From the Principal

Today is a significant day for our Yr 6 students as they were charged with the role of being our 2016 School Leaders. With the badge of Leadership comes many responsibilities and the weight of community expectations. This, though, is a wonderful opportunity for these young people to step up to the mark, to put themselves forward as role models, to lead by example and action and to reflect on the ways in which they respond to challenges during their school days. Leadership is not the goal of everyone, but this year of School Leadership provides each of our Yr 6 students with a valuable opportunity to be challenged as a person of commitment, enthusiasm and gospel values.

A number of Yr 6 students have nominated to take part in the process of selection for our 2016 School Captains and Vice-Captains. The shortlisting has taken place with the successful student applicants being involved in the interview aspect of the process either today or tomorrow. The School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced at next week’s assembly. It was with great delight that I read all the applications and gained valuable insights into how the students perceive their strengths, their qualities as a prospective leader, how they would contribute to Guardian Angels and the high regard with which they hold their school.

We congratulate our 2016 Yr 6 School Leaders as they embark on this their final year of primary education here at Guardian Angels.

All students of Guardian Angels’ School belong to this unique school community and many things bind us together as one and give us our special identity........our Catholic faith, our school song, our celebrations, our school name and our school uniform. The school uniform is an important aspect of Guardian Angels and one which goes hand in hand with belonging to this community. It is essential that the correct school uniform is worn by all students on each and every school day. Please ensure that your child/ren leave home wearing only the accepted uniform items. A number of non-uniform items are evident and are to be replaced with uniform items. The appearance of pink, purple, yellow etc. sports shoes needs to be addressed with the correct white sports shoes to be worn. Belonging to this school community comes with responsibilities and our uniform reflects who we are, and that we are proud to be part of this community. Children wearing incorrect uniforms will be issued with a notice of the uniform changes required.

Thanks you for your support in this school issue. Together we continue to build our community and be justly proud of its achievements.

I look forward to meeting many of you tomorrow night at the Welcome BBQ.

Lorraine Walker

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From the Assistant Principal Religious Education

Senior Leadership Liturgy
This morning we commissioned our Year Six students as the senior leaders of our school for 2016. The badge and shirt that they received are symbols that they are the students of our school to whom we look to for guidance and care. We look forward to their leadership as we live out our mission to be the very best people we possibly can. We ask God, to bless and guide these senior students as they received their symbols of leadership. Help them to understand the responsibility that leadership brings and help them to be gentle and kind in their leadership roles. May Your Holy Spirit watch over them and keep them strong.

Lent – Caritas Australia
This week the season of Lent began with Ash Wednesday, which also marks the beginning of the annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal. This year’s Project Compassion stories are about our desire for a full and beautiful life within the surroundings of home. Not just a house to live in, but a life filled with certainty, free from the burden of poverty with access to food, water, education, healthcare and shelter. Donations to Project Compassion allow Caritas Australia, the Catholic Agency for International Aid and Development, to work towards this creation of a more just and fair world for whole communities. Each class has been given a Project Compassion box for their classroom. Each family at GA is encouraged to support Caritas by bringing in any donations each week and placing it in their class Project Compassion box. There are also Project Compassion boxes in the offices of each campus. Each week during the 6 weeks of Lent, the children are being introduced to different people who are benefitting from the work of Caritas Australia.

Volunteer Student Protection Training
This year we are hopeful that parents will be able to undertake the Student Protection Training for Volunteers online at home. This will help to overcome the difficulty many working parents experienced in attending the training here at school when sessions were run by our Guidance Counsellor. It is a requirement of Brisbane Catholic Education that parents who are volunteering in any capacity within our schools have undertaken the training and have signed the Volunteer Register which is kept in the office. We are keen to make this available online as soon as possible as many classes have excursions, camp and reading groups coming up very soon. If you did the training in 2015, you do not need to do it again in 2016, and can start volunteering immediately. We greatly appreciate all the invaluable assistance our parent volunteers provide to our students and staff.

Current Contact Details / Email Address
Please ensure your contact details and email addresses are current at school. In the first two weeks of school we have needed to contact parents for various matters and have been unable to do so as this information had not been updated. Our weekly newsletter is emailed to parents each Thursday. If we don’t have the correct address, parents will be missing out on important dates and information. Please attend to this as a matter of urgency. Thank you.

