From the Principal

Last Friday I was delighted to be able to inform the Yr 5 parents and students, that from the commencement of Term 2 we would be splitting the 69 Yr 5 students, presently allocated into classes of 35 and 34, into three classes of 23 students. This is wonderful news for our school community, especially those associated with Yr 5, and is due to the generous support of Brisbane Catholic Education, through our Area Supervisor, Mr Nev MacDonald. I would very much like to pay tribute to the outstanding dedication and professionalism of our Year 5 teachers, Liz Morrissey, Melinda Paljakka and Lisa Gear. They have worked tirelessly to ensure that the learning needs of each and every student in their care have been their utmost priority. They now will engage in the very difficult task of redistributing their students across three classes, whilst our Leadership Team will engage in the equally difficult task of finding another equally outstanding teacher to join such a wonderful team of educators.

As well as advertising for a Yr 5 Teacher we have also advertised for a Learning Support Teacher. This teacher, commencing in Term 2, will replace Mrs Jill Simon who, after working full time at St Mary MacKillop School for Term 1, will not return to her part time role here at Guardian Angels, but continue in her full time capacity at St Mary MacKillop. We thank Jill for her wonderful contributions to our school since she joined GA in 2010 and wish her many blessings for the years ahead.

Our school, Guardian Angels, along with all schools, continually works to ensure we are providing a safe environment for the young people in our care. To this end and to ensure safe practices at school, the pedestrian gates on the GA campus will be locked at 9am and unlocked at 2.30pm daily. This includes:
- Chestnut St and Akonna St gates, the gate from the Church carpark, the gate between the church and the school, the gate onto the timber deck behind the office. Between 9am and 2.30pm the only access to the school will be via the front office. On the Mt Carmel campus the gates on Pine St will also be locked between these hours. All visitors and volunteers must report to the office and all late arrivals and early finishers will be admitted through the office, there will be no access to classrooms except through the front office. This will commence next Monday March 14th. Thanks for your support of this initiative to ensure child safety is a priority at Guardian Angels.

We enjoyed another well attended P&F meeting last Tuesday night with lots of discussion, information sharing and plans developing. It’s always great to be part of an active and vibrant community group...thanks to the P&F Executive for their leadership in this community group, a valuable asset to Guardian Angels.

Lorraine Walker
From the Assistant Principal Administration

Uniforms
In order to assist families who may want to order school uniforms online, Uniform Management Services have supplied us with samples across their size range to enable parents to check sizing before placing an order. These samples will be stored in the second hand uniform shop on Guardian Angels’ Campus. UMS have advised us that the current green trim on the sports uniform is no longer available and they have had to source an alternative. Having examined the sample, we have agreed to the new fabric trim, which is only slightly different to the current trim.

Prep Enrolments for 2017
We are currently accepting applications for students commencing Prep in 2017. To be eligible for Prep in 2017 a child must be turning five before 30 June 2017. Places are filling quickly so if you have not yet submitted an application for your child please do so as soon as possible. Applications close on 24 March. After this date any applicants will be placed on a waiting list.

GA Campus Air Conditioning Update
With the support of the P&F, we have been investigating the feasibility of installing air conditioning in all classrooms on the GA Campus. We have been advised that this project would necessitate a very expensive upgrade to the power systems on that campus. This would be well outside what the P&F could undertake. Nevertheless, as a school we are engaging with appropriate personnel from Brisbane Catholic Education to establish what would be involved in upgrading our power systems. This is likely to take quite some time but we have to make a start somewhere. We will keep our parent community informed when we have more concise information.

Are your contact details up to date?
It is very important that all parents update their contact details with us whenever these change. It is quite distressing for children (and staff) when we are unable to contact parents in the case of illness or other matters. Parents’ email addresses are used for sending our weekly newsletter, for accessing the Parent Portal, and for sending urgent emails. Mobile numbers are used for SMS messages in the case of some important change to school routine, so please make sure your details are up to date. Communication is a critical issue in schools, and we need to be able to communicate effectively with parents.

Have a great week everyone.
Dawn Morrissey

From the Assistant Principal Religious Education

Lent – Caritas Australia
This week’s Project Compassion focuses on Australia. First Australian Evangeline lives in a remote community that faces many ongoing challenges like a lack of jobs and housing.

Evangeline wasn’t sure about her future until three years ago, when she started working at Djilpin Arts Gahunmarn Culture Centre. The center is owned by the community and supported by Caritas Australia. Today Evangeline is flourishing, with new skills and a passion for preserving and sharing her Aboriginal culture. Thank you to all families for your support of this year’s Project Compassion Appeal.

St. Patrick – Feast Day 17th March
We remember St. Patrick each year on 17th March. On Wednesday at Assembly 2 Yellow will remind us all about St. Patrick, as they retell his life and messages for us all through story and song. Many classes will also attend Mass on Thursday to celebrate St. Patrick. St. Patrick, the Apostle of Ireland, was kidnapped from the British mainland around age 16, and shipped to Ireland as a slave. During his captivity his duties as a shepherd afforded him much time to spend in prayer. After his escape, he subsequently returned to Ireland and effectively converted much of Ireland as he preached about the love of Christ. Legend has it that St. Patrick would use the shamrock to explain the Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The shamrock is the national flower of Ireland. Many Irish people wear a shamrock on St. Patrick’s Day. This explains the colour green and shamrocks on St. Patrick’s Day. Next Thursday we are having a dress in Green Day to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day. Everyone at GA is invited to wear something green eg. green socks, green hair ribbons, green shirt, green shoes etc. on Thursday and bring a gold coin donation to support our annual Project Compassion Appeal. Thank you in advance for supporting this very worthy appeal.

