I was extremely proud of their performance and once again, they have shown themselves to be very worthy ambassadors for our school. Congratulations to Mrs. Perry and all the Senior Choir members on their fine performance. Special thanks to Mrs. Margaret Di San Miguel for her wonderful work and commitment as the accompanist for our Choir.

A Champion Performance!
During the recent school holidays not all of our children were sleeping in and enjoying a leisurely holiday at home or away somewhere. In the first week of the school holidays, Natasha Hodgkinson from Year 4.1 was busy competing in the Australian Calisthenics Championships held at the Festival Theatre in Adelaide. Natasha’s WA Sub Junior Team finished the competition in 1st place which makes them the National Champions for 2016. One of Natasha’s coaches is also a former Queenies student, Kaitlyn Selby (see photo). We would like to thank Queenies, Mrs Colley and her classmates in Year 4.1 for all the support and good luck wishes shown for Natasha’s State Team Adventure. Congratulations Natasha!

Parking and Traffic Flow
Once again I would like to thank our parents for their cooperation and patience with the temporary parking and traffic conditions. Most children and parents have now established a good routine with regards to drop-off and pick-up arrangements and most importantly, children are arriving and leaving school safely.

But that does not mean that there is room for complacency. I would like to remind parents, carers and grandparents who do drop-off and pick-up that:

1. The area between the two driveways at the front of the church is a drop-off and pick-up zone in the mornings and afternoons. This means that parents should not be parking and leaving their vehicle in that area. If you do need to see a staff member or escort your child to class, then please park a bit further down Tudor Avenue, so that this area is kept clear to operate as a drive-thru section.

2. There are still some parents/carers/grandparents who are parking in the driveway, or across the driveway at the front of the school. The driveway area is not to be used for drop-off or pick-up and is definitely not to be used for parking. There are numerous times during the course of the week when various staff members will need to exit the carpark to attend to school business and meetings off-site. It is also currently our only access for all the various deliveries to the school that occur on a regular basis. For these reasons, it must remain clear and accessible at all times.

Your cooperation in these two matters will be greatly appreciated.
P&F Student Disco

A reminder to all the parents, carers and children that the final Student Disco for the year takes place this Friday evening. As has been the case over the last few years, the fourth term event will be a combined parent sundowner and student disco in the undercover area, so this will be, in effect, the last Disco in the Parish Hall for the year. Don’t miss out on this fun social event for the children. More parent volunteers are always welcome too!

P&F Retro Bingo Night

I often hear parents lament the fact that they work full-time, so it is very challenging for them to volunteer or help out at school in some capacity. Lament no more! You now have a very enjoyable and easy opportunity to contribute to the life of our school community, as well as helping your children to get more out of their school day. Simply by purchasing your tickets and/or organizing a table of 10 friends and coming along to the P&F’s Retro Bingo Night on Saturday 27 August, you will be making a valuable contribution to your school and your children’s education. Tickets are only $20 per head and there will be loads of fun, games, raffles and prizes during the evening. Bar facilities are available, so really all you need to do is drag out your best 70’s or 80’s fashions to wear and organize your nibbles and snacks! You will never have an easier and more enjoyable opportunity to contribute to the school, knowing that every dollar raised on the night will be spent on equipment and resources to benefit your children’s learning at school.

Now I know, because parents have mentioned it to me on more than one occasion, that there are many parents out there who believe that they already pay their school fees and therefore should not be asked to contribute further through P&F fundraising efforts. I can appreciate where parents with such a viewpoint may be coming from, however, I would like to offer an explanation as to why the fundraising efforts of the P&F is still incredibly important to our school and indeed for every Catholic school in Australia.

