Dear Parents and Carers,

Interschool Spelling Bee

The other week I had the privilege of attending the Interschool Spelling Bee, which we hosted here at Queenies. I am always amazed and astounded by the quality and difficulty of the competition. It seems to go up a notch each year in terms of the ability of the children involved to spell incredibly challenging words - some of which I have never heard before.

This year we had teams of two students from eight schools competing in Year 4, 5 & 6 divisions. With 16 excellent spellers competing against each other, it did take some hours to whittle it down to the champion and runner-up in each year level. At times the tension and excitement was nerve-wracking, edge of the seat stuff. All of our spellers competed admirably with several making it through to the late stages and the last 4-5 spellers in their respective year level. I would like to congratulate Alex Wong from Year 6 for achieving the Runner-Up Champion in the Year 6 competition - an incredible effort of concentration in a competition that lasted nearly 2 hours!

Congratulations and well done to all our team members on their excellent preparation and effort on the day:

- **Year 4**  – Hudson Pereira and Julie Marmite
- **Year 5**  – Emma Naim and Jayden Fung
- **Year 6**  – Rheannon Lazar and Alex Wong

Please Consider

Please consider three things:

1. **Attending the ACM coming up on Wednesday 30 November, commencing at 5.30pm in the Undercover Area with refreshments, followed by the meeting in the Library at 6.00pm.** Your attendance shows your interest and support for your school and the work of the staff, School Board and P&F Association, who together work to provide the very best learning opportunities for your children. Your attendance shows you care!

2. **Nominating for the School Board.** There are vacancies for two more Board Members, so please give serious consideration to nominating for this very important group who play a crucial role in the structure, organisation and development of our school.

3. **Nominating for the P&F Association Committee.** Again there is always the need for fresh faces and new ideas from new P&F Committee Members to join the fantastic group of current parents who run this vital part of our school community. The P&F is the “glue that binds us together” as a school community, organising social event fundraising activities and parent workshops to help us stay informed and ahead of the game.

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16 November 2016
Both the School Board and the P&F Committee are crucially important groups within our school community. Their ongoing success is very much dependent on you, as parents and carers, having the willingness and desire to contribute and help contribute to the outstanding work of both groups. Please give serious consideration to nominating for one of these two groups.

**School Traffic and Safety**

Recently I have been alarmed to see some children walking and even riding bikes down the road in Tribute Street alongside the site fencing, with no adult supervision. Given that the footpath is unavailable, I would suggest that the much safer option would be to walk down the verge on the other side of the street and cross over to the school side, directly adjacent to the driveway and pedestrian entrance to the school.

Walking along the roadway alongside the site fencing is fraught with danger if two vehicles are passing each other. As a pedestrian you are trapped with nowhere to move to avoid being hit - you would be trapped between the fence and the vehicle! I would urge all parents to speak to their children and impress upon them the dangers of this behaviour and instead cross to the other side of the road.

Speaking of which, we do try our best to remain on good terms with our neighbours across the street from our school. To help us maintain cordial relations with our neighbours, it would be very much appreciated if parents would refrain from parking on neighbours verges, front lawns and driveways. Please have some consideration for those we share the neighbourhood with!

Peace and best wishes,
Shaun O’Neill
Principal

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**Religious Education**

**St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Hampers**

It’s coming up to that special time of year again! The time of year when Santa comes knocking and the joyous sounds of carols can be heard in the air. While most of us will be busily organising Christmas gifts and parties, it is also important to remember those around us who may not have the same opportunities to enjoy Christmas quite as much.

The St Vincent de Paul Society has again asked us to support their appeal this year. Each class will be asked to make a Christmas Hamper for a needy family in our society. This week, students were asked to bring in a donation of food or a toy for these hampers. The baskets will be presented to a representative from St Vincent de Paul at an Assembly in Week 9.

