Dear Parents and Carers,

Christmas Wishes

It is very hard to accept that another school year has rapidly drawn to a close. As we rush headlong towards the end of the school year and the commencement of the summer holidays and Christmas, let us make sure that, as individuals and together as families, we pause and reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas - God’s love and hope for mankind made manifest in the birth of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Christmas is a celebration of one of the most sacred and special moments in our history, the birth of Jesus. Let us never lose sight of that important point.

Let us pause, take a deep breath and focus on Christmas as being a time of hope, joy, love and peace. A time of goodwill amongst men. Let us try not to get too caught up in the crass commercialism of Christmas. There is a much deeper meaning to Christmas than just tallying up how many presents you received or how much food you ate at Christmas dinner. Let us also remember that there are many people in our community that will not have much to celebrate this Christmas. Let us keep those who are suffering, those who are ill, those who are in pain, those who are alone, those who are homeless and those who have lost hope, in our prayers and thoughts this Christmas. Perhaps as a family you could decide on some sort of donation of food or gifts to St. Vinnies’ Christmas Appeal, or your local churches’ appeal and thereby help to make Jesus real for some family less fortunate than yourselves. Remember that it is in giving rather than receiving that we are truly rewarded!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our staff and families a very happy and Holy Christmas season, full of the joy, happiness and love that the newborn Christ brings into our lives. May the Lord bless you and keep you all well until we come together again for the start of the 2017 school year on Wednesday 1 February.

Praise and Thanksgiving Mass

Yesterday evening we celebrated our Praise and Thanksgiving Mass to finish off our school year and to come together as a school community to give thanks to God for the many and varied blessings he has bestowed upon us throughout the course of this year. It was a beautiful Mass and a very fitting way to finish our year liturgically. It was wonderful to see so many parents and families present to help make the occasion that bit more special for our Year 6 Graduands who were participating in their final mass at Queenies.

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After Mass had finished we also acknowledged the staff and families who are leaving Queenies at the end of this year. We thanked them for their contributions to our school community over the many years and wished them good health, happiness and success in their future careers and lives.

**Student Award Winners**

As announced at this afternoon’s Graduation Ceremony, I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the following students who received awards for their various endeavours throughout the course of this year. They are all very, very worthy winners of their respective awards and there was no shortage of equally worthy nominees that just narrowly missed out! Congratulations to:

- **School Spirit Award:** Kate Fabling
- **Sr Mary Heinz:** Killian Jordan-Keane
- **Sr Mary Magdalen:** Ruofan Jin
- **Italian:** Jenna Milford, Elijah Edmonds
- **Consistency:** Victoria Pascoe, Jasliin Pereira
- **Most improved:** Molly Lavery, Sithuli Suraweera
- **Science:** Jenna Milford, Eva Pereira
- **Outstanding Achievement:** Abbey Sullivan, Rheannon Lazar
- **Rotary Citizenship:** Jonas Schaubs, Kevin Tirta
- **Arts:** Michael Johnston, Ruofan Jin
- **Sports:** Ethan Port-Louis, Roshna Mathew

**De Souza Scholarship Award:** Jodie Ophel

**School Fees**

Following on from last week’s ACM, here are the School Fees for 2017, as approved by the School Board. It should be noted that the Board, conscious of the challenging economic times we are experiencing, decided to keep the fee increase to 4%, the minimum end of the range recommended by Catholic Education WA of 4 - 6%.

### Pre-Primary – Year 6 Tuition Fees

- $1,888 per year for 1st child
- $1,510 per year for 2nd child
- $1,133 per year for 3rd child
- $0.00 for 4th child

### 4 Year Old Kindergarten Tuition Fees

- $1,183 per year for 1st child
- $946 per year for 2nd child
- $710 per year for 3rd child
- $0.00 for 4th child

**Additional Family Levies per Family (per annum)**

- $378 Building Levy (not tax deductible)
- $120 P & F Levy
- $12 Year Book

**Additional charges per student per annum**

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**Staffing For 2017**

As announced at the ACM last week, here are the staffing arrangements for 2017. We welcome Mrs. Estelle Bollen to Year 1.2 for one day per week, so Miss Moore can assist Mrs. Jensen with the Disability Support Coordinator role. We also welcome Mrs. Sharon Fernandes-Soares as our new Canteen Manageress. We welcome back Mrs Marika Beacher from maternity leave to Year 2.1, Mrs. Simone Gordon from maternity leave to Year 2.1 and Mrs. Robyn Salvia is back again in Year 2.2. We look forward to the wonderful contribution to our school that these staff members will make next year and I’m sure you will all make them feel very welcome.

