From the Principal

Last Friday evening’s Welcome BBQ was a great opportunity for members of our school community to come together to enjoy each other’s company, meet new members and socialise as a group. Thanks to all who organised the evening, cooked, served and cleaned up, as well as all who came along to ensure the evening was a success. Communities need to celebrate and the start of a new school year is a great reason to do so.

Yesterday our Guardian Angels’ School was once again celebrating as we announced our 2016 School Captains and Vice Captains. All Yr 6 School Leaders were given the opportunity to nominate for School Captain. Their application forms, which asked about leadership qualities, their abilities and ambitions were then used to compile a short list of candidates. 10 students made it to the short list...all quality candidates for the positions, and interviews followed.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of our 2016 School Captains and Vice Captains:

Captains: Isabelle Bounds & Corey Tearle
School Vice-Captains: Lili Doran & Byron Durovic

Congratulations from all our community and we look forward to your year of great responsibility.

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From the Assistant Principal Administration

Year 6 Camp
Our Year 6 students will be going on camp to Tallebudgera from Monday 22 Feb until Wednesday 24 February. For some of our students this is their first time away from home for two nights. Be assured they will be very well cared for by the staff and parents who are accompanying them. Camp is one of the highlights of the year for these students, so we hope the weather is kind to them. The purpose of the camp is to develop leadership skills, team work and independence. Have fun kids!

Vision Celebrations
All classes have been working towards developing their Class Vision for 2016. These Visions are like a covenant and articulate how the members of each class want their classroom to look, feel and sound for the year ahead. They are referred to regularly in class if a child makes a choice which goes against the spirit of the Class Vision. Each class then holds a Vision Celebration to which parents are invited. We would encourage you to come along if at all possible. In this way all parents will be clear about classroom expectations for the year ahead. Thank you to all those parents who have attended those Vision Celebrations that have already taken place.

Volunteer Student Protection Training
The volunteer Student Protection Training PowerPoint has now been uploaded to the Parent Portal and our public website. It is a requirement that all volunteers complete this training prior to helping out in classrooms, the tuckshop, or accompanying classes on excursions. Volunteers other than parents also require a Blue Card. Once you have completed the training you will be able to be added to our Volunteer Register and will be issued with a volunteer number which you use to sign in at Reception when you come along to help. If you completed the training in 2015, you do not need to do it again. A big thank you to all our wonderful helpers!

Prep 2017 Enrolments
Enrolment applications are currently being taken for children entering Prep at Guardian Angels in 2017. Children born between 1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012 are eligible to attend Prep in 2017. Applications will close on 24 March 2016. Please pass this message on to neighbours, friends and relatives who may be considering Guardian Angels.

Have a great week everyone.
Dawn Morrissey

My statement regarding school sports shoes in last week’s newsletter caused some confusion, due to a notice in one of last year’s newsletters, of which I was unaware. School uniforms are an important aspect of belonging to any specific group and especially for a school community. Whilst the coloured sport shoes is not an issue to pursue, please ensure that your children wear their correct uniform each day including their school hats, hair styles and no unnecessary jewellery. Thanks for your support with this standard.

In this time of Lent when the Church invites us into almsgiving, prayer and fasting, I leave you with a few thoughts. Traditionally, fasting has been associated with food and drink. But in our world of instant communications, perhaps fasting could be applied to our use of the numerous means of communication and media during these 40 days of Lent. Can I turn the mobile phone off at night and wait for messages in the morning? Does texting need to be continuous? What compulsions and addictions might instant communications be fostering in us?

So, perhaps this Lent, my commitment can be to embrace simple waiting and stillness....I can slow the pace....I can contemplate and absorb what is important in my life....I can live each day so that God can bring new life and vitality bursting forth this Easter time.

Lorraine Walker
From the Assistant Principal Religious Education

Lent – Caritas Australia

This week Project Compassion focuses on Malawi. Doney and her family live in a remote village in Malawi. Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and many families don’t have enough food to eat. But after working with Caritas, Doney and her family have hope for the future. Doney and her community learned to use their strengths and now they have new ways of earning money, better ways to access water and grow food. They are also improving their health and learning to read and write so they can create a better future together. Thank you to all families for your support of this year’s Project Compassion Appeal.