**End of Year Praise and Thanksgiving Mass**

We will once again come together as a whole school community to celebrate the end of the year and thank Christ for the blessings that have been part of our year. Our final Praise and Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 7th December starting at 6:00pm. The Mass will be held in the Church. All students are asked to attend this final Mass. Students are to be dressed in their school uniforms and will sit with their class.

**Photos from First Holy Communion**

Photos from both weeks can be viewed and ordered online at [prophotobooth.com.au](http://prophotobooth.com.au). The passcode is: q125

Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith
Assistant Principals
Volunteer Afternoon Tea
As a special Thank You to our wonderful helpers over the course of the year, all volunteers are invited to attend a Thank You Afternoon Tea to be held on Thursday 17th November in the library, commencing at 2:15pm. The staff will be providing the food as a way of saying thank you to the many wonderful helpers who have provided assistance. We look forward to seeing many of our volunteers there!

Queenies Coding Club
This year, a number of students from Year 5 and Year 6 have come together to form Queenies' first Coding Club. This club has given them the opportunity to learn about online programming, coding and even create and produce their own video game!
Congratulations to Elijah Edmonds 6.1 and Xavier Marrot-Castellat 6.1 on achieving 1st place in our video design competition.

Miss Kalinda Knight

kids for kids 2016
The Social Justice Committee welcomed a special guest to our morning assembly – Ms Mary Whiting, a representative from the Union of the Catholic Apostolate (UCA). The UCA is part of the Pallottine family and is helping to raise funds for the Flame of Love Orphanage in the Congo.

Ms Whiting addressed the assembly, explaining that the money we have raised will be used to purchase chickens and a chicken coup to provide a sustainable food supply for the orphanage. Christmas gifts will also be purchased for the 120 children who are currently living at the Flame of Love.

Ms Whiting thanked the children and the school community for their amazing generosity in raising funds for the orphanage. She also spoke about the importance of reaching out to other children in need and connecting with them in thought and prayer.

The Social Justice Committee then presented Ms Whiting with a cheque for $2,852-40 on behalf of the school community.

Below is a photograph of Mr O'Neill, the Social Justice Committee, and a delighted Ms Whiting. Father Eugene and Father Pat, who have previously served the Queen of Apostles Riverton Church, were also in attendance and were kind enough to meet with Year 6 students after the assembly.
Hello from the School Social Worker

Michael Grose in his Parenting Ideas website talks about discipline. He believes that it is one of the most important parts of parenting. He believes that it is important for keeping children safe, for making them social, cooperative beings and for enhancing their chances of success. Michael suggests that parents can utilise a broad range of strategies to promote appropriate behaviour and to alter inappropriate behaviour. “Smacking is out, but consequences, behaviour rehearsal and other forms of teaching kids to behave well are in”. He suggests the following five principles:

1. Avoid the first impulse when children misbehave.
2. Spend more time teaching children to behave well to reduce the time you spend responding to poor behaviour.
3. Spend 1 on 1 time with children each day and get better at catching them doing the right thing.
4. Practice your own stress management techniques to respond better.
5. Build your repertoire of tools and language.

Regards, Tracy Small

QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL BOARD

Being on the Board is an opportunity to make a contribution to school life. It can be an ideal opportunity for those parents who are unable to make such contributions during the day. No particular skills or background are required for a role on the School Board, however, the Board has identified that parents with skills in accounting, building or engineering would complement the skills of the other Board members.

Board Function:

The Board shall carry out the following functions in pursuit of its objectives:

- Planning for the present and future operation of the School;
- Providing membership of the panel for the employment of staff to the School in accordance with CECWA policy;
- Providing membership of the panel which recommends the appointment of a Principal in accordance with CECWA policy;
- Disseminating information about the School and about Catholic education to persons and organisations in the local Catholic community;
- Liaising in all matters relating to the financial management of the School with persons and organisations in the local Catholic community;
- Managing all the finances associated with the School; and
- Advising the Principal with respect to School policy.