First and foremost we need to remember that our school only receives approximately 75% of State and Federal Government funding that an equivalent State school would receive each year. The remaining 25% of funds required to bring us up to an equivalent level is expected to be collected in fees and charges from parents (private income). While school fees and other charges do provide most of the remaining 25% we need to operate each year, the valuable fundraising efforts of the P&F help to provide the equipment and resources for your children that in some areas gives us an edge over other schools that we compete against for enrolment numbers or provides those extra resources that make a difference to children’s learning. Quite simply without the incredible fundraising work of the P&F we would not be able to provide all the new reading books, library books, Lego Robotics equipment, new classroom furniture, benches for children to sit on, new playground equipment etc.

Secondly, the P&F also attempts through some of its major fundraising efforts, to spread the burden of raising the extra money needed to others outside of our school community. Events such as the Retro Bingo Night, Queenies Community Fair, entertainment book sales, chocolate drives, raffles etc. aim to involve other people in supporting our school by purchasing tickets in the raffles, buying chocolates or entertainment books and attending the events. For example, if one of our parents organizes for four other couples who are friends of theirs to join them and make a table of 10 for the Retro Bingo night, then that is a minimum of $160 that those other people will contribute towards your children and our school.

Ultimately, if we cannot successfully spread our fundraising needs out to the wider community, it will fall back onto our own parents to bridge the gap through increased fees and charges! The only other alternative will be for us to reduce the level of service we offer through various support programs or have the children make-do with old, worn-out and inferior equipment and resources.
This is why the success of events such as the Retro Bingo Night is so important to our ongoing capacity to deliver the programs, support, equipment and resources that you want and expect your children to have access to. If the P&F can raise the money and provide a social event to help build our sense of community at the same time, then that has to be a win-win situation and we need all our families to get behind the P&F and support their efforts.... So please buy your tickets now and bring along some friends as well and make a night of it!

**Building Progress**
In spite of some wet weather, work continues to progress with our new Early Childhood Centre. This week you can see some of the brickwork starting to take shape, as well as work continuing on the roof and ceiling structure in preparation for the Colorbond sheeting to be installed.

![Building Progress Image](image)

For those who are interested, the internal colour schemes for the Kindy and Pre-Primary rooms, as well as the external colour scheme are available for viewing in the notice board on the Library wall, near the entrance to the Staffroom. It includes samples of the bricks, roofing, woodwork, tiles and fabrics to be used in the Centre.

**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.

Peace and best wishes,

Shaun O’Neill
Principal

**Religious Education**

**The Feast of the Assumption Mass**
We will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption on Monday 15th August. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, so it is an important feast day to honour the day that Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up to heaven, body and soul. This Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am. We encourage all families to attend this Mass and come together as one school and parish community to give praise and thanks to Mary and God.

Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith
Assistant Principals
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

Uniform Shop News
We will be updating the sport socks soon to a branded Queen of Apostles sock. There will be the usual two year transition for uniform changes and we will send out an order form when the new socks are almost ready. The new sport socks will be a compulsory uniform item. In the meantime, we have some excellent quality white ankle socks that we will be selling at below cost! We have limited quantities of the following sizes:
- Kids – 9-12, 13-3
- Adult/kids – 2-8, 8-11
We are clearing them at the special price of **$3.50** a pair, half our normal price and less than our cost price. These socks are excellent quality, they last for ages and they are super comfy.

**Out of Stock**
- Track pants size 8 & 10
- Track top size 10
- Winter skirt size 14

Fiona Agostino
Uniform Shop

Hello from the School Social Worker
**Managing tough conversations** can be difficult. Here are **some tips to help**:
1. Tell your child sad or scary family news yourself. A person that knows your child well would also be regarded as ok. Events that might affect your child are better coming from yourself or a person well known to the child and best delivered as soon as possible.
2. If possible, plan ahead and choose a time when you are both likely to be relaxed. Choose a private and comfortable place.
3. Explain simply and consider the child’s age. Story books are great.
4. Be honest and truthful.
5. Come back to the topic. Children often need time to understand. They also need to know that they can ask questions.
6. Listen intently once the conversation begins. Make eye contact and get down to the child’s level. Repeat back the feelings you are hearing.
7. Stay calm. Children can copy adult reactions. Although it is still relevant and important to have uncomfortable feelings and to let children know what they are.
8. Use a past event to help a child understand a more recent one. It can be an opportunity to reassure and to focus on how people cope and how they can support each other in tough times.

