From the Principal

Our Yr 6 campers returned home yesterday...tired but elated about their experiences. Special thanks to all who made this camp possible and especially to Caitlin O’Keefe and Warren Kay, our Yr 6 teachers, for their organization, leadership and the generosity of their time to ensure that this year’s camp was indeed a possibility, not to mention a great success. Thank you also to the parents who volunteered their time to help on camp: Jodie Morphett, Simon Marriot and Helen Ward.

Today and tomorrow sees our Admin Team join with the Admin Teams from our South East Cluster of Catholic Schools, as we plan for this 2016 school year. The two days away offers us input from BCE Consultants as well as time to establish the goals, intentions and directions for 2016, reflect on 2015 and share collegially what is happening, planned for and specific priorities in other schools as we journey together.

You may have seen in the media, reports about Catholic school staff going on strike today. All our G.A. staff worked today and the day proceeded as normal. EB negotiations continue with Queensland Catholic Schools employers and Unions and it is hoped that a resolution can be reached in a timely manner with as little disruption to student learning as possible.....after all they are the reason for our work in Catholic Schools in the first place.

Next week sees the start of Autumn....rather hard to believe with the present weather, but it is a timely reminder that winter will eventually arrive and that each student will need school winter jumpers. Please ensure that over these early weeks of Autumn, and over the Easter break, that winter school requirements are checked so that only school items are worn as the cooler times present themselves.

It’s been great to read out the Student awards during assembly each week as we recognize the learning powers that the students employ in their day to day school life. It is vital for a school community to celebrate achievements and each Wednesday morning’s assembly is testament to Guardian Angels commitment to celebrating our school.

Lorraine Walker

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From the Assistant Principal Religious Education

**Lent – Caritas Australia**

This week Project Compassion focuses on Laos. In Laos, there isn’t much help for children living with disabilities. Duangmala was worried that her eight year old son, Hum Noy, would never reach his full potential because he has Down Syndrome. But everything changed when Hum Noy started attending a school for children with intellectual disabilities that is supported by Caritas Australia. Now Hum Noy has the chance to learn and thrive. 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 an important mission, which draws young people to what is good, beautiful and true.”

Pope Francis

Blessings for the coming week,
Kind regards
Debbie Young

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From the Assistant Principal Administration

**Volunteer Student Protection Training**

This training is now available on the Parent Portal. It is mandatory that all parents who volunteer in classrooms, on tuckshop, attend excursions etc. complete this training and sign the Volunteer Register before helping out at school. The online training doesn’t take very long, and is designed to ensure the safety of each and every one of our students. Thank you to all those parents who have already completed this training. We are very grateful for all the assistance you give to our teachers and students.

**Year 6 Camp**

Our Year 6 students and their teachers arrived safely back from camp yesterday, very tired but full of stories about all the fun they had. Camp provides a wonderful opportunity for our children to develop leadership skills, extend their friendships, and helps develop resilience and independence. I’m sure it was considerably quieter around your homes these past few days.

**Prep 2017 Enrolments**

Applications are now open for families wishing to enrol their child in Prep in 2017. To be eligible to commence Prep next year, children must be turning 5 before 30 June 2017. Application forms can be downloaded from our website and are to be accompanied by the child’s Birth Certificate, Baptism Certificate (where applicable) and immunisation records, these will be copied while you wait. Enrolment applications for Prep close on 24 March 2016. Please pass this information on to any family, friends or neighbours whom you know are considering Guardian Angels for their child.

**Parking**

The Seafarers’ car park adjacent to Mt Carmel Campus is out of bounds to parents. This car park is private property and does not belong to our school. In recent days some parents have parked here after school whilst waiting for their children. Please do not do this. We would also like to remind parents that double parking is illegal. Offenders are liable to be booked by police. Thank you for giving the safety of our students – your children – the importance it deserves.

Have a great week everyone.
Dawn Morrissey
Learning and Teaching News

Last Thursday (18 February), the teaching staff stayed back at school to participate in an extended professional learning session known as a ‘Twilight’. These sessions run for three hours beyond a normal school day and we are to hold a total of four Twilights over the course of the year. Two of these will be dedicated to the continuing development of the Delivering Excellent Learning and Teaching Strategy in which the staff of Guardian Angels are conscientiously working toward a systemic goal of maximising engagement, progress and achievement for EACH student in EVERY classroom across BCE.

Here at Guardian Angels, we will initially be working towards this broad goal in three fundamental ways:

1. By continuing to build our collective and capacity;
2. By KNOWING THE IMPACT of our teaching on EACH student’s learning and responding appropriately to move learning forward;
3. By embedding the practices that MAKE LEARNING VISIBLE in every classroom across our schools.

Over the previous two years, we have communicated through the newsletter, parent information evenings and curriculum newsletters, vital aspects of the practices of VISIBLE LEARNING based on the research and work of Professor John Hattie. This is not an isolated practice and philosophy of Guardian Angels, but rather is present and vibrantly steering forward every one of the 137 Brisbane Catholic Education schools. The LEARNING INTENTION of the Twilight last Thursday, was to provide clarity about the FOCUS and DIRECTION at Guardian Angels’ School in 2016 at both a SCHOOL and CLASSROOM level. We resituated Guardian Angels within the broader BCE systemic vision and have begun the process of examining the practices within each classroom as we move towards making learning visible in every single learning space.