Criteria for Membership of the Board shall be:

- Possession of special skills that will be an asset to the Board;
- A deep interest in the welfare of the students and staff;
- A desire to give service to the Catholic School Community;
- A keenness to promote Catholic schooling;
- An ability to work co-operatively and constructively with all other members of the Board; and
- A sufficiency of time to devote to Board duties.

I urge you to give serious consideration to being on the Board and complete & return nomination slips by 4pm Friday 25th November 2016

QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL
PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

Queen of Apostles P & F Committee is the organisation of the school’s parent body. Nominations for office bearers are open and there is no limit to the number of P & F Executive Members. The P & F meets monthly and all parents are encouraged to attend these meetings.

The Parents and Friends Committee is an important part of the Catholic School Structure.
Members of the P & F should:

- Strive to develop at the school a real community of parents, teachers and students;
- Work closely with the school Principal to achieve common goals;
- Act as a liaison between the wider school community and the Board;
- Ensure that a high level of social and educational interaction exists between home and school, parents and teachers;
- Endeavour to have all parents enjoy the experience of their children's formal school years by active participation and personal involvement in the school programmes;
- Provide a healthy forum for ideas and discussion;
- Work to provide additional resources which are considered necessary for the children;
- Assist in planning and organising functions with the social, sporting, cultural and educational life at the school;
- Organise guest speakers for the P & F Association on current and suggested educational programmes, faith development and other matters of interest.

Nomination slips should be returned to the school office no later than 4pm Friday 25th November 2016

We look forward to your attendance at the Annual Community Meeting on Wednesday 30th November 2016, and sharing light refreshments with other community members from 5.30pm in the Undercover Area, with the meeting starting at 6:00pm in the Library.

Mr Shaun O’Neill
Principal

Annual Community Meeting
Queen of Apostles School Board Nomination Form

I wish to nominate for a position on the Queen of Apostles School Board.

Annual Community Meeting
Queen of Apostles P & F Committee

I wish to nominate for a position on the Queen of Apostles P & F Committee

Name: _________________________________

Child’s name: _______________________________
Almost the end of School Banking for 2016

Important Dates to Remember

- Last day to order rewards and for School Banking will be **Friday, 2nd December 2016**.

School Commission

School Banking is a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when children make their first deposit at school and a commission on every deposit made through the School Banking program. To date for 2016 Queen of Apostles has received a commission of $516.39 from the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program.

Taking part in School Banking is easy

It’s easy to get involved in the School Banking program by either opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at any Commonwealth Bank branch, over the phone on 13 22 21, or via NetBank if you are an existing customer with NetBank access. Remember to take in identification for you and your child (driver’s licence and birth certificate). You will receive a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book that your child will use to participate in the program.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account, they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If you require any further information or have any questions, please contact the School Banking Coordinator, Nikki Harrison at harrisonfamily4@inet.net.au

The School banking drop box is still located in the front office, and school banking will be processed every **Friday** morning so please ensure that you or your children have their deposit book in the box before 9am on Friday mornings.

Once the deposits have been processed, your children’s deposit book will be returned to their classrooms on the same day. Parents are asked to put the child’s class number on the front of the deposit book so they can be returned to the right room.

School Bank Drive

If you are new to the school or are considering getting involved in the School Banking program, please note that the program includes an exciting rewards incentive designed to encourage children to get into the important habit of making regular savings.

Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmite token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmite reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

Please note that a school banking drive will be run in Term 1 of 2017 where you will be able to sign up your children for the Dollarmite School Banking Program. Stay tuned for further details early next year.

Rewards Items Left

As we are coming close to the end of the year, please note that a lot of the popular rewards items are no longer available. However, there are still some items in stock:

- Dollarmite Money Box 2014 edition
- ET DVD
- Jump & Skip Rope (very low stock)
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Outer Space Saverz Money Box
- Wriggly Glow Worm

If you are unsure of how to place an order for your child's reward, please just write a note with what they would like along with their 10 tokens when your child makes their weekly deposit. The note and tokens can be placed in the secured clear section of their canvas wallet.

