Dear Parents and Carers,

21st Century Learning

As we continue our journey through the days, weeks, months and years of this not-so-new-anymore millennium, it would be fair to say that for most of us our lives have included some pleasant surprises, a few disappointments and many things that have unfolded just as we thought they might. It certainly does not seem that long ago that mentioning the term “21st century” would have been taken to mean that you were talking about science fiction or some other futuristic fantasy realm. What was once the stuff of science fiction is now a reality. Only 6 years ago iPads were not on the market and certainly not part of any school’s planning and ICT curriculum processes. Only 4 years ago no one was wearing an Apple watch, Fitbit or other wrist device to receive their text messages, monitor their personal fitness and health or keep track of their whereabouts, appointments and weather. Only two years ago driverless cars on our roads were the stuff of science fiction (albeit they have been operating off-road in mining operations for some years now), now there are 3 states in the USA where they are already licensed for road use!

The bottom line is that our world as we know it continues to change at a pace that seems akin to a runaway snowball getting bigger and bigger as it careens down the mountainside. If we do not actively plan for ways to embrace new technology and see how it can enhance our children’s learning opportunities, then we risk being flattened by that hi-tech snowball and left behind in its wake.

As educators, our challenge is to prepare our children for a world that is developing and changing at an ever-faster rate. At the recent National Catholic Education Conference held here in Perth, one internationally renowned speaker really got us thinking and talking when he quite calmly stated that some of the children born this year will be the first humans to live till 150 years old! Combine that idea with the notion that for the children currently in our Kindy classes, half of the jobs and careers they will pursue have not even been invented yet! We need to perhaps rethink our whole notion of how many years children may spend at school, how many years we may spend in the workforce and how long they will be retired for. The idea of people living till 150 years of age brings a whole new level of complexity to the idea of ‘lifelong learners’.

For us as educators, our focus is shifting away from a more traditional focus on mastery of knowledge, facts and figures. Memorizing and recalling vast amounts of facts and figures is really a lower order thinking skill and far from the best use of our human intelligence, especially when Year 3 students are already quite adept at “Googling” any information they want to know. In 21st Century Learning the emphasis shifts from what information can you remember and understand, to what are you going to do with the information you have access to at your fingertips? The focus shifts to developing students higher order thinking skills such as applying, analysing, evaluating and creating. We need to develop students who can analyse data, propose various solutions or courses of action, evaluate which solution or course of action will be the best or most successful and then create, develop, build, construct, present and publish the solution. It is about being able to understand and apply the vast amounts of data available at
their fingertips to work out solutions to real life problems and tasks. Today’s children will be living in a totally digital world, where they will live, work and socialise in ways we have not even thought of yet.

Here at Queenies we have been busily engaged in several different aspects of 21st Century Learning such as:

- Implementing more higher-order thinking skills into lessons and activities across all curriculum areas.
- Refurbishment of classrooms to create more contemporary 21st Century Learning environments that lend themselves to greater collaboration and sharing amongst students, greater flexibility in the shape and nature of work spaces and catering to individual learning needs.
- The implementation and ongoing rollout of our 1:1 iPad program, so that by the commencement of 2018 every child in Years 4, 5 & 6 will have their own iPad at school to enrich their learning and facilitate more time spent on the higher order thinking skills such as creating solutions and problem solving.
- ‘Flipped Learning’ which is very much about flipping the pyramid that currently sees most time spent on remembering and understanding information, so that when flipped the most time in class is spent on analyzing, evaluating and creating.

Over time we will gradually introduce you to more key points and information regarding our ongoing implementation of 21st Century Learning pedagogies.

**P&F Retro Bingo Night**

Have you organised your table of friends and secured your tickets for the Retro Bingo Night yet? If you haven’t secured your tickets yet then you’re running out of time to ensure you don’t miss out on this terrific fun night! Ticket sales close next Monday 22 August, so unless you’re happy to see the staff table winning all the prizes and raffles, you’d better get moving and purchase your tickets to this wonderful night of entertainment. Tickets are only $20 and all profits go to resources and equipment for your children. I look forward to seeing you all 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.

