Dear Parents and Carers,

GOOD TO BE BACK!
It is good to be back home and after being back at work for only two days, our trip through India seems like a distant memory. My wife, Sharon, and I along with two other couples who are good friends of ours had a fantastic adventure and holiday. We have so many wonderful memories and incredible experiences to look back on.

As a teacher, Principal and educator I was very interested in a visit to a small village primary school that was part of our tour itinerary one day. The school had about 320 children across the primary grades, accommodated in classrooms that only had three walls, being open-sided onto a verandah. The whole school took up as much space as our Pre-Primary and Year One classrooms. While they may have lacked the space, playgrounds and facilities that we are accustomed to in our schools, I was very impressed by the attitude, focus and enthusiasm of the children. They all listened very intently to what their respective teachers were telling them and they were all eager to answer questions and show their work. I was also very impressed by the very smart school uniform that they wore with great pride.

Everywhere we went we saw many children heading off to or returning from school each day and without exception every child, whether primary or secondary, had a happy, smiling face. I was also pleasantly surprised by their willingness and eagerness to chat with us at any time. I’m told they like to practice their English language skills by talking to western tourists.

Being back here at Queenies really makes me even more aware of the wonderful facilities and opportunities that our children have to achieve their potential. The only limits they have are those they place upon themselves. I do see in the faces of our children that same youthful energy, enthusiasm and happy, smiling faces. This is something we must all be consciously aware of and treasure, so that our school always remains a place full of happy, smiling faces.

THE NINE WEEK SPRINT
As always, fourth term is more akin to a sprint race ... that lasts for nine weeks! As Mr. Wylie mentioned in last week’s newsletter, there are so many wonderful events happening this term that provide a rich variety of opportunities for our children to learn, grow and challenge themselves to achieve their very best.

At assembly this morning I spoke to the children about the importance of them setting goals for themselves for this term. If they do not set themselves some goals or targets to achieve then the term will quickly slip by and they will not achieve any of the things that they wanted to. I spoke of a motto that a wise teacher once taught me, which said, “If it is to be, it is up to me”. In other words if I really want to achieve something, succeed at something, improve at something, it is up to me to do something about it! I must take responsibility for my own improvement and development as a learner and person. It is never someone else’s fault or problem - it is up to me to take action or make changes to enable myself to become a better person.

I encourage all our children to set themselves some goals for this term and not just let the weeks slip by.

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CHANGES TO CLASS LIST PROCESS

In the latter part of third term and continuing into fourth term we conduct a series of reviews of various aspects of our programs, policies, processes and initiatives that have been in place this year. This is part of an on-going, cyclical process of review and improvement within our school.

One process which we have recently reviewed is how we determine and disseminate information about class lists for the following year to parents and carers. Often when we review various aspects of school operations, we find that there has been a slow but gradual process of change that takes place over several years and goes largely unnoticed, until we consciously focus upon that process or program or policy.

In reviewing our class list process for last year, it became apparent that it was no longer operating in an effective manner for us and that we needed to review how we go about the process and how we inform parents. Our class list process has always centred around the year level teachers collaborating together to come up with draft class lists for the following year. In doing this the teachers will also consult with specialist teachers and support staff so that they have as much data as possible on which to base their decisions. The key criteria in determining the respective class lists is to try and achieve a well-balanced class with regards to criteria such as gender, academic ability, any social or behavioural issues/needs, any students with disabilities or support needs and any medical/physical needs. Draft lists are then reviewed by the Leadership Team and adjusted or approved as the case may be. It is a process that does take many hours, much discussion and consultation and is not done as simply as drawing names out of a hat.

While we have in the past take written requests from parents with regards to class placements into consideration, where we deem them relevant and appropriate, I have always stressed that the final decision on class lists rests with the school. This is quite simply because we are in possession of data and insights that you as parents may not be aware of and in meeting privacy requirements, we cannot discuss with you. We, as staff, are the only ones who have the full picture. In recent years we have had an increasing number of situations where parents and carers have made very specific requests as to which teacher they want their child to have, which friends they want in their child’s class and which children they do not want in their child’s class. The volume of such requests has increased to the point where it is physically impossible to accommodate them. Sadly, and somewhat disturbingly, last year it also resulted in some negative and derogatory comments and feedback being directed to certain teachers once the class lists were posted. A situation which I find somewhat troubling and offensive.