Thank you @

Thank you to all the parents and children who participate in the School Banking Program. It’s a brilliant way to teach children the importance of savings as well as raise money for our wonderful school.

Nikki Harrison
School Banking Coordinator
The Queen of Apostles OSHClub holiday program dates for the upcoming school holidays are as follows:

12th December to 23rd December 2016 - 7am until 6pm AND
3rd January- 27th January 2017
(Exception 26th January 2017 Australia Day holiday)
*PD days on the 30th and 31st January 2017 will be confirmed at a later date*

We will have a large variety of exciting and engaging activities, incursions and excursions during our summer school holiday program which will be released within the next couple of weeks!

For more information contact Lyn on 0431 310 180
We hope to see you all there! :)

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From the Board Chair

Dear Parents

You would be aware that our Principal, Mr Shaun O’Neill, was reviewed under the Principal Review Process this year. The process involved the School Board, P&F Executive, the Parish Priest, Staff Members, Catholic Education Office personnel and the Principal. Their input was both in written form and verbally through interviews with the Review Panel. The review culminated in a meeting between the Principal and the Executive Director of the Catholic Education Western Australia, Dr Tim McDonald.

The process has now been completed and Archbishop Timothy Costelloe has endorsed the appointment of Mr Shaun O’Neill as Principal of Queen of Apostles School, Riverton for third contract period of four years.

As a result of the review, Shaun has developed a professional growth plan which will ensure his continued development and benefit the future of the school.

On behalf of the School Board and the Queen of Apostles School community, I congratulate Shaun on the achievements over the last contract period and look forward to the future.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
Mr Chris Willesee
School Board Chair

OSH Club

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P&F Sausage Sizzle

We still require 2 or 3 volunteers to help with our sausage sizzle for 11am - 1pm and 1pm - 3pm. If you are able to assist us on the day, please let us know either by email parents.friends@qoa.wa.edu.au or janethlane@hotmail.com or text to Janet on 0427 117 859.
Community News

BEYOND IRRIGATION
Reticulation and Landscaping
New Installation - Irrigation Repairs - Garden Maintenance - Lawn Care - Paving
Call John NOW on 0458 638 587 for FREE quotes

Finding a Place
A Christmas Reflection in Word and Music

Eva-Marie Middleton (soprano)  Christopher Waddell (bass)
Paul Wright (violin)  Tracey Harris (trumpet)
Dominic Perissinotto (organ)  The Basilica Choir

A captivating and beautiful evening of sacred music, readings and
congregational carols to highlight the meaning of the
Christmas gospel in our world today.

We are called to reach out to those who find themselves in the
peripheries of our societies and to show particular solidarity with the most
vulnerable ... (Pope Francis)

Thursday 15 December, 7pm
The Basilica of St Patrick, Fremantle
Adults $30 / Concessions $20 / 12 and under FREE
www.trybooking.com/NRVO, 9422 7933 or on the door
In support of Catholic Mission’s work overseas with refugees and asylum seekers
2017 Course Dates

January Jump Start Program
18th to the 25th of January 2017

The comprehensive program aims to prepare students for the new academic year. These preparation courses will contain three distinct programs:
- JABS Preparation for students entering year 11 & 12 in 2017
- Middle School Preparation for students entering years 6, 7 & 8 in 2017

Enrol Now

Enrol online at mastermindaustalia.com.au
By phone on 9486 1377
Or simply by completing this enrolment form and posting it to:
Master Mind Australia
P.O. Box 1734, West Perth 6872
Phone: 9486 1377  Mobile: 0488 182 987
Email: academicpathways@mastermindaustalia.com.au

mastermindaustalia.com.au

“These courses are designed to boost students’ classroom confidence and improve exam results.”