Peace and best wishes,
Shaun O’Neill
Principal

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| Mon 22 Aug | Start of Book Week – Book Fair  
Book Week Dress-up Day  
Wendy Binks Book Week Incursion |
| Tues 23 Aug| 11.10am Yr 5 Liturgy  
Wendy Binks Book Week Incursion |
| Wed 24 Aug | 9.00am School Mass Yr 3  
EduDance |
| Fri 26 Aug | EduDance  
World of Maths Incursion |
| Sat 27 Aug | P&F Retro Bingo Night  |
| Wed 31 Aug | 8.50am Assembly 1.2  
EduDance |
| Fri 2 Sept | P&F Father’s Day Breakfast  
EduDance  
World of Maths Incursion  
Peer Support |
| Thurs 22 Sept | LAST DAY OF TERM 3  |
| Fri 23 Sept | SCHOOL CLOSED           |
Whole School Mass
There is a whole school Mass this Wednesday 24 August prepared by the Year Three children with the theme of Forgiveness. Please join with our school as we come together to celebrate the Eucharist as a community. Mass begins at 9.00am in the church.

Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith
Assistant Principals

Library News
We will celebrating Children's Book Week next week in our school. There will be a dress-up parade on Monday morning, 22 August, as part of the Gathering Assembly in the undercover area. Children are asked to come to school dressed as a book character or in the 2016 theme of "Australia: story country". This is an annual event in our school and the children love taking part in this.

Wendy Binks, children's author/illustrator, will be visiting our school on Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 August to conduct sessions with our PP-Yr 6 classes. Wendy has written, illustrated and self-published her first 3 books about an emu called Stripey. Her first book, "Where's Stripey?" won the West Australian Premier's Award for Children's Books and has sold over 120,000 copies. Stripey is also featured on the walls of Fiona Stanley Hospital's Pediatrics Ward. We are very fortunate to be able to arrange for Wendy to visit Queen of Apostles. She will conduct sessions for Years 1, 3, 5 & 6 on Monday and for Years PP, 2 and 4 on Tuesday.

We will once again be holding a Book Fair in the Library on Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 7 September (Week 8) incorporating our Open Night on Tuesday 6 September. More detail to follow regarding this.

Kerry Miller, Library

Bookclub
Issue 6 Scholastic Bookclub order booklets will be out this week. Please note that all orders are due in the office no later than Friday 2nd September.

Canteen
Thank you all for your ongoing support of Queenies Canteen.
Just a reminder – last days to get your colouring-in competition entries in for your chance to win a prize.

Tricia Briant – Canteen

Hello from the School Social Worker
Children generally tend to be interested in creative arts and artistic activities. It can play a role and support children's learning and development by:

1. Encouraging individual creativity and visual expression.
2. Helping children to express feelings, thoughts and ideas in verbal and non-verbal ways.
3. Getting children to think about issues that do not always have a set right or wrong answer.
4. Helping children to consider issues from more than one perspective.

Children can be assisted through art, drama and music to make sense of the world, communicate their feelings, problem solve and further develop their motor skills.

Regards, Tracy Small.
Cross Country Training and Lap Running
For those wishing to continue lap running in the mornings, our sessions are now Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 8.15am on the Annex e oval, to coincide with our inter-school cross country training sessions. All are welcome. It is a great way to start the day!

ON THE COUCH WITH THIS WEEK’S QUEENIES HERO

Congratulations to Mr Alan Pendleton for being chosen as this week’s Queenies Hero. Our readers would love to know the following:

How long have you been coming to Queenies?
I have 2 grandchildren who have been going to Queenies for 4 years.

Who is your own hero or inspiration?
Pele, Muhammad Ali.

What is your favourite food?
Curry.

What do you hope to be when you grow up?
To be a good person.