At last night’s Praise and Thanksgiving Mass, I also acknowledged and thanked staff members who are leaving us at the end of this year and have made such a terrific contribution to our school community over the years. We bid farewell to Mrs. Jenny Hunter, Mrs. Liz Higgins, Mrs. Lateasha Kohl and Mrs Tricia Bryant, and we wish them all the very best of luck with their future careers and lives.

Principal          | Mr Shaun O’Neill  
Assistant Principal | Mr Russell Wylie  
Assistant Principal | Mrs Julie Galbraith  
Kindy 1 (Mon/Wed/Fri) | Mrs Ann Fanto (Teacher)  
                       | Mrs Mara McGinity and Mrs Sharolyn Kenny (Teacher Assistants)  
Kindy 2 (Mon/Wed/Fri) | Mrs Suzanne Garcia (Teacher)  
                       | Mrs Myra Monteiro and Mrs Catherine Rusinski (Teacher Assistants)  
Pre-Primary 1       | Mrs Shareen Minchinton (Teacher)  
                       | Mrs Melissa Reid (Teacher Assistant)  
Pre-Primary 2       | Miss Madeline Kerr (Teacher)  
                       | Mrs Pamela Johansen (Teacher Assistant)  
Year 1.1             | Miss Rebecca La Rocca (Teacher)  
                       | Mrs Liz Kingston (Shared Teacher Assistant Yr1)  
Year 1.2             | Miss Chelsea Moore (0.8 Teacher)  
                       | Mrs Estelle Bollen (0.2 Teacher)  
Year 2.1             | Mrs Marika Beacher (0.6) & Mrs Simone Gordon (0.4)(Teachers)  
                       | Mrs Lee-Anne Oliver (0.8) (Shared Teacher Assistant Yr2)  
Year 2.2             | Mrs Melissa Edmonds (0.6) & Mrs Robyn Salvia (04.) (Teachers)  
Year 3.1             | Miss Fiona Messer (Teacher)  
                       | Mrs Jannine Barham (0.6) (Shared Teacher Assistant Yr3)
Year 3.2  Ms Gabrielle Lesque (Teacher)
Year 4.1  Miss Kalinda Knight (0.8)(Teacher)
         Mr Ross Bridgeman (0.2)(Teacher)
Year 4.2  Mrs Michele Colley (Teacher)
Year 5.1  Mr Nicholas Iannello (Teacher)
Year 5.2  Miss Caitlin Laity (Teacher)
Year 6.1  Ms Valencia Maloney (Teacher)
Year 6.2  Mrs Emily Boronovskis (Teacher)
Disability Support Coordinator Mrs Zoey Jensen (0.5)
         Miss Chelsea Moore (0.2)
Support Mrs Julie Galbraith (0.6)(Yrs K–2)
         Mr Russell Wylie (0.6)(Yrs 3–6)
Learning Support Coordinator Mrs Deborah Hogg (0.4)
Reading Recovery Mrs Anne Imms (0.6)
Literacy Support Mrs Susannah Naim (0.4)
ICT Support Miss Kalinda Knight (0.2)
Library Mrs Kerry Miller (0.7)(Librarian)
Library Assistant Mrs Athena Bennett (0.6)
Special Needs Assistants Mrs Maria Lindsay (0.5)
         Miss Roberta Yaxley (0.6)
         Mrs Tracie Spadaro (0.8)
         Mrs Dawn O’Brien (0.8)
         Mrs Debbie Radice (0.6)
Music Mrs Sheryl Perry (0.7)
Physical Education Mr Ross Bridgeman (0.8)
IT Officer Mr Ethan Doutch (0.8)
Social Worker Mrs Tracy Small (0.4)
Italian Mrs Regina Peccia (0.6)
Administration Mrs Terri Healey (0.9)
Finance Officer Mrs Janice Della Bosca (0.9)
Uniform Shop Manager Mrs Fiona Agostino (0.2)
Groundsman Mrs Ellen Wang
Canteen Manager Mrs Sharon Fernandes-Soares
Cleaners Mrs Jacqueline Enriquez and Ms Wendy Timmins

Peace and best wishes,
Shaun O’Neill
Principal

Merry Christmas!
Dear all Parents and Students,
Thanks for all wonderful memories you have helped to create over the year.
We have really enjoyed working with the students this year and having lots of fun while there was great learning happening.