We need to bring the focus back to what it should be - a process by which the strengths, weaknesses, needs and demands of all children are balanced out to produce two classes in each year level that provide teachers and support staff with the maximum opportunity to meet the needs of those children and assist them to learn, grow and develop to their potential.

In light of the above, the following will apply from this year onwards;

1. Parents or carers who believe their child requires special consideration with regards to their class placement for the following year, must submit their request in writing to the Principal by the close of business on the Friday the 25th of November (Week 7). Late correspondence will not be considered.
2. The written request must detail the academic or social/emotional basis for such a request and copies of any corroborating evidence such as medical/social worker/psychologist/specialist reports attached.
3. Requests based purely on personal preferences of the parents/carers or child will be discounted from the process.
4. Class lists will be emailed out to all parents/carers on the final Friday of the school year for staff, that day being Friday 16 December 2016.
5. The school’s decision with regards to class placement is final and not negotiable.

Please remember that your child’s success at school does not depend solely on them being surrounded by their 5 best friends in the same class! In fact, in the long term it will be much more beneficial to your child’s success at school for them to learn to get along with and cooperate and collaborate with a wide variety of peers, not just their close friends.

We thank you for your support in this matter.
BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE
I am pleased to report that work on our new Early Childhood Centre is progressing very well. The building is at lock-up stage with all major construction work on the actual building itself complete. Internal fit-out is now happening and progressing well. The work on the new verandah, car park and drive-thru section at the front of the school has progressed but is currently experiencing some delays due to a cracked water pipe on the verge, which is currently the subject of a dispute with the Water Authority over responsibility and who is going to pay for the repairs.

Peace and best wishes,
Shaun O’Neill

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Term 4 Focus – Generosity
Each term, Queenies has a religious focus which helps drive our Social Justice work and fundraising. So far this year we have had ‘Compassion’ in Term 1 where we supported Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion Appeal, ‘Care’ was our focus in Term 2, where we were helping the Archbishop’s LifeLink Appeal, in Term 3, our focus was ‘Mission’ where our attention was on our Kids for Kids project.

This term, our focus is on ‘Generosity’. We will be encouraging all our community members to try to show generosity throughout the term to others both within and outside of our school. One of the ways as a school we will be doing this, is through supporting St Vincent de Paul’s Christmas Appeal. More information will come home about this at a later date.

Thank you for your generosity towards the Free Dress Day which took place on Friday 14th October. The funds raised totalled $457.45, this money will be donated to support the Schoenstatt Sisters.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Congratulations to those children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last night. It was wonderful to see the way the students turned back to God and thought about the times they hadn’t made good choices and how they could change their lives. Thank you to Miss Laity and Ms Lesque for their work in the careful preparation of the students and assistance in organising the Sacrament. Also a big thank you to Father Paul and the Catechists for the work they put in to helping the students receive this Sacrament.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion
May all the First Communicants experience all the wonderful blessings of their First Holy Communion Day this Sunday 23rd October. Please come along to support these children and join us in celebrating this beautiful Sacrament with them. We look forward to having many families witness these children as they strengthen their relationship with Jesus on this special day. The Mass will start at 10:30am.

There will be a photographer in the Hall from 9:30am to take photos that can be purchased online.
The Year 4.2 candidates will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday 30th October at 10:30am.

Praying The Rosary
As we are in October – the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary, on Mondays we will be praying this beautiful prayer. Next Monday morning, some students from Year 6.2 will be leading us through the second Glorious Mystery – the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven. During this decade, we are asked to pray for all Priests, who Jesus gave special powers to Baptise, forgive sins and celebrate the Mass. Please encourage the praying of the Rosary at home and the practising of the prayers that are said.

Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith
Assistant Principals
Music Count Us In 2016

On Thursday 3rd November, our school will be involved in the MUSIC COUNT US IN PROGRAM. Music: Count Us In (MCUI) is Australia’s largest music program, supporting teachers from more than 2000 schools to deliver inventive, creative and enjoyable music lessons in the classroom. Each year, MCUI brings more than half a million people together in song, with a Celebration Day that reaches into every corner of the country. The song is written by student songwriters from across Australia, collaborating with MCUI’s celebrity mentors. This year’s song is ‘Let It Play’.

All classes from Kindy to Year 6 will be involved in the program. We will gather in the Undercover Area on Thursday 3rd November at 9am where will be live streamed to Sydney. We will sing the song ‘Let It Play’ at the same time as over half a million students in Australia. Parents are very welcome to come and join in with us.

Meanwhile, if you would like to sing the song at home with your child, please Google Music Count Us In 2016 ‘Let It Play’.

Choir Music Dates to Remember for Term 4

THE CHOIR WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 23rd and 30th October. A note was sent home last week. Choir members are expected to attend one of these Masses.
- P & F SUNDOWNER: 2nd December (Time to be announced)
- PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING MASS: 7th December at 6pm.
- GRADUATION CEREMONY: 8th December at 1.30pm.

Regards

Sheryl Perry
QUEENIES 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
COMMEMORATIVE TEA TOWELS

Queenies P&F is holding a tea towel fundraiser.

Each child has been asked to draw a self-portrait which will be printed onto a tea towel. These
will then be grouped in year levels to commemorate the 60th year of our school.

The tea towels will not only have the class teachers and assistants, they will also have the
Principal, Assistant Principals, Sport, Music, Library and Italian teachers.

The tea towels are made from 100% white cotton and are fully washable. (52cm x 75cm)

All profits from this fundraiser will go directly to the P&F for future purchases for your
children’s school.

ORDER FORM

FAMILY NAME: _________________________

MOBILE NUMBER: _______________________

ELDEST CHILD’S CLASS: _______________________

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Should you need more information, please email the P&F at parents.friends@qoa.wa.edu.au
FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER
Saturday 29 October 2016

Queen of Apostles P & F invites you to participate in our Family Portrait Fundraiser. Advancedlife Professional Photographers will provide you with a Family Portrait for only $20 (valued at $130).

For your $20, you receive your choice of a 10 x 13 inch print (in colour) OR a Pencil Sketch with a bonus keyring with a family portrait photo to fit. 100% of this money is retained by the P & F.

Please contact Edel Sullivan on 0417 266 891 or edelmcgill@yahoo.com.au to reserve your photography session before they’re all gone! Our fundraiser will be held on Saturday 29 October 2016 - on-site at Queen of Apostles.

Additional photos will be available for purchase at no obligation. These additional photos include: Portraits & Greeting Cards – featuring your Family Portrait & other photos taken on the day, with a Complete Package for only $199.00! Please visit our facebook page at facebook.com/advancedlifefundraising for more information about the images on offer, what to wear or other general queries.

There are four rules for participation in this fundraiser:

Rule 1 Minimum of two generations in the Family Portrait (adults + children)
Rule 2 No person may appear in two separate fundraising Family Portraits (exception of separated couples)
Rule 3 An adult family member appearing in the fundraising Family Portrait must be present to collect & view their family portraits (or able to make alternative arrangements)
Rule 4 Families must sit for a minimum of three separate poses on the day

Please help us to raise valuable funds by participating in our upcoming Advancedlife Family Portrait Fundraiser. Invite your neighbours and friends - Family Portraits provide memories to be kept and cherished by the entire family for years and generations to come.

Thank you in anticipation of your overwhelming response!