Regards, **Tracy Small**.
Music News - Performing Arts Festival

Congratulations to the students who have participated in the Performing Arts Festival so far. The following students have performed in the sections below.

Performing Arts Festival Opening Mass
Congratulations to Grace Edmonds who represented the school at the Opening Mass. Grace read the Prayers of Intercession and was commended on her ability to read with confidence and clarity.

Bible Reading
Congratulations to Grace Edmonds who received an Honourable Mention in the Bible Reading section. Congratulations to Elijah Edmonds who received a Certificate of Merit in the Bible Reading section of the Festival.

Guitar Ensemble
Congratulations to our Guitar Ensemble involving Seraphina Andrews, Luke Matthews, Matilda Nicolai and Elijah Edmonds for their enthusiastic and strong performance on Thursday 28th July at the Don Russell Performing Arts Centre. They received a Certificate of Merit for their brilliant performance.

Primary Vocal Solo / Duet
Congratulations to both Emma Naim and Grace Edmonds for their beautiful performances in the Vocal section.

Primary Instrumental Solo / Duet
Congratulations to Mitra Faroughi for her terrific violin performance in the Instrumental Section.

Queenies Senior Choir
CONGRATULATIONS to the Queenies Senior Choir who performed at St Benedict's Church in Applecross on Monday 9th August. They were absolutely amazing and received Excellence in their suitability of song, interpretation, posture and appearance. Their enthusiasm and deliverance of the pieces ‘An Irish Blessing’ and ‘Holy Spirit Rocks’ was sensational! A special thank you to each choir member for the dedication put into each rehearsal and a big thank you to Margaret De San Miguel for accompanying us on piano.

Queenies Senior Choir Reminder
The Queenies Senior Choir will be participating in the Primary Choral Singing section of the Festival on Friday 19th August at the Vasto Club in Balcatta. Students are to be at school by 8.30am. We will meet in the Music Room. All students are to be dressed in their correct winter uniform with polished shoes and school jumpers. Girls must have their hair tied back neatly in a ponytail. The bus will be departing at 9.30am. This section commences at 11am and finishes at 12.30pm. We will return to school by 1.15pm where we will celebrate with a ‘Pizza Party’. STUDENTS ARE TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE MUSIC ROOM AT 2.15PM. Please ensure the Choral Primary Section note is returned to school by Friday 12th August.

Performing Arts Timetable
Queen of Apostles, 2016

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Term 3 PE
To see what’s been happening so far this term in PE and sport, please go to www.qoape.com for this week’s post. You can sign-up for email alerts of new posts on the home page.

Jump Rope for Heart Money - Last Call
If there is any fundraising money out there still to come in, please forward it in to the office by this Friday 12th August. A huge thank you to Sarah Stapleton and Suzannah Naim for helping in this regard. Much appreciated ladies!

OSH Club

RSPCA CUP CAKE DAY
Please join us during After School Care at OSHclub on Monday 15th August 2016, when we will be taking part in the RSPCA Cupcake Day in the Undercover Area.

We are pleased to supPAWt RSPCA to raise money and awareness to stop animal cruelty.

Everyone is welcome!
Even if your children are not booked into OSHclub, you are still more than welcome to accompany them to this event 😃

Enter a yummy cupcake into our ‘Cutest Cake Contest’, even if just one cake, we would love to see your yummy treats and have you join us in this very worthy and amazing cause!

