From the Principal

The Parent Partnership sessions held over the past three evenings were wonderfully informative sessions and great opportunities for us to continue to build on the already well established relationships that make Guardian Angels’ School community such a great place. It was wonderful to meet many parents over the three nights and to have the opportunity to address you, our parent partners, as we embark on this school year together.

The teachers are always ready to discuss your child’s progress with you, but please be sure to make an appointment to see them either before or after school, as they also have a duty of care to all of the students in their class from the 8.25am bell until the end of day bell. I know you will respect their professionalism in ensuring this is the case.

Next week sees further opportunities for us to come together, with the P&F meeting scheduled for Tuesday night followed on Friday night by the Welcome BBQ. Both are great opportunities to actively participate in our GA community. See you there!

Whilst we love you to assist in a variety of activities during the school day, all parents who wish to volunteer within the school need to have completed a Volunteer Induction Program and be allocated with a volunteer number. If you completed the induction in previous years then your number is valid for your time at Guardian Angels. The program for 2016 will be ready next week with news of this posted on the Parent Portal and in next week’s newsletter.

The school routine is fast becoming evident as we all settle back into school life, even after just our first week together, and so a prayer for us all at this time...

“God, our hope and our future,

We ask that your Spirit be a constant influence in the lives of all who make up our school community this year.

Guide our wonderful students to be discerning, so that the outcomes of their choices will be reflective of Gospel values. Amen.”

Lorraine Walker
From the Assistant Principal Religious Education

Shrove Tuesday
Next Tuesday is ‘Shrove Tuesday’. As part of our Catholic tradition and story many of us will eat and enjoy pancakes, which symbolise the reduction in the types of food that Catholics could eat during Lent up until the 1960’s. Shrove (or Shriving) Tuesday is celebrated the day before ‘Ash Wednesday’, the first day of Lent, the 40-day period of preparation for the great feast of Easter. On this last day of Ordinary Time in the Liturgical Calendar before the Season of Lent, it is time to think about reducing and replacing, so we can be more in tune with the cycles of the earth, nature, our bodies and our souls.

Ash Wednesday/Lent
Next Wednesday we will gather as a school community at 9am for a Liturgy led by Father John and Year 6 Blue in the Shed at the Mt Carmel Campus. This Liturgy will mark the beginning of the Church’s season of Lent. Lent begins with the marking of ashes, a sign to remind us to live the way Jesus wants. The Ash Wednesday custom of placing ashes on the forehead became universal in the 11th century. In the 12th century, the practice of burning palm branches from Palm Sunday the previous year to make the ashes used on Ash Wednesday began. Lent is a special time when God invites us to go without so that others may have a fair share of the gifts of creation. The season is about changing ourselves and thinking of others. It is a time to take action, to be aware of others and to work towards a world where we all have a healthy and safe environment in which to grow. The colour purple is used during Lent for two reasons: firstly because it is associated with mourning and so anticipates the pain and suffering of the crucifixion, and secondly because purple is the colour associated with royalty, and celebrates Christ’s resurrection and sovereignty.

Senior Leadership Liturgy
Next Thursday at 8.40am our Year Six students will be commissioned as the senior leaders of our school for 2016. The badge and shirt that they receive are symbols that they are the students of our school to whom we look for guidance and care. We look forward to their leadership as we live out our

From the Assistant Principal Administration

Parent Partnership Evenings
Thank you to all those parents who attended our Parent Partnership Evenings this week. A big thank you also to our wonderful teachers for making this time available so early in the term to outline their expectations and their plans for the year ahead. The education of our students – your children – is a partnership between home and school. It is only by working together and communicating openly that we achieve the best possible outcome for everybody.

P&F Meeting
The first P&F Meeting for 2016 will be held on Tuesday evening 9 February, commencing at 7pm in the Convent. It would be great to see many of our new Prep families join us this year. Of course, all parents are very welcome. Attendance at P&F Meetings is a great way of keeping yourself informed of school events and helping us all decide on initiatives for the year ahead.

Year 6 Leadership Assembly
Next Thursday morning (11 Feb) all our Year 6 students will be inducted as school leaders for 2016. They will receive their leadership badge, their senior shirt, and take their leadership Pledge. All parents, but particularly the parents of our Year 6 students, are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration which commences at 8.40am in the shed.

Drop-Off / Pick Up Zones
Just a reminder to make sure these zones are used correctly. Parents/Carers are requested to remain in their vehicle at all times. Please do not park in a pick up zone and then walk into school to collect your child. A copy of the guidelines for using the pick up zones is on page 5 of this newsletter. Please share these guidelines with grandparents and others who use these zones. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

Have a great week everyone!
Dawn Morrissey
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The Parent Portal enables easy access to information about happenings in the school, forms that need to be returned, names and contact details for staff, policy information and much more.

There’s also a special section to allow you to check the details we have recorded in our enrolment system about your children, and if necessary, advise us of any changes.

You can also check on information about your child’s attendance, teachers, timetable, NAPLAN performance and report cards.

We will be making increasing use of the Parent Portal to provide a range of information to parents in the future.

An invitation to the Parent Portal was sent out yesterday to all new families to our school. Existing families who have forgotten their password can follow this link to the Parent Portal and select the forgotten password link.

Did you know you can use the Report Student Absence tile to log your child’s absence. It’s quick, efficient and you won’t have to ring the absentee line. As a courtesy to the teacher please still send a note explaining the absence when your child returns to school.