We appreciate the support and help of the parents over the year – your assistance and understanding has been wonderful!

We wish all families a wonderful Christmas filled with love, laughter and lots of fun!
Enjoy the holidays and remember to take the time to enjoy your family and friends, slow down in the busyness of this festive time and relax, laugh and remember why we are celebrating Christmas.

God bless

Russell Wylie and Julie Galbraith
Assistant Principals
Dear Queenies Families,

We would like to thank all the Queenies parents for your help and support over the last 12 months. May your Christmas season be blessed with special times and cherished memories with family and friends. We hope that you have a lovely Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Love from the Support Team

Debbie Hogg, Zoey Jensen, Lee-Anne Wolstenholme, Maria Lindsay, Dawn O’Brien, Debbie Radice, Liz Higgins & Myra Monterio

To our wonderful PP families,

We would like to wish you all a happy and safe Christmas with your gorgeous children.

Love from
Mrs Minchinton, Miss Kerr, Mrs Kingston and Mrs Johansen

Wishing you and your family a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
Mrs Perry

To all of our lovely Year One families, and the wider Queenies community,

What a wonderful year we have had watching your children grow and blossom in so many ways. They have provided us with many memorable moments over the year and we will miss seeing their smiling faces each day.

May the joy and blessings of the festive season be with you all!
Best wishes for 2017,
from the Year One Team, Fiona Messer, Chelsea Moore and Tracie Spadaro
As another year draws to a close, I would like to wish everyone a Christmas filled with peace, love and joy. May 2017 bring happiness to you all. I will be taking some Long Service Leave and will return to Queenies at the beginning of March next year. Until then, may our remembrance of Jesus’ birth renew our hopes and prayers.

Kind regards, Tracy Small.

To All Year 4.1 Families,

During this Christmas season, may you enjoy the message of hope, love, and peace on Earth.
May all of these holiday blessings be yours to keep.
Here’s to wishing you a Merry Christmas.

Best Wishes,
Michele Colley

It has been a pleasure teaching the Year 6 students this year. Wishing all families a wonderful holiday, a holy Christmas and safe New Year!

Joy resounds in the hearts of those who believe in the miracle of Christmas!
Wishing you all the peace, joy and love of the season!

Warmest wishes from Emily Boronovskis and Valencia Maloney.

Wishing all of the Year Five families a Merry Christmas and a happy new year. Thank you for the amazing help, love and support we have received throughout the year.
It has been a pleasure teaching your children.

Love and best wishes,
Mr Iannello and Mrs Kohl

Wishing all our families a happy and healthy Christmas. Good luck to those families who are leaving us, and for those continuing on, I look forward to a fantastic 2017.

Ross Bridgeman

Merry Christmas

From Miss Laity, Mrs Barham and 3.1.

We wish you all the joy and peace in the world to celebrate this Christmas time with your family and friends.

May all your dreams and wishes come true this holiday season.

Thank you for a wonderful, supportive year.

Happy & Safe Holidays

Ethan Douthit - IT
To all our Queen of Apostles Families,

We wish you a very safe and happy Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2017.

Terri Healey & Janice Della Bosca
Administration

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
WARM HUGS FOR EVERYONE

YEAR 2 IS WORTH MELTING FOR!

To our Year Two families,

Thank you for keeping your Christmas hearts open all year through your joy, kindness and care. Let’s celebrate the birth of Christ - Jesus is the reason for the season and His presence is the greatest gift. Wishing you a happy New Year with blessings from God above and all our love, Melissa Edmonds, Roberta Yaxley, Rebecca La Rocca and Lee-Anne Oliver.

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Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you to all the Year 4.2 parents for your assistance and support this year.

