Dear Parents and Carers

What Time is it?
As is often the case at the start of the year, we have children who are very eager to be at school. I have noticed several children who are regularly arriving at school by 8.00 am and even a few who are here 5-10 minutes before 8.00 am. I would like to remind all parents and carers that we do take our duty of care towards your children very seriously. That is why we have staff on duty before school, at recess, lunch time and after school.

With regards to before school and arrival times. I would ask that all parents and carers please familiarise themselves with the following times and arrangements:

1. Children arrive at school from 8.15am onwards. After placing their backpack on a hook outside their classroom, they are to move to the Undercover Area, where they will be supervised by a staff member.
2. Children should not arrive at school before 8.15am, unless they are booked into OSH Club.
3. At 8.30am the teacher on duty in the Undercover Area will dismiss the children to go to their respective classrooms. All classrooms, except for Kindy, open at 8.30am (Kindy 8.45am)
4. At 8.40am the siren sounds to indicate the formal start of the school day. All children should have arrived and be in class by 8.40am.
5. Children who arrive after 8.40am must report to the School Office to obtain a late slip, which they then hand to their class teacher.

P&F Meeting
On behalf of our P&F Committee, I would like to extend a very warm welcome and invitation to all our parents and carers to attend our very first P&F Meeting for the year. The P&F meets on the 2nd Monday of each month (excepting school holidays) at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. Our first meeting will be next Monday 13 February.

Our P&F is a vitally important part of our school community and they provide a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet other parents, make new friends, find out firsthand about topical issues in the school, enjoy each other’s company and camaraderie and build our sense of community and belonging. Please come along and enjoy an interesting evening with some light refreshments and an absolutely “no-pressure-to-volunteer, hassle-free zone”.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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P&F Welcome Sundowner
Speaking of the P&F, they have already been busy after last year’s ACM organizing another wonderful family evening with a **Welcome Sundowner and Bush Dance on Friday 24 February**! Please check this newsletter for further details and mark this date on your calendar for a terrific, fun-filled family night of socialising, fun and frivolity on the Annexe Oval under the stars!

Building Update
There is still some finishing work to be completed with regards to the new car park, drive-thru and verandah section along Tribute Street. We are working with our builders to have this area completed and operational as soon as possible. **Therefore at present the new car park and drive-thru are not open for use and I would ask that all parents refrain from using them.** As soon as we have notification that the work is completed, we will let all parents and carers know via email of the date from which we can commence using the new facilities. In the meantime, we really appreciate the patience and tolerance being displayed by parents and carers with the continuation of our temporary traffic and parking arrangements.

New Parking and Drive-Thru Arrangements
In preparation for when the new car park and drive-thru in Tribute Street becomes operational (hopefully early next week), I would urge all parents and carers to study the plan below so that you understand how the new facilities will work. This is very important to all of us as the safety of our children is of paramount importance.

1. Firstly, you will notice a new driveway in the middle - **this is the new entry point for all vehicle traffic.**
2. If you wish to park and leave your car to come into the school, please turn to the left and park in one of the bays adjacent to the new Kindy classrooms.
3. When exiting the car park you will do so at the exit closest to Vahland Ave.
4. If you are only dropping-off or picking-up then please veer right and enter the drive-thru area. In this area you may not park or leave your vehicle unattended - **it is strictly drop-off or pick-up only!**
5. When exiting the drive-thru section you will use the same exit as previously, closest to Tudor Ave.
6. Children waiting to be picked up will be able to wait on the new verandah, under teacher supervision, and when they see their parent’s car enter the drive-thru, they may proceed down the steps at either end of the ramp and wait on the footpath adjacent to the bay where their parent has pulled up. Children should enter vehicles from the curbside only to avoid passing vehicles.
7. New recessed parking bays are also available on Tribute Street to provide enhanced safety by increasing space for traffic to flow in both directions.
8. As soon as the new facilities are complete and ready for use, we will inform all families via email.
**Osh Club Have Moved!**
Just a reminder that OSH Club are now operating from the old Kindy room, so parents doing drop-off or pick-up should use the church car park, which is closest to the new OSH Club home.

Peace and best wishes,
Shaun O’Neill
Principal.