ENROLMENT DETAILS

Enrolments accompanied by full payment must be made at the Cannington Leasureplex by the following dates prior to the commencement of the program.
Monday 12 Dec 2016 for weeks 1, 2 & 3
Wednesday 4 Jan 2017 for weeks 4 & 5
Wednesday 18 Jan 2017 for weeks 6 & 7
All payments due by 5pm
Enrolments not paid in advance will attract a Late Fee. Enrolments may be accepted by phone or email if paid by credit card.

Email Enrolment Forms: clpkids@canning.wa.gov.au

Please note: Children must have attended Pre school to meet state government licensing requirements.

WHAT TO BRING EACH DAY

Bring bathers and a towel each day, we may have access to the Splash Pool.

School Bag
Hat
Sun Smart Clothes
Bathers
Drug Bottle
Towel
School Lunch

ENROL NOW FOR OUR SUMMER 2016/2017 VACATION CARE PROGRAM

Our service is licensed with the Department for Local Government and Communities.

What’s provided?
- Experienced, qualified leaders
- Air-conditioned comfort
- A healthy afternoon snack
- Transport, admission fee & most excursions
- Play and crafts equipment at the centre
- Developmentally appropriate activities

Days: 3-7yrs
Cost: $67.50per 5 days

Cnr of Wharf and Sevensides Street,
Cannington WA 6107  P 08 6206 8100
E: lea@rcl.com.au
W: canning.wa.gov.au/leasureplex
O: cityofcanning
Premier Vacation Care Program

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS BREAK 23 Dec 2016 - 2 Jan 2017

WEEK 1
FRI 16 DEC
Multi-Sports Christmas Crafts

WEEK 2
MON 19 DEC
Christmas cooking and crafts
TUES 20 DEC
AMF Bowling Cannington Games at Dr Seuss Park
WED 21 DEC
Swimming and water slide at CLP (6yrs + for Slide)
THU 22 DEC
Multi-Sports Christmas movie

WEEK 3
MON 2 JAN
Public Holiday No Vacation Care
TUES 3 JAN
Incursion CRITTERS UP CLOSE
WED 4 JAN
Swimming and water slide at CLP (6yrs + for Slide)
THU 5 JAN
Inflatable slide and water games
FRI 6 JAN
Rollerzone Lunch and games at Robert Thompson Reserve

WEEK 4
MON 9 JAN
Build real working Lego robots
TUE 10 JAN
A day of water fun at Splash City (Additional fee $10 per Child)
WED 11 JAN
Reading Cinema
Lunch and games at Mills Park
THU 12 JAN
Basketball Clinic Afternoon fun in the Splash Jungle
FRI 13 JAN
Wild Kidz play centre Wangara

WEEK 5
MON 16 JAN
Rock climbing and volleyball
TUE 17 JAN
Soccer Clinic
WED 18 JAN
Swimming and water fun at Maylands Waterland
THU 19 JAN
Mini Golf at Wanneroo Botanic Gardens
FRI 20 JAN
Multi-Sports Let’s make Cupcakes for Afternoon tea

WEEK 6
MON 23 JAN
2 lane Bungee Run Bouncy Castle
TUE 24 JAN
Swimming and water slide at CLP (6yrs + for Slide)
WED 25 JAN
Pre-Australia Day BBQ Games in Splash Jungle (Lunch supplied)
THU 26 JAN
Dress in Aussie clothes!
FRI 27 JAN
Reading cinema

WEEK 7
MON 30 JAN
Swimming and water slide at CLP (6yrs + for Slide)
THU 31 JAN
Back to School Karaoke party
DAY
Games Day Bring your Electronic devices or board games

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EXCURSIONS
PLEASE NOTE: THE BUS DEPARTS AT 9.30AM FOR ALL EXCURSIONS. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS SIGNED IN BY 9AM

REMEMBER: ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS SUNSCREEN APPLIED EACH DAY
DON'T FORGET TO PACK A HAT
DON'T FORGET TO PACK BATHERS AND TOWEL EVERYDAY
Our Cafe has a great choice of healthy lunches for your child.
NO LUNCH ORDERS ON EXCURSION DAYS!!!