P&F Welcome BBQ
This Friday night all families are warmly invited to come along for the P&F Welcome BBQ. This event is organised by the P&F to welcome back all families to the 2016 school year. It is not just for Prep families. Sausages for all and drinks for the children are free, whilst adult refreshments will be available for sale. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and make new friends, so please come along and join the fun from 6pm-8pm in the shed on MC Campus.

Have a great week everyone.
Dawn Morrissey

Aim High and Fly
Campbell Rolfe from 4 Red, due to his performance at the Junior State Cup, has been selected to be a member of the Queensland U10s Oztag team. As a result he will now participate with his fellow Queensland team mates in the National Tournament in Sydney in June. Well done Campbell on an outstanding effort!

Thank you
Thank you to the Prep Parents for their fantastic support of the Year 6 Leadership morning tea. Your beautiful baking and generosity was very much appreciated.
Virtue

This fortnight each class will be looking at the virtue of Kindness. Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people’s needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things. We are practising kindness when we:

◊ Give attention to someone who is sad or needs help
◊ Do things to give others happiness
◊ Practise habits that help the environment (reduce, reuse, and recycle)
◊ Accept people who are different

Reflection

“At its heart, the journey of each life is a pilgrimage, through unforeseen sacred places that enlarge and enrich the soul.”

John O’Donohue

A Journey through Lent

Blessings for the coming week,

Kind regards

Debbie Young

Prep 2017 Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep 2017 will close Thursday 24 March. Parents of applicants will be invited to one of two Open Mornings (18 and 21 April) during Term 2. After the Open Mornings parents will be invited to make an interview time. Interviews will commence Tuesday 26 April.

Finance News

I apologise for not responding quickly to the emails I have received regarding the calculation of annual fees. As I have been inundated with these requests, I have inserted this link to the calculation sheet to help you. It is also available on the School website and the Parent Portal.

Parent Portal - If information displayed is from a previous year, please refresh your browser to update to the latest information.

Learning and Teaching News

It’s hard to believe, from a teacher’s perspective, that we have only been back at school now for almost three weeks. It certainly feels as though the Christmas holidays are a distant memory. This is indicative of how much hard work is going on around the school. As always, the teaching and support staff (including school officers, learning support, library and office staff) have their heads down and are furiously working to establish effective routines and procedures that will support the next twelve months of learning and teaching. It really is an awesome thing to witness. Your children’s teachers, in particular, work incredibly hard throughout the year however it is often these first six weeks or so of a new year, that are physically and mentally exhausting on a level beyond our normal work fatigue. It truly is a privilege to work alongside these people as they forge ahead with purpose and intent at the honour-filled responsibility of teaching your children this year.

As always, there is so much going on at Guardian Angels in relation to Learning and Teaching. 2016 is going to prove to be busy beyond belief as we commit to being a Professional Learning Community that values twelve months of progress for twelve months of effort for EACH one of our beautiful students.

We will continue to work incredibly hard to further embed the LEARNING POWERS (as seen on the ‘I’ Chart) and the LEARNING LANGUAGE across our classrooms. One of our yearly goals will consolidate this language further so that it becomes a part of our teaching and learning culture at Guardian Angels. We will work towards this in a variety of ways, one being a focus on using relevant data collection and analysis processes to measure success and progress for each student. Alongside this commitment, we as teachers will further develop our work to continue to build our collective and individual professional capacities. We as a professional community will also use processes to measure our success and progress. We are ALL learners at Guardian Angels and the staff will continue to situate themselves firmly within the “I“Chart and Learning Powers to ensure that WE are successful in our efforts to support and develop our students; your beautiful children.

I will keep you updated on aspects of processes and procedures that help us work towards our goal to Deliver Excellent Learning and Teaching.

Contemporary Learning Environment News

As many of you would be aware, in September last year, Guardian Angels was excited to announce the implementation of a Contemporary Learning Environment to commence at the beginning of this school year (2016). For the students at Guardian Angels, this meant the implementation of a 1:1 laptop device program for our Years 5 and 6 students, as well as a 1:6 iPad initiative in all
Prep – Year 4 classrooms. We are so happy to announce that these initiatives have begun and many of our students, particularly our Years 5 and 6 students have already begun to excitedly engage with their relevant technology as a support for their learning.