The Year 4 children have worked so hard and it has been a pleasure watching them learn and grow in 2016. We hope you all have a safe and merry break and we look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Love Kalinda Knight and Melissa Brodie.
With a successful and productive 2016 winding up, the P&F would like to once again thank the sponsors of our major fund raiser this year (Retro Bingo Night). Please support these businesses, and show our appreciation for their contribution to our school community. A huge thank you again to:

Arbonne (consultant Bianca 0405100793)  
Auto Masters Riverton  
Bunnings Willetton  
Chantelley Lace  
Emma Louise Soy Candles  
First Choice Riverton  
Gilberts Fresh Market  
IGA Riverton  
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Myer Carousel  
Officeworks Cannington  
Queen of Apostles Uniform Shop  
Sizzler Riverton  
Target  
The Health Plan  
Titan Ford Melville  
Whaleback Golf Course

And many generous Queenies Families

CALLING ANGELS & READERS

ANGELS (3yrs + ) are needed for
Christmas Eve Family Mass
at Queen of Apostles Church, Riverton.
Parents please ☎️Kelly Gostt 0417 910 602. Practice for Angels & Readers will be at 10.15am on Sun18th Dec (after 9am Mass)
AUSTRALIA DAY
26th January 2017
South Perth Foreshore
(West of the Flag Poles)

Guinness World Record Attempt @ 6pm

FORM THE BIGGEST HUMAN BLOOD DROP
On Australia Day we come together to celebrate what’s great about Australia and being Australian. So on January 26th 2017 thousands of people throughout Perth will head down to South Perth Foreshore in South Perth and join the celebrations in ‘The Great Aussie Blood Group’ every body counts’ Guinness World Record attempt to form the world’s biggest human blood drop! The Great Aussie Blood Group Guinness World Record attempt is not only an opportunity to celebrate the ‘uniting of people’ but also to increase awareness that blood disorders can happen to anybody, at any age, at any time, with no real warning!

REGISTER @greataussiebloodgroup.org.au or FOR MORE INFO CALL 9368 7589

LET’S BREAK THE RECORD AND BE PART OF HISTORY!
Registration $10 per person or $30 family of 4 { 2 adults, 2 kids } { Includes hat & certificate }

Perth Blood INSTITUTE
New Discovery. Better Care.

Rotary
Club of Mill Point

For info about road closures and activities on Australia Day, go to City of South Perth www.southperth.wa.gov.au
Proudly supported by City of South Perth
The Riverton Dental Therapy Centre will close for 2016 on Thursday 15th December and will re-open on Monday 30th January 2017. Emergency treatment can be accessed at the following clinics:

Mon. 19th December 2016 to Friday 23rd December 2016 - South Thornlie Dental Therapy Centre Ph: 9459 4270 Between 8.00am to 4.00pm.

For any emergencies from 28th December 2016 to 20th January 2016 please contact the Mt. Henry Dental Clinic, 43 Mt Henry Road, Salter Point - Telephone 9313 0552. For after hours emergencies please call 9325 3452.

Children will continue to be eligible with the School Dental Service until the end of Year 11 or until they turn 17 years of age, whichever occurs first.

Riverton DTC I Dental Health Services
Please remember:
To secure your place, registration & payment can only be completed online. To register go to http://www.canning.wa.gov.au and click on “Youth Activities” to find the link to the registration page.

Pick up and drop off locations:
LYC - Lynwood Youth Centre only.
Please be on time for the bus.
Pick up and drop off times may vary slightly according to traffic and other factors.

Participation Agreement:
- Be nice to one another and to everyone you meet;
- If you act inappropriately or cause problems for others, your parents may be called to collect you and you will be excluded from the program;
- We do not allow smoking, drugs, alcohol, bullying or put downs;
- We are all here to have fun, and we trust you will respect this.

For more information, please contact a Youth Worker at one of our Centres:

**Bentley Youth Centre**
Bentley Community Centre
Narrows Way, Bentley
9461 7186 or 0417 905 362

**Lynwood Youth and Family Centre**
Edgeware Street, Lynwood
(Adjacent to Wandarrah Hall)
9461 7184 or 0417 973 829

**Willetton Youth Centre**
58 Burrendah Boulevard, Willetton
(Adjacent to Burrendah Sports Lounge)
0220 8551 or 0408 654 418

Website: www.canning.wa.gov.au
Email: customer@canning.wa.gov.au

JANUARY 2017
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
School holiday activities for young people
11-17 years of age in the City of Canning

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