This process for many of us early in a new school year, will be about revisiting, reclarifying and reacquainting ourselves and our students to the LEARNING POWERS. For those parents who have been able to join our school assemblies over the past few weeks, may have noticed a noticeable shift in the weekly awards. We are celebrating our wonderful learners who are using their learning powers to help them show progress in their learning. So we are hearing about the learning powers of; perseverance; taking risks, connecting, wondering and reflecting. Chat to your beautiful children about their learning powers and see if they can tell you about them. Remember, if you want to hear more about this, you can talk to your classroom teacher/s or myself ... I know it may be hard to believe, but I actually LOVE talking about this stuff!!! I’d like to add a few quotes from some notable identities who support what we are saying at Guardian Angels about these ‘Powers for Learning’:

I WONDER:
Wisdom begins in wonder ... Socrates

I TAKE RISKS:
Progress means taking risks, for you can’t steal home and keep your foot on third base... Mark Zuckerberg

I CONNECT:
You can’t connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards... Steve Jobs

I REFLECT:
We don’t learn by doing, we learn by reflecting on what we’ve done... Anonymous

I PERSEVERE:
Continuous effort – not strength or intelligence – is the key to unlocking our true potential... Winston Churchill

Spotlight on Spectacular Staff at Guardian Angels
Throughout the Twilight last Thursday afternoon/evening, we were able to recognise the ways in which several staff members have been working to make learning visible in their classrooms and for their students.
In this week’s Spotlight on Spectacular Staff, I would like to publicly acknowledge the work of Mrs Anne-Maree Harrison and Ms Nicole Dodds. This list is in no way exhaustive of the many wonderful things that are going on in classrooms throughout the school. Anne-Maree and Nicole have been working tirelessly for over a year to bring the “I” Chart and the language of learning alive in their classrooms. Their students are immersed throughout each day with the understanding that Learning Intentions, Success Criteria and Feedback provide a strong basis upon which their learners: i) know what they are learning; ii) why they are learning it; iii) how they are going with their learning; and iv) how effective feedback makes learning visible and demonstrates ways to improve the quality of their work. As both a colleague and a parent, I have witnessed the way this small shift in reinforcing language and intent has positively impacted the progress and achievements of students in these classes.

There are several people I could have acknowledged for these achievements, however I want to ensure that the Spotlight on Spectacular Staff lists remain short and focussed so that when each name appears here, these amazing people are genuinely granted the recognition they truly deserved.

Thank you so much Anne-Maree and Nicole 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 Kitty Addison, Ben Gahan, Summer Stevenson, Chloe Parkinson and Cooper Wasiak who represented Guardian Angels at the recent Lytton District swimming trials at Moreton Bay College. All students put in their best efforts in a typically competitive swimming meet. As a result of their swimming times, Cooper and Summer will now go on to represent Lytton District Schools at the Met East Carnival on March 1 at Chandler. Well done to all students.

High and Fly

Scholastic Book Club

Our second issue of Book Club closes on Thursday 10 March. Thank you to all the families who place orders with Scholastic Book Club. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school.

Ordering your Scholastic Book Club books has just become much easier! A new platform called Linked Online Ordering and Payment or "LOOP" means no more messy cash handling!

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

Book Club order forms were distributed today. Please make sure your orders are placed before Thursday 10 March.

A big thank you to Mrs Sue Gahan, a parent volunteer, who has co-ordinated the large task of ordering and distribution of Book Club at Guardian Angels. Sue will still be organising the distribution of the books when they arrive at the school.

How to order

2. Select State and school - QLD and Guardian Angels School, Wynnum
3. Follow the redirection (because we are a LOOP school) and click on "Order" at top of the screen.
4. Enter State and school again.
5. 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.
6. Your order will automatically be sent to school by Scholastic and the books will be distributed to child when they arrive.
7. **DO NOT SEND ANY ORDER FORMS OR RECEIPTS TO SCHOOL.**

Carolyn Matta
Teacher Librarian
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

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

School Fees are now overdue, please attend to this matter urgently or phone the school office.

Lost Property

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

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P&F NEWS

New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with an Outback Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

- Flying Snake Tail
- Wildlife Writer Set

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits. There are 2 new items released each term so be sure to keep an eye out for them!

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and don't forget that Thursday is School Banking day!

If your children are not currently involved in the School Banking program and you would like to know more, please ask for a 2016 School Banking program information pack from the school office. We will also be holding an Account Opening morning on Wednesday 9th March on the GA campus.
Do you want to make your life with children easier?

A FREE, interactive workshop providing practical strategies and information for parents, grandparents, carers, early childhood educators, teachers and allied health professionals

Focusing on children aged 0-5 years

“Building Essential Skills for Children’s Independence”

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

Wednesday 2nd March, 2016
6.00–8.00pm
Registration from 6pm

St Rita’s School Hall
37-39 Benfer Road, Victoria Point

Register online through EVENTBRITE by 1st March


“Childhood is a time of increasing independence. As children grow and develop they become more able to do things for themselves, to express themselves and to explore their world independently”

NQS.PLP e-newsletter No.64, 2013

Our Presenters…

Winne Cheung - Occupational Therapist from Child Development Service
“Connect, Play and Learn”

Sheryle Croft - Principal Education Advisor - Transitions
“Routines for Independence”

Talk with Professionals including allied health professionals, teachers and early years educators.

Collect useful hints, tips and resources.

Discover programs and organisations in Redlands City which can support you and your child.

Everyone Welcome!

Early Learning Redlands is a community group dedicated to supporting lifelong learning
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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