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**Religious Education**

**Beginning School Year Mass**
Today, the whole school came together to celebrate the beginning of a new school year. This Mass provided the school with an opportunity to come together again and celebrate the start of a new school year and pray together as one school and parish community. Thank you to all the families who joined the school and participated in the welcoming of new families and teachers to our school. Thank you also to the children for participating in such a lovely prayerful and reverent manner. Well done!

**Sacramental Registration and Commitment Masses**
Thank you to all those families who have registered their children to receive Sacraments this year. If you have not yet done this, please make an appointment to see Father Paul as soon as possible. He can be contacted on 6188 6877 or parents may see him after school in the Parish Office.

Please note that Sacraments are **PARISH BASED**. This means that the children will receive the Sacrament at the parish they belong to. We, as a school, support the children by preparing them through the Religious Education Units of Work taught and by assisting our Parish, Our Lady Queen of Apostles, with help they may require. If parents wish for their child to receive a Sacrament, it is your responsibility to liaise with your parish in order for this to occur. We will provide information for Queen of Apostles as a service to our families and as support to the parish.

This weekend **11th/12th February** are the Commitment Masses for those students who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. These Masses will be celebrated at either the Saturday 6:00pm Mass or on Sunday at 9:00am or 7:00pm.

Next weekend **18th/19th of February** are the Commitment Masses for those students who would like to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These Masses will be celebrated at either the Saturday 6:00pm Mass or on Sunday at 9:00am or 7:00pm.

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion commitment Masses will be celebrated on the weekend of the **25th/26th of February**.

Children receiving these Sacraments must attend one of these Commitment Masses.
Parent Information Night

There will be a Parent Information Evening held on Wednesday 22nd February. The first session will begin in classrooms at 6:00pm until 6:45pm, followed by a whole school information session in the Library. There will be a second repeat session starting at 7:15pm and will run until 8:00pm. This will allow parents of more than one child to attend your children’s meetings. It is essential that parents attend these meetings as they will outline routines, structures and important information for the year.

Queenies Facebook Page

We’re on Facebook! To keep up to date with events happening at Queenies, see photos of the wonderful learning opportunities taking place or be reminded of important information, become ‘friends’ with us! Search ‘Queenies Riverton’ on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100010173880237 or for our page - Queen of Apostles School - https://www.facebook.com/Queen-of-Apostles-School-462308813956746/timeline/ which you can simply ‘like’.

Scholastic Bookclub

Orders from the first edition this year from Scholastic Bookclub are due no later than Friday 10th February. Please ensure correct money is included with the completed order form in an envelope marked “Bookclub”

Drive Through Banners

To assist with an easier pick up experience, we ask all parents using the drive-through to have a banner with their surname on it to display on your windscreen so the teacher on duty can easily and quickly facilitate the collection process.
If you are new to the school or need a replacement banner, please complete the slip below and return to the office by Friday 17 February.

**DRIVE THROUGH PICK UP REPLY SLIP**

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Please return by Friday 17 February

**RAPPers Help Needed!!**
We are in need of parents who can assist with our RAPPERS program.
We would love to have as many volunteers as possible working with our children to help them read. A RAPPer is a constant adult who hears the same child/children read each week and encourages them with their reading. The program places volunteers in Years 1-5 at least once a week.
If you can assist, please fill in the form below and return it to the school office

**RAPPers HELPERS**

*Please tick or highlight your availability*
I would love to volunteer as a RAPPer in 2017.
I would be available on the following morning/s:
- [ ] Monday
- [ ] Tuesday
- [ ] Wednesday
- [ ] Thursday
- [ ] Friday

Please print name: ___________________________  Signed: ___________________________