Easter Celebration
Preparations are well and truly under way for this year’s Easter Celebration. Children from all year levels are busy learning songs and actions for this celebration. Everyone is invited to come along on Wednesday 23rd March at 6.30pm to watch the performance in the Shed at the Mt Carmel
Aim High and Fly

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May the sun always shine on your window pane.

May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain.

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Blessings for the coming week,

Kind regards

Debbie Young

Campus. All children will be involved in the performance and will need to wear their school uniform. Please mark this date in your diary and come along as we retell the events that occurred during Holy Week. It is bound to be a great night!

Virtue

This fortnight each class will be looking at the virtue of Enthusiasm. Enthusiasm is being inspired – full of spirit. It is being cheerful and happy. It is doing something wholeheartedly, with zeal and eagerness – giving 100% to what you do. Being enthusiastic is being excited about something, looking forward to it. It comes from a positive attitude. You are practising enthusiasm when you:

- Let yourself enjoy looking forward to something
- Give 100% to what you are doing
- Think positively – look on the bright side of things
- Smile, laugh and enjoy what you do
- Think of imaginative ways to get things done; and
- Enjoy the wonders of life

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Thank you for your help.
We have recently activated a new feature within our School Portal. This feature allows families to check their details as contained within our school database and to inform the school of necessary changes through an electronic form.

How to use

1. In the Parent Portal, click the **My Details** tab at the top of the page. You will see the details the school has stored about you.
2. Check through the details carefully and if everything is accurate, click the **Confirm Details** button.
3. If you need to change something, click the **Make Changes** button and change any information as required.
4. Click **Save** when finished. You will see a message informing you of your request.

*Please allow a few days for the school to process the changes. No further changes are possible until then.*

Notes

The up and down arrows change the order of preference for the phone numbers you want the school to use.

If you change Email 1, you will need to use the new email address to log into the portal.

Should there be information you wish to inform the school of which is not contained within the form, please use the **Additional Information** box at the bottom of the form.

We trust that you will find this new feature helpful and use it in conjunction with the other fantastic features contained within our School Portal.
Learning Support News

Our Support-A-Reader program for Years 3-6 needs parents who are willing to donate an hour or two per week to hear students read.

We are looking for positive, caring volunteers to help our students become better readers! These students need practice reading sessions and will benefit from having a reading tutor twice to three times a week.

If you think you can help in this area, please contact us as soon as possible. We will be able to work around a time that suits you between 8.30am and 3.00pm.

If you have always wanted to be involved in school life and have not been sure how to do this, signing up to help with the SAR program is your perfect opportunity!

Please leave your name and number at the school front desk (either campus) if you are interested and we will contact you as soon as possible! If you have not already completed the student protection training and are not a registered volunteer with GA, please complete our online training and drop your registration sheet to the GA office.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Will Erwin, Support Teacher- Inclusive Education
Please join us for our Prep Information Night

Come along and listen to three exceptional professionals give you some tips on how to support your child in their first years of school.

Jess Hill  
Occupational Therapist

Liz Enchelmayer  
Speech Therapist

Debbie Jefferies  
Child Psychologist

Topics Include
- What to expect of my child’s development at this age.
- How to build emotional resilience in my child.
- What to do if my child is reluctant to say goodbye at school?
- When to say yes and when to say no to my child.

March 17th at 6:30pm in the school hall
## Tuckshop Roster

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## P&F News

### School Banking

Our school banking day is Thursday.

Our Account Opening Morning was a great success, we now have 16 new savers! It’s not too late to open an account. Accounts can be opened at any Commonwealth Bank branch just take original identification (Birth Certificate or Passport) with you.

### Congratulations to these School Banking savers!

Congratulations to the following students who have earned 10 silver Dollarmites tokens through the School Banking program. They are now eligible to redeem these tokens for an exclusive School Banking reward item!


If you haven’t already, please complete your rewards card coupon and return it, along with your 10 tokens, on the next School Banking day and the item will be ordered for you. Reward packs are available from both offices.
Community News

BLUE FOX

SCHOOL OF DRAMA AND CREATIVITY

OPENING SOON!

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BlueFoxDrama@gmail.com

Room 2.07 – Level 2 (Stage Room)
Wynnum Community Centre Florence Street, Wynnum

FREE TRIAL
THURSDAY 14TH APRIL
SATURDAY 16TH APRIL

AGES 5 – 8
SATURDAY 9AM – 10AM

NO OBLIGATIONS
LIMITED PLACES

AGES 9 – 12
THURSDAY 5:30PM – 7PM
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

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

Easter Passion Play - Brisbane

The Iona Passion Play: 2 performances only
Saturday March 19th & Good Friday March 25th at 7:30pm
at Iona College Wynnum West (outdoors)

Tickets: Early Bird: $12-$17 At the Door: $15-$20
Children (under 15) $5 Children (5 & under) FREE
Group discounts available.