Virtue

This fortnight each class will be looking at the virtue of Humility. When you are humble you don’t act as if you are more important than other people. You are happy to serve others and think other people’s needs are important. You don’t expect others or yourself to be perfect. You don’t criticize others or yourself. You admit mistakes and learn from them. Sometimes mistakes are our best teachers. We are practising humility when we:

- Realise that everyone is a human being – each one different but still a person
- Respect what each person contributes
- Learn from mistakes
- Ask for help when I need it
- Am doing my best just to do it, not to impress anyone
- Am thankful instead of boastful

Reflection

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”

Nelson Mandela

Blessings for the coming week,
Kind regards
Debbie Young

Learning and Teaching News

Contemporary Learning Environment News

Last week, we discussed the launch of Guardian Angels’ 1:1 Contemporary Learning Environment, with a particular focus on the details of Bootcamp. We were all very proud of the responsible way our students engaged with their learning. An important focus of Bootcamp was the opportunity for both our student and parent communities to hear some very important messages about Cybersafety.

We were blessed to have Mr Brett Lee (Innes: Internet Education and Safety Services) spend an hour with the Years 5 and 6 students of Guardian Angels and St John Vianneys on Thursday morning. He then presented a workshop for the parents from both schools on Thursday evening. I would like to highlight, especially for the remainder of our school community, some essential messages Mr Lee provided for both our students and our parents in relation to internet use.

As a student, Mr Lee spoke of the need for us to control the technology and to make safe, informed choices. He helped our students to understand that:

- the internet is the most PUBLIC place we will ever be; the cyber world will NEVER be a private world.
- others may judge me or treat me harshly for poor online choices or for who I portray myself to be.
- online decisions made now, can impact my future because the internet is permanent.
- when I post, upload or send, I lose control of what others can do with that information or how it is used.
- The physical world and the cyber world are NOT separate; it’s the SAME world, full of the same people.
- I am bound by rules and laws online, just as I am in the physical world.
- expectations placed on me in the physical world do not change just because I am sitting behind a screen (phone, iPad, computer).

Just like the physical world, the cyber world will never be perfect, but we, as parents, have the power to reduce the issues/risks significantly.

Mr Lee’s messages for parents were just as strong. He asked us to remember:
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the cyber world is a great and safe world; it’s how people USE it that creates issues.
our children need OUR ADULT life skills and instincts to help them make sound choices and identify problems.
no program or app that my child will want to use is essential to their development. Treat all programs etc as an added extra; a privilege.
no online decision we make in good faith regarding our children and their safety, is a bad one; we must trust our instincts.
technology will forever change; but our household rules, expectations and protective practices will never change.
online dangers and responsibilities are real.
always weigh up the positives and potential risks when deciding what program/app our children use.
encourage the use of technology at home in a public environment (eg family room, dining room); issues are more likely to occur in private (eg bedrooms or closed offices).
we don’t need to be internet experts but rather diligent, loving and (sometimes) strict parents.
the rules and boundaries we put into place are not to stop our children using the technology; it will help them use it safely and avoid pitfalls.
online issues are NOT about the technology; it’s ALWAYS about people.
online education should start the second our children type a key.

Spotlight on Spectacular Staff at Guardian Angels

The beginning of a school year is chaotic! There is so much to do, so much to organise, so much information to communicate. Words just don’t do justice to the frantic pace of the first few weeks of a new school year. And I’m not even talking about the reason why we are here; teaching and learning. That is a WHOLE other ball game!! And our teachers constantly amaze me with their commitment to exemplary levels of organisation and professional excellence. But I’m not talking about THOSE incredible people today....

In this week’s Spotlight on Spectacular Staff, I would like to publicly acknowledge the work our amazing office staff, in particular: Sharyn Harrington, Trish Hardcastle, Carolyn Coleman, Emma Dredge and Jane Rhodes. As you can imagine, a school office is a high traffic area with people constantly coming to and fro, seeking information, assistance, first aid and sometimes just an ear to listen. Blessed are we for every person who takes up post at both our Guardian Angels and Mt Carmel offices, but especially to those ladies mentioned above. No task is too great, no favour too big; these beautiful people work tirelessly with a smile on their face and generosity in their hearts.