Eldest Child’s name and class: ___________________________

**Junkyard**
2017 will see Queenies with a little more playground space than we have had in 2016.
We would like to introduce a different ‘play’ area for the children in the present PP playground. This area will be a Queenies version of the very successful PlayPod that has been introduced in the United Kingdom and United States.
For our area to be successful we would like to enlist the help of our wonderful parent community. We will need lots of materials to stock the playground which usually finds its way to landfill. All materials donated need to be vetted for safety before the children can use it. We ask your help with this by making sure all sharp edges are removed from the products you are donating to our ‘Junkyard’. Some items that might be useful are listed below. This list is not exclusive and as you come across materials that you think would be of benefit to us please bring them in. (As the children get familiar with the new concept of play no doubt they will tell you what would be useful in the area.) We ask that these materials be dropped off to the school and left in the current Year One area near the shed.
If you would like to see what this looks like in a UK school please go to the following web site.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nqi1KyJeKg
Heavy duty storage tubs eg flip top rubbish bins, large tubs with lids, etc
Carpet squares
Old curtains/blankets/sheets/fabric lengths/shade cloth/netting for den making
Thick plastic rope
Rope/electrical cable
Pushchairs
Cushions (large and small)
Carpet inner tubes
Dress up clothes eg high viz vests, overalls, hard hats
Suitcases (large)
Cardboard boxes – large and small
Foam/cardboard tubes
Air conditioning insulation pipe
Electrical cable reels
PVC piping of various widths and lengths
Timber – no nails or splinters
Crates

The children will build all manner of things such as rocket ships, stages, cars, beds, swings, slides; you name it they build it! This then leads to all sorts of imaginative games and role play.

Our Junkyard ensures that the opportunities for rich, “open ended” and self-directed play are optimised at school. We anticipate our Junkyard will bring:

- An increase in creative play.
- Children engaging in different physical activity.
- Learning taking place through open ended play
- Improved critical thinking skills.
- Equity – loose parts play enables all children to join in.
- Reduction in playground incidents and children’s complaints: less boredom leads to less anti-social behaviour.
- Social inclusion: small or large mixed-age and mixed gender groups from around the Junkyard
- Risk: the Junkyard encourages children to assess and manage risk for themselves.

Please spread the word to family and friends who may work in an environment that can help with sourcing these materials. Thank you to the families who have already donated items.

Canteen News

A warm welcome from the canteen.

I am very excited to be part of the Queenies Canteen. We want the children to enjoy nutritious meals from the school canteen without compromising on taste, quality and variety.

Valentine’s Day is just around the corner and we are running a special Valentine’s Menu all next week:

- Moana Nachos - Nachos with cheese and a tropical salsa (tomato, avocado, mango and strawberry)
  - Large - $5.00    Small - $3.50

- Sing Skewer - Beef meatballs, cheese and cherry tomatoes on a skewer with garlic bread
  - $4.00

- Troll Meal Deal - Mini red velvet marbled bun with chicken, corn, tomato, lettuce and hummus plus a strawberry smoothie
  - $5.00

**Pre-orders for Valentine’s Menu preferred by Thursday 9 February**
We will also have heart shaped waffles with strawberries and brownies for recess on Tuesday 14 February.

Sharon Soares,
Canteen Manageress
Welcome Sundowner and Bush Dance

Friday 24th February, 2017
6.00pm-9.00pm

Entry for a gold coin donation per person.
Pizzas will be available by pre-order (forms to come). Alternatively, BYO picnic.

Please note this is a family event, and as such parents are responsible for the supervision of their own children. Children will NOT be supervised by school staff or P&F volunteers.
Family Bush Dance & Pizza Welcome Night

Annexe Oval, Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} February, 2017 - 6.00pm-9.00pm

Pizzas from Antonio’s Pizza in Rossmoyne, “Home of Perth’s Best Pizza!” will be ordered and delivered to the school for 6pm. If you would like to order a pizza for your family for this event, please complete the form below and return with the correct money in an envelope to the school office no later than Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} February 2017.

Family name:________________________________________

Name and class of oldest child:________________________________________

Phone number:________________________________________

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*GF – Gluten free is an extra $2 per pizza

LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED
Have your say on Our City: Our Future
What kind of city do you want for your children? Let’s make Canning thrive! Tell us what’s important to you by taking part in the City’s major review of the Strategic Community Plan - Our City: Our Future by completing our survey on or before 28 February 2017.
**NursePrac Australia clinics at Cockburn Integrated Health, 2017**

NursePrac Australia is a new health service providing children’s healthcare by paediatric nurse practitioners in the primary care setting. We include families in care and offer them skills to manage confidently at home. We have a shared-care model with paediatric specialists from Fiona Stanley Hospital. We are focusing on childhood illnesses and conditions that affect many children and young people and aim to reduce unnecessary referrals to Emergency Departments and medical specialists.

