Dear QBC Family, Students, Staff and Friends

With the end of term fast approaching we have been busy electing our leaders for 2017. Next year we will be introducing 6 Primary School Captains rather than School Reps and House Captains. Sixteen candidates were nominated by Year 5 students. These students then had to prepare an application, undergo an interview and then a short list of 12 students presented speeches to the staff and students. We then voted for who we thought would make good Primary School Captains. All the candidates, applications, interviews and speeches were of a very high standard but sadly we could only have 6 Primary School Captains. So congratulations to Michaela McDowell, Mackenzie Scholes, Jennifer Mullan, Ella Budd-Doyle, Cullun Van der Westhuyzen and Will Davies. Well done to all the other nominees, we certainly had a very high standard of candidates.

Mrs van de Leur and I have also been interviewing nominees for our Librarian positions. Once again we had an outstanding group of students and finally made our choice of 13 students. So well done to all of the students who put in applications and to the following students on their appointment Emelie Castillo, Taya Huntley, April Gomm, Sophie McCoy, Achol Chol, Mukudzei Gohwa, Naomi Hutton, Danika Buys, Kelly Endres, Callun de Clerck, Brendon Van Vuuren, Siana Anstey and Rosie Kennedy.

We will present these students their badges after the Worship Assembly on Thursday 8 December.

PERSISTENT, FOCUSED, and CONFIDENT

I watched a small bird trying to gather string, which I presumed would have gone into the building of a nest. It is amazing that God has given this little bird the natural instinct to function.

You probably are thinking, "What’s so incredible about watching a bird do what it naturally does?" I watched as the bird made several attempts to gather the string. She would pick up one end of the string in her beak and fly upward, but the string would fall, and she would try again. This activity went on for several minutes. What made this so incredible to me was that the other end of the string was attached to a boat sitting on a boat trailer.

I thought of the bird's PERSISTENCE in her efforts. No matter how many times she failed, the bird kept on trying. How often do you and I show this kind of persistence?

I thought of the bird's FOCUS on the string. She was oblivious to the fact that the string was attached to an immovable object. All she saw was the string, and she went after it. How often do we keep a singular focus on a particular goal?

I thought the bird had great CONFIDENCE. Her intention was to get that string. The bird was not deterred by the fact that a large boat was in her way.

We need to be PERSISTENT, FOCUSED, and CONFIDENT in our efforts as we serve the Lord and our community.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

Maryann Malzer
Primary Principal
In preparation for this year's Shake Off (class dance) students are required to wear their sport uniform on the below days in addition to their normal sport days.
4s, 5s & 6s on Tuesdays
3s on Wednesdays
1s and 2s on Thursdays

A reminder to parents and guardians that school fees paid early (before the end of Term 4, 2016) for the 2017 school year, will remain at 2016 school fee rates.

WE LOVE OUR PETS!

... however, we ask that you do not bring your dogs into the school grounds.

Thank you for your cooperation.

We have discovered some boxes of year books form 2013, 14 and 15. Please feel free to come and help yourself to a copy.
Primary Athletics Team Challenge and Multi-Event Championships

The school athletic season is now complete!

On Friday 11th November, a small contingent of QBC Primary Athletes participated in a Multi-Event Athletics Competition at Ridgewood Little Athletics Centre.

The athletes each competed in 100m, 800m, Long Jump, Shotput and a Team Shuttle Relay against 5 other Public and Private schools.

This was the 3rd Athletics Team Challenge Event that QBC has organised and hosted.

There were exceptional performances shown by the budding Olympians from QBC with the following results:

**Primary Athletics Team Challenge**
- **Champion Girls Team** - QBC A Team
- **Runners-up Champion Boys Team** - QBC A Team

**Multi-Event Championships**
- **Year 3 Girls Champion** - Danielle Graham
- **Year 4 Girls Champion** - Chloe Reeve
- **Year 6 Girls Runner-up** - Misha Stolp
- **Year 3 Boys Runner-up** - Callum Asling
- **Year 4 Boys Runner-up** - Jacob Young
- **Year 5 Boys Runner-up** - Bailey Taig
- **Year 6 Boys Runner-up** - Dylan Cope

Many thanks are extended to the parents for assisting at all the Athletic Carnivals and training throughout the School Athletic season.

Daniel Stolp

Sofcrosse and Modcrosse are modified non-contact versions of lacrosse for juniors. Focus is on Fun and stick skills. For information on Sofcrosse/Modcrosse email modx@wanneroolacrosse.com.
Mr Stolp competed at the World Masters Athletics Championships from 28 October - 6 November, competing in the 100m, 200m and 400m events.

In the 100m, he progressed to the semi-finals, recording the 11th fastest time.

Next, he competed in the 200m and made it all the way through to the finals, finishing in 9th place with a time of 23.23s.

Then it was time for his favourite event, the 400m. Once again he made it through to the finals and came 5th. He broke the WA record, with a time of 51.4s.

Based on his results, he was selected for the Australian 4 x 100m and 4 x 400m relay teams and was announced as captain for both teams. In both relays, Australia won and achieved the title of World Champions!

Congratulations to Mr Stolp on all his achievements!
Come and celebrate at the Christmas Reading Cafe in the Primary School Library on TUESDAY morning 22nd November at 8.00am sharp
Pastors Ryan and Ed will be our guests reading from their choice of favourite Christmas stories!
Be early to enjoy refreshments at the start.

SWAP A BOOK AND RAISE FUNDS FOR LITERACY!

Join the Great Book Swap Challenge for Upper Primary students this year!

This fun reading event will take place in the Primary School library during the school day on Tuesday 29th November (week 8).

The purpose of the challenge is to raise funds for Indigenous literacy, and of course to enjoy