Throughout last week, the teachers in Years 5 and 6, along with myself conducted a **Bootcamp (not as scary as it sounds)** for our senior students. The students travelled through five separate rotations of learning that worked purposefully to increase their confidence and competence with the devices. They are continuing to work hard this week as they are now preparing for the big step of taking their devices home. It is such an exciting time for them and for us as teachers. We have all worked hard for a long time to ensure that Guardian Angels was prepared and organised to make this important learning initiative worthwhile and seamless.

During **Bootcamp**, the students enjoyed focused learning on topics such as Cybersafety, Digital Citizenship, Mac tips and tricks, email etiquette, Apple TV projection and Airdrop sharing, storage and saving. Oh … let’s not forget the most exciting topic: Rules and Expectations. Yes … that was my rotation. A little trickier to make that one exciting and engaging, but I accepted the challenge and … well … let’s just say, it’s done now! Next Week I will go into a little more detail about some of the vitally important messages we heard in both the student and parent Cybersafety sessions.

**Spotlight on Spectacular Staff at Guardian Angels**

While the students enjoyed their **Bootcamp** experiences, it’s really important to recognise the dedication and hard work of the Years 5 & 6 teachers who made sure that each of their rotations was relevant and grounded in the idea of technology supporting education.

In this week’s Spotlight on Spectacular Staff, I would like to publicly acknowledge the work of Lisa Gear, Melinda Paljakka, Liz Morrissey, Caitlin O’Keeffe and Warren Kay. These teachers of the senior classes at Guardian Angels are **always** hardworking, organised and thorough in the way they approach every aspect of teaching and learning for our older students. In preparation for **Bootcamp**, they all work incredibly hard to ensure that last week ran seamlessly and was a worthwhile experience for each learner.

This is a clear example of dedicated professionals working hard for our students and their parents to make learning visible and relevant at Guardian Angels.

**Blessings for the coming week …**

Nicole Waller
Primary Learning Leader

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**Library News**

**Book Club closes tomorrow.**

**Book Club orders MUST now be submitted and paid for online. No cash or cheques will be accepted.**

**How to order**


1. Select State and school - QLD and Guardian Angels School, Wynnum
2. Follow the redirection (because we are a LOOP school) and click on "Order" at top of the screen.
3. Enter State and school again.
4. Follow instructions to enter your child/children's name/s and last name initial, their teacher/class, the items ordered and pay by credit card.
5. Your order will automatically be sent to school by Scholastic and the books will be distributed to child when they arrive.

DO NOT SEND ANY ORDER FORMS OR RECEIPTS TO SCHOOL.

Carolyn Matta
Teacher Librarian

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**Occupational Therapy**

School based Occupational Therapy sessions with Jess Hill (Optimum Movement) will commence at School on Thursday 11 February and continue on a weekly basis. OT sessions can be either individual or groups sessions (groups of 4) and can focus on the development of fine motor skills, handwriting, attention and/or emotional regulation. Group OT sessions are $35 and Individual $85 for 30 minutes and rebates are available through private health insurance. Invoices are sent to home half way through the term and at the end of the term.

A consent form and quick questionnaire **must** be completed and returned to Optimum Movement before your child attends their first session of OT. Please contact Vicki Anderson, Practice Manager, for these forms at [admin@optimummovement.com](mailto:admin@optimummovement.com) or by phone (07) 3821 3399.
Parish News

Guardian Angels’ Parish Sacramental Programme for 2016: An information meeting for parents who are seeking enrolment of their child/children in this year’s Parish Sacramental Programme, will be held on Sunday 21 February 2016, commencing at 10.30am in the Parish/School Hall. Children do NOT have to attend this meeting. Please note the requirements to participate in the Parish Sacramental Programme –

- Children have been baptised in the Catholic Church. (Bring a photocopy of the child’s Baptismal Certificate to the information meeting.)
- Children are in Year 3 or above.
- At least one parent is a parishioner of Guardian Angels’ Parish.
- At least one parent must be able to accompany the child to the weekly lesson on Sunday mornings.
- Children and parents are required to attend Sunday Mass.

Weekend Mass Times

- Guardian Angels’ Church - Saturday 6pm. Sunday 7am, 9am, 6pm.
- St Joseph the Worker Church - Sunday 8am.
- Nazareth House Chapel - Sunday 9.30am.
- Iona College Chapel West - Sunday 7.30am.