**ItchyScratchySkin: Eczema**

ItchyScratchySkin is a nurse practitioner-led eczema model. At our clinic we offer community based eczema care. This allows children and their families to have eczema treated promptly and conveniently and learn skills for self-care. In addition to the clinic, we run small group workshops for families to learn about eczema and how to manage it day-to-day. We suggest families attend a workshop before booking their first clinic visit.

**Optimal Weight for Life: OWL**

OWL is for children and young people who are overweight or obese. This wellness-focused model encompasses a whole of community approach to help children, young people and their families to make life-long changes. OWL also links with other programs in the Cockburn area that help people meet their goals for a healthier weight.

One in four Australian children aged 2–17 is overweight or obese (18% overweight and 7% obese). In 2016, Fiona Stanley Hospital reviewed patients attending paediatric outpatient clinics for any reason and identified a rate of 26% (overweight = 15.5%, obese = 11%).

The OWL program includes:
- health assessment and screening by paediatric nurse practitioners
- paediatrician review
- referral to health lifestyle program
- psychosocial support
- health and wellness education
- ongoing follow-up and review

**Referrals**
No medical referral is required for these clinics and families can self-refer.

**NursePrac Australia**
Level 1, 11 Wentworth Parade, Success, WA 6164
phone: (08) 6243 1711
fax: (08) 6243 1702
email: info@nurseprac.com.au
website: www.nurseprac.com.au
FEMALE SWIM AND WELLBEING SESSIONS

Sundays 6:30pm to 8:30pm
Starting 5th Feb 2017 (every Sunday until 9th April)

Cannington Leisureplex, Cnr of Wharf and Sevenoaks St Cannington

All women and girls (and boys to 6 yrs) welcome, from all backgrounds, ages and abilities. Come along and enjoy socialising, a relaxing swim, spa, or steam room, in a safe, private environment. We have a team of female staff on duty.

General pool entry fees
$6.20 adults, $4.70 children (under 3yrs free) concession $4.70

10 Entry passes available at discounted rates

For more information go to
www.canning.wa.gov.au/C/canning-leisureplex.html, or call customer services on 1300 422 664
ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUP

Mondays starting February 6
9.30am - 10.30am Conversational English
10.30am - 11.30am Beginner level English

Come along to the Cannington Library and join in an informal conversation group for people wanting to practice their English speaking skills. The group has 2 sessions that suit beginner and intermediate adult learners.

FREE Coffee, tea and biscuits provided.
FREE Creche - registration essential for creche services.

Cannington Library
Cannington Leisureplex
233 Sevencocks Street (Cnr Wharf Street) Cannington
Ph: 6350 7350 | Email: ctnlib@canning.wa.gov.au

For more information, please visit
www.canning.wa.gov.au

cityofcanning
Come and Try Kayaking!

Sat 18 March 2017, 3:30-4:30pm

YOU MUST BOOK TO GUARANTEE A PLACE PRIOR TO Wed 15 March

CONTACT: ROBYN BROWN
kayaking@clbc.org.au

Note: It is a requirement of Canoeing WA that all participants must be able to swim 50m, Stage 5 or above.

FREE!
For children aged 8-12 years
Champion Lakes Regatta Centre
Qualified coaches
Full safety gear provided

BULLCREEK LEEMING JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2016 CLUB OF THE YEAR

Bullcreek Leeming Junior Football Club is now accepting enrolments for the NAB AFL Auskick program.

Open to boys and girls from pre-primary to year 2. Games are played on Sunday mornings with a mid-week afternoon training session.

Play AFL Day – Sunday, 19th of February from 9:00am-1:00pm. Come along and meet the committee and buy footy shorts & socks for your little Auskicker.

For further information and to enrol please visit www.blfc.com.au, please ensure registration is completed by Sunday, 19th of February to avoid disappointment.

If you have any questions, please contact the Club Auskick Coordinator, Steve Marley on 0447 927 077 or stevemarley1977@gmail.com