This must be a proud moment for you. Is there anyone you’d like to thank?
I’d like to thank Sport.
OSH Club News
Before School / After School Care Program

Program Update

**Curriculum Day reminder:**
We will be running a full day program this Friday 19th August for the Curriculum Day! Our theme is “Under the Big Top” circus theme. Please bring morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, a hat, drink bottle and enclosed shoes. We will be here from 7am through until 6pm. We hope to see you for a fun-filled day of adventures 😊

**Thank you Queenies!**
We would sincerely like to thank you all for taking part in our RSPCA Cupcake Day 😊 From baking muffins, to buying yummy treats, we had a successful afternoon, raising $160 for this wonderful cause. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!

**Weekly themes!**
This week is all about Nature! Feel free to share your recycling and sustainability ideas with us 😊

**Next Week’s Activities** *(Please ask your children to write their suggestions below for next week and bring them into us in the support room) 😊*

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**Parent Information**
OSH Program phone: 0431 310 180
Coordinator: Lyneesa (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.
Contact Helen Pascoe for further information: 0405177486 or hyp_smp@yahoo.com.au

Queenies
Father’s Day Breakfast
Friday 2nd September @ 7:30am

* Bacon & egg muffin, tea, coffee, juice & fruit
   for $6-
   * muffin only $3-

Payment due to the front office by Mon 29 August

Family name:__________________________________________

Number of muffin & drink packages @ $6: _______

Number of muffins only @ $3: ________________________

Amount enclosed: ________________________________

Eldest child’s name & class: _________________________

I am able to help, name & number: ____________________
Entertainment Book
LAST CHANCE! A FEW ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS STILL AVAILABLE.
There are so many savings and discount options you will very easily make your money back on an Entertainment Membership, and in the meantime support your P&F.
These books are filled with vouchers for restaurants, cafes, activities, clothing stores, discounted gift cards, hotels, Bali... There really is something for everyone. Check it out: http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/about/Tell-me-More/Perth#FLICKBOOK


Contact Deanne Strommen, parents.friends@goa.wa.edu.au or 0407 986 269 for any queries.
Thank you for supporting our P&F fund raising ☺️.
Children’s Book Week
@ Riverton Library
Join us for after school fun!

Charcoal Illustration Workshop with Karen Blair
Children will be encouraged to draw an Australian animal inspired by award winning illustrator Karen Blair’s artwork from the book Hello From Nowhere.
For ages 8-12 years
Monday 22 August. 4:00pm – 5:00 pm

Goldilocks and the Three Bears Musical Storytelling
Rebecca Flanagan tells this loved fairy tale with a twist.
The audience will be taken on a musical adventure with singing and dancing.
Bring along your teddy bears to be part of the fun!
For ages 4-7 years
Tuesday 23 August. 4:00pm – 5:00 pm

Justin D’Ath Author Visit
Using Powerpoint, readings and examples from his own work, author Justin D’Ath will show children what it takes to become an author, where to get ideas, and how to turn them into tight, dynamic stories.
For ages 8-12 years
Thursday 25 August. 4:00pm – 5:00 pm

Bookings for these activities can be made online— go to www.canning.wa.gov.au/What-s-On/ to make your booking.
Please cancel your booking if you are no longer able to attend the activity. We can then offer the place to another person.
Emotional Coaching

Every parent wants to do the best for their child but can often feel overwhelmed. After many decades of research it has been found that one of the most useful skill and awareness a parent can give their child is emotional intelligence.

This means helping their child to recognise what they are feeling and why. This seminar explores the most helpful way of responding to a child to help them to learn how to regulate their own emotions.

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Fee: $30 per person

Places are limited so please phone 6164 0200 to enrol
An exciting summer sport for boys and girls of age 5 to 12

Tee-Ball is a fast moving, non-contact team sport that provides lots of fun and friendship whilst developing hand-eye coordination, ball skills, general fitness and confidence. Games are played on Saturday mornings at Centenary Park in Wilson.

Register NOW online! for early-bird discount

Important Season Events
Have a Go! & Registration Day: 10am-1pm Sat 10 September 2016
Registrations Close: Mon 12 September 2016
Meet the Coach Day: 9am-noon Sat 17 September 2016
First game: Sat 15 October 2016

More info at www.cctbc.com.au
Contact info@cctbc.com.au

First 50 new members get a FREE Tee-Ball Starter Pack

TEE-BALL – it’s a GREAT HIT with kids!