Thank you so much for everything you do for the students, parents and staff of Guardian Angels. We would be lost without you!

Blessings for the coming week ...

Nicole Waller
Primary Learning Leader

Aim High and Fly

Congratulations to Sophie Vonhoff from 5 Blue who auditioned and was offered a place in the Bayside Dance Young Dancer’s Company last Friday. Applicants must audition for a place in the team, and only a limited number of positions are available. Well done Sophie!

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Finance News

School Fees are tomorrow 19 February.

Lost Property

Lost property on the MC Campus has 2 pairs of children's glasses. The glasses have been in lost property for some time so please check if they could belong to your child.

Please make sure all items of clothing and property brought to school are clearly named so we can return them to you.
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

Any question or queries can be made by
Phone: 0429 428 768 or 3393 6025
Email: wynnumoshc@bne.centacare.net.au

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

Tuckshop Roster

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School Banking Account Opening Day

Guardian Angels is excited to offer the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to deposit money into their Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The rewards available during 2016 are:

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

School Banking day is Thursday. Each week you need to place your deposit book into the banking satchel in your classroom.

We will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school:

**Time:** 8.00am  
**Date:** 9 March 2016  
**Location:** GA Campus on the green area

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification.

Alternatively, you can open an account at your local branch. All you need to bring is your current identification as well as your child’s birth certificate. If you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer and have NetBank, you can open an account online.

If you would like to know more about School Banking, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office.
**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/5Hd12ZDxZXc

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

Information website: www.wwme.org.au

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**San Sisto College**

San Sisto College is enrolling now for Year 7 in 2019.

Is your daughter currently in Year 3 (Year 7 2020) and you have not yet lodged an application for enrolment, please do so immediately? Alternatively, you can contact the College on 3900 9800 for an enrolment package to be sent to you as a matter of urgency. This will ensure your daughter’s application is given consideration on our first round of offers.

Limited vacancies also exist in other Year levels.

See the College first-hand at our Open Day on Sunday, 22 May 2016. We invite you to meet our students and teachers while exploring our stunning campus and state-of-the-art facilities. Bookings are essential. Visit www.sansisto.qld.edu.au for details.
Community News

Iona Passion Play

2016 Season

Brisbane QLD

Iona College
Wynnum West
Saturday March 19th
7:30 pm
Good Friday March 25th
7:30 pm

For information and bookings go to www.passionplay.org.au
Children under 5 are free. Group Discounts available for bookings of 10 or more making it an excellent outing for families.

Bonner Families Forum

Ross Vasta MP invites you to a Bonner Families Forum with special guest, the Hon Christian Porter MP, Minister for Social Services

Friday 18 March 2016, 9.00am-10.30am
Mt Gravatt Showgrounds Hall, 1644 Logan Road, Mt Gravatt

RSVP: ross.vasta.mp@aph.gov.au or 3893 3488

Ross Vasta MP
Member for Bonner

Authorised by Ross Vasta MP, 69 Clara Street, Wynnum QLD 4178.
Community News

Health and Fitness Classes at Guardian Angels

Term 1 Sessions

Tuesday – FitKids
Thursday – FitKids

Coles Wynnum and Café Green Bean Wynnum will continue to be Sponsors of the program

All classes start NO EARLIER than 7.30am till 8.10am

At Chestnut Street

As usual all classes will be a user pay system and each session will be capped at 50 students.

Term 1 will be a 6 week term.

Each session will cost $5.

All sessions need to be prepaid.

All money is to be paid directly to FunFitandHealthy not Guardian Angels.

Bookings can be taken now via an email to natalie@funfitandhealthy.com.au

Please don’t hesitate to contact us if you have any questions at all.

Have a great day!

For more importation on all our Products as well as all our Adults and Children’s classes, please visit

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Website – www.funfitandhealthy.com.au
Email – natalie@funfitandhealthy.com.au