You can update/change your own personal details via the My Details tab. Please keep all contact details and address up to date at all times.

Scholastic Book Club

Our first issue of Book Club closes on Friday 12th February.

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.

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 you 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.

Book Club order forms were distributed Monday 01/02 this week. Make sure your orders are placed before Friday 12th February.

A big thank you to Mrs Sue Gahan, a parent volunteer, who has co-ordinated the large task of the 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.

Carolyn Matta
Teacher Librarian
HOW TO USE THE DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP ZONES

The school has designated Chestnut Street ONLY for the Guardian Angels Campus and Pine Street ONLY for the Mt Carmel Campus as the ‘Pick-up/Drop-off Zones’. These are 2-minute passenger loading zones manned by dedicated parent volunteers and are provided as a service to parents. The volunteers assist children to get in and out of the car with their school bags. It is particularly helpful for parents or family day carers who have babies and toddlers in the car.

The following guidelines have been developed to provide maximum safety for children, parents and helpers who use the zones.

Morning Drop-Off – Operates 8.05am to 8.30am

Chestnut Street (Prep – Yr2) – Approach to zone from the The Esplanade ONLY; NOT from Akonna Street. Cutting in means that you push in front of other drivers who are waiting in the queue down Chestnut Street.

Pine Street – Approach the zone from Tingal Road direction.

Use the zone like a quick moving taxi rank — THE ZONE IS NOT TO BE USED FOR PARKING. Please remain alert and watch for directions from the helpers.

Move forward as a space becomes available. Please do not ‘rat run’ and pull out and in around other cars. This greatly increases the risk of an accident.

Unload children ONLY between the witches’ hats (the top half of the zone) or as directed by helpers.

The driver is to remain in the car.

The children must exit from the PASSENGER/FOOTPATH side of the vehicle.

Children’s school bags and other items need to be in the car; NOT in the boot. Helpers will not open boots, as it is extremely dangerous (especially considering the slope of Chestnut Street). Please do not ask children to get school bags out of the boot themselves. If you need to use the boot, please park legally elsewhere and walk children into school.

Students arriving after the bell must be accompanied to the Office by a parent to collect a Late Pass; NOT dropped at the pick-up zones. Class rolls are marked at the start of the day so if you arrive after the roll has been marked and do not report to the office, your child will remain absent on the roll until it is marked again at 1.35pm.

Display your family name on an A4 sheet (printed please) or Visor label sign on the passenger side of your windscreen or visor. Your child will then be called and be ready for collection, cutting down on waiting time. Visor label signs can be ordered through the office at a cost of $5 each.

Leave a space for driveways when waiting in Chestnut Street — please be courteous to our neighbours.

Afternoon Pick-Up – Operates 3.00pm to 3.20pm

The afternoon pick-up has the same rules as the morning drop-off.

Students remaining at the zones at 3.20pm will be escorted by the supervising teacher to the GA Office to await collection, so please be assured they will not be left waiting anywhere unsupervised.

Sometimes we have cars that park illegally during the designated ‘2 minute times’. This makes it inconvenient and unsafe as well as difficult to keep the flow of traffic moving quickly. We thank you in advance for your patience in these instances. Please be aware of the parking limits and times of operation when parking around the school.

It is a good idea to bring your child to the zone while it is operating before they start school. This will help them and you familiarise yourselves with the area and routine. Please reassure your child that although they may not be able to see your car straight away, you will be there to pick them up.

Helpers are always needed to run this vital service for the School. It is a great way to contribute, so if you and a friend can spare 30 minutes a week we would really appreciate it. If you would like to help, have any particular concerns or need to report an incident please call the school office.

Your co-operation and patience is appreciated.
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Welcome to 2016! The P&F meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th February at 7.00pm in the Mt Carmel Convent. All parents are invited to come along. Items can be placed on the agenda at any time by emailing Cathy (P&F secretary) at icjamie@aol.com.

Please join us at our first social event for the year - the “Welcome BBQ” on Friday 12th February from 6.00pm. The P&F will be providing a sausage sizzle for all, and poppers for children. Other drinks will be available for purchase on the night. Please RSVP by Wednesday 10th for catering purposes.

Hope to see you then!

Get involved in the School Banking program
Welcome back to School Banking for 2016. Our first Banking day will be Thursday 11 February.

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 silver 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, Bush Fly Fan, Wriggly Glow Worm.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. Our school receives $5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

Getting involved in School Banking is easy!
You can get involved in the School Banking program by opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver 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. We will also be holding an Account Opening morning on Wednesday 9th March from 8.00am.

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week on School Banking day using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.
P&F Welcome to 2016 BBQ
All school families are invited to come along and join us at the “Welcome BBQ”

When – Friday 12th February
Time – 6.00 – 8.00pm
Where – The Shed

Details – a sausage sizzle for all, & poppers for children will be provided

What to bring – chairs, snacks

Beer, wine, soft drinks and water will be on sale

Please RSVP by Wednesday 10th February

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Volunteer assistance is always appreciated! If you would be happy to help out on the night please also complete the section below, and we’ll be in touch.

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Community News

Former student of Guardian Angels' School Madi Blisset de Weger is undergoing treatment for childhood cancer. If you are unable to attend the street sale you may like to make a monetary donation during the month of February. Details: CBA - BSB 064133 Account 10083855