There will also be raffle tickets available and fantastic prizes up for grabs.
Donations can be made at OSHclub at any time leading up to and on this day.
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE! 😃
**OSHClub News**

**Before School / After School Care Program**

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**Program Update**

**Curriculum day 19th August**

The upcoming Curriculum Day on the 19th August 2016 is fast approaching! Bookings are now open to secure your place in our fantastic Curriculum Day program. Whether or not the day will run is dependent on numbers and this will be decided on Friday 12th August. We hope to see you there for a day of fun and exciting adventures!

Bookings can be made at: oshclub.com.au under the care booking type ‘After school care’ or ‘Curriculum Day’.

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**RSPCA Cupcake Day 15th August 2016**

Help us get together and supPAWt this worthy cause ☺️ On Monday the 15th August at 3.15-4.15 we will be having a cupcake stall in the undercover area. There are fantastic prizes for the ‘cutest cupcake’ and 3 amazing raffles, drawn on the day, plus YUMMY CUPCAKES! If you are able to support this you can help by: making a few cupcakes, or even just 1, donating a gold coin and purchasing cupcakes and raffle tickets ☺️

Please call Lyn on 0431 310 180 if you would like more information. All are welcome, even if not booked in on the day, accompanied by an adult ☺️ We hope to see you there!

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**Next Week’s Activities**

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**Parent Information**

OSHClub program phone: 0431 310 180
Coordinator: Lynees (Lyn) Payne
Assistants: Katherine, Reme
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Queen of Apostles School
Disco Guidelines
Disco 12 August 2016
K - Year 2 - 5:45 pm Year 3 - Year 6 - 7:30

Please read the rules of the disco. To maintain the duty of care and ensure the safety and enjoyment of all children the following rules must be followed.

Rules:
• All children must be signed in by a parent. Children at the K - 2 event must be supervised by a parent for the duration of the disco.
• At the 3 - 6 disco parents will be requested to provide a contact number in case of emergency.
• Younger siblings and students not enrolled at Queen of Apostles are not permitted inside the hall for the duration of the disco. Very young siblings may enter a with a parent, but must remain seated in a stroller or similar.
• Students must follow the reasonable instructions of supervisors.
• Supervisors will ask any child who is running or behaving in an inappropriate manner to stop, and may ask them to leave the dance floor if they do not comply.
• Students from Year 3 - Year 6 are not permitted inside the hall during the Junior Disco. Likewise, students from Kindy - Year 2 are not allowed inside the hall during the Senior Disco.
• Students are not permitted to leave the disco for its duration unless accompanied by a parent.
• Students are not permitted to roam through the car park, on the oval or between the school buildings before or after either disco.

Please note:
• It is also important to be aware that parent volunteers are there to ensure the smooth running of the event and not there to supervise students.
• The entry fee of $3 covers the cost of drinks, snacks and one glow stick per child.

______________________________________________
I ______________________________________ am able to assist with the P & F Disco on 12 August.

My child is in Year ______ and I am able to assist with the:

☐ K - 2 Disco ☐ 3 - 6 Disco

Email: ___________________________________________ Mobile: ________________________________

If you would like to volunteer please return to the school office by 11 August
2016 Catholic Performing Arts Festival Concert
Perth Concert Hall
Monday 12th September 2016

Tickets available online direct from the Perth Concert Hall
(not Ticketmaster as previously stated)

Online Bookings: www.perthconcerthall.com.au
Phone Bookings: Call 08 9231 9999 9am-5pm Monday to Friday.
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Are you or your child interested in playing tee-ball, baseball or softball? **Willetton Baseball Club** is a local club with members from 4 years of age. Registration Fees start at just $120 for the season. To register or find out more information, go online at [www.wbc.wildcats.com.au](http://www.wbc.wildcats.com.au) or come along to our **Registration Day**: Saturday 13th August from 8.30am to 12.00pm at Willetton Scout Hall, Apsley Road, Willetton.

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Enrolments close Monday 29 August

Find out more and enrol online at education.wa.edu.au/swimming or telephone 9402 6412.
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Days: Mondays & Wednesdays
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Online: www.betterhealthprogram.org