Fr John

OSHC News

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our second hand uniform shop is staffed by volunteers and is open at the following times:
- Tuesday - 2.20pm - 3pm
- Wednesday - 8am - 9am

New Uniforms

UMS Pty Ltd moved last year to 2/205 Queensport Road North, Murarrie. Ph 3535 9500
For online orders: http://umspl.com.au/shop
Password for our school is gap2015

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Join School Banking on an outback adventure!

Every year the School Banking program launches a new savings theme and 8 new exclusive School Banking reward items.

This year’s program is themed the **Outback Savers** and School Banking is taking students on a wild adventure through the Canyon of Savings, where they’ll learn to master smart savings habits.

There are **8 new reward items for 2016** from the Outback Savers range:

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set
- Mud Splat Handball
- Outback Pat Bag Tag
- Backtrack Eraser Pen
- Jump and Skip Rope
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm

**Win a wildlife family adventure holiday to Australia Zoo!**

This year School Banking is giving students the chance to win a family trip for up to two adults and three children to explore Australia Zoo and meet Bindi and Robert Irwin.

Students who make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 will be automatically entered into the draw. This is another great way to motivate students to save regularly and reach their savings goals.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
San Sisto College students achieve outstanding OP results in 2015

San Sisto College’s 2015 senior students have achieved outstanding OP results. The entire college community couldn’t be prouder that 49 percent of the Year 12 students (San Sisters) received an OP 10 or better, and 85 percent of girls achieved OP 15 or better. These results are particularly special because of the amazing young women who have blessed the college last year. Many of the higher achieving students not only showed a strong focus on academic excellence, but were also the driving force within the student leadership team, not just in the classroom, but across our sport, arts and community service pillars.

Particular congratulations go to the 2015 College Captain and dux, Rachel Cockburn, who achieved the highest possible result of an OP 1. Esther Mauga, Aira Fabello and Amy Quach were awarded an OP 2 with 11 girls scoring an OP 5 or better.

- Rachel Cockburn  OP1
- Amy Quach  OP2
- Esther Mauga  OP2
- Aira Fabello  OP2
- Abby Toten  OP4
- Jaeda Seeto  OP4
- Amelia Watson-Black  OP5
- Alison Coyne  OP4
- Shannon Richards  OP4
- Alana Matthews  OP5

Second Row (left to right): Amelia Watson-Black, Alison Coyne, Shannon Richards, Aira Fabello and Alana Matthews.
First Row (sitting left to right): Rachel Cockburn (2015 College Captain), Abby Toten, Mrs Shelley Hamilton (San Sisto College Principal), Amy Quach (2015 College Vice Captain) and Jaeda Seeto

Community News

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Watch our new video - YouTube: [https://youtu.be/5Hdl2ZDxZXc](https://youtu.be/5Hdl2ZDxZXc)

Weekend date: 3 – 5 June 2016

Venue: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane’s bayside)

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au)  Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)
EXCITING CROSS COUNTRY PROGRAM
MARCH - JULY 2016

Queensland Running's 2016 Cross Country season commences on Saturday 5 March at Teralla Park, Mitchelton. The season runs from March through to the end of July and is of great assistance to all students in preparing for the school, district and regional cross country competitions.

Our competition includes distances ranging from 500/800 metres (alternating each week), 1000, 1500, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000 and 8000 metres. The 3000 and 5000 metre distances are run together as are the 4000, 6000 and 8000 metre events. In these races, runners can complete the lesser or greater of the two distances, depending on their comfort zone.

The runs are conducted at various parks in and around Brisbane, including Chermside, Toowong, Pine Rivers, Sandgate and Yeronga, to name a few.

For those unable to run, but still wishing to participate, a 500 metre non-competitive walk is programmed each week. Take your pram or dog for a wander through one of these beautiful parks. It is a popular event for families and best of all, it's free!

We have very reasonable rates to run and they include as many events as you would like to keep over the afternoon. 10 years and under run for $3.00 for the afternoon, $4.00 for 11 to 17 years and adults pay $5.00. If you register for the season for the cost of $12.00, your runs cost $1.00 each afternoon and you run your first day free.

We also have family registrations or individual runners can pay up front for the season.

It is a great family afternoon where mums and dads can run with their children.

If you have any enquiries, please check out our website www.queenslandrunning.com.au or call 0418 113 377.

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