Edel Sullivan

COMMUNITY NEWS

Schoenstatt Fair
Sunday 6th November
10.00am - 2.00pm
7 Talus Drive, Armadale

Bouncy Castle and fun for all the family.
Christmas Shop and lots of stalls.
Homemade produce.
Food & Drinks available all day
Raffles and Prizes

PRIZES
Maritime Day, Victoria Quay
Saturday 12 November, 10am-4pm

Have a fantastic, fun-filled family day at the annual Maritime Day celebrations on Fremantle Ports’ Victoria Quay

FREE!

Enjoy numerous displays including the Royal Australian Navy, tugs for visitors to explore, free harbour rides, kids’ activities, free entertainment, great food and colourful information booths.

Attractions include the submarine HMAS Sheean, the sail-ship Duyfken, the Taiko Japanese Dancers, a children’s maritime fancy dress competition, gold coin admission to the Maritime Museum and a technology display by Rolls Royce marine equipment.

Maritime Day expo celebrates the maritime industry in the working Port of Fremantle, and provides information about maritime jobs and education.

Be one of 20,000 people expected to visit Maritime Day. Learn about the exciting careers in this vibrant industry and enjoy a great day at the port.

For more information, contact Jane Edwards on 9430 3373, or email: Jane.Edwards@fremantleports.com.au
After-School Soccer Coaching Clinics (Term 4)

All Kindy to Year 2 children were given a registration form for an After-School Soccer Coaching Clinic starting Thursday the 27th of October (3.15pm – 4.15pm). We will conduct it on the school grounds.

The activity is coordinated and run by Physical Education and/or Soccer Specialists - all with their Working with Children Checks. The Clinic focuses on **Maximum Participation** during **Organised** and **Fun** 7 x 1 Hour sessions. The cost for the clinic is $70.00 per child.

If you are interested in letting your child learn and play this **World Game** in fun sessions and you have not yet registered, then please register online at [www.play4life.com.au](http://www.play4life.com.au) or complete the registration form and return it to reception by Wednesday the 26th of October. (Spare registration forms are available at reception). If you have any queries, please call Jacob Aquino on 6162 0932.

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**Summer will soon be here – enrol now for swimming lessons**

Enrolments for December/January lessons are now open. It is important for every child to learn vital swimming and water safety skills. VacSwim offers affordable school holiday swimming lessons run by qualified instructors at a range of locations throughout the state.

For further information and online enrolments visit [education.wa.edu.au/swimming](http://education.wa.edu.au/swimming)

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**An Evening with Maggie Dent**

The parent body of Ursula Frayne Catholic College, Friends of Frayne, is pleased to announce that Maggie Dent will be presenting at the Duncan Street Campus, Victoria Park, on Thursday 20 October. Tickets are open to our school community. The password to purchase tickets is **Maggie@UFCC**. Tickets are $35 each and can be purchased at [http://www.trybooking.com/MWRX](http://www.trybooking.com/MWRX). Doors open at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start. This event is for adults only. Further details can be found on the Trybooking site.
Little League Soccer Skills

Come down and join our skills session at Prendwick Park located off Prendwick Way Willetton, 6155

The skills session encourages both girls and boys to further develop their soccer skills while maintaining a high level of enjoyment. These skill sessions are not elite level sessions. Participants will be granted an opportunity to work with experienced coaches on specific skills (Coaches are holders of working with children check and a first aid certificate). The aim is to improve each person’s social, physical and soccer skills with a main aim of ensuring a positive environment for children to develop in. The focus will be on fundamentals of the game, such as shooting, dribbling, passing, teamwork and defending. The sessions will be age specific catering for the different abilities at different age groups. Drills will focus on correct techniques being used which will ensure constant development long term. Coaches will provide continuous feedback to the participants on their performance and development.

Little League Soccer Skills will commence on the 17th of October and will be run on Monday (ages 9 and over), Wednesday (ages 4 to 6) and Friday (ages 7 to 9).

Time: 3.30 – 4.30 PM on all days

Cost: $10 per session, cash payment is to be made after the completion of the session, thank you.

Please note that the sessions held on the 17th, 19th, and 21st of October will be free of charge. We will be holding a trial week. These will be the only sessions that are free of charge.

For any queries please contact Yasser (0450160075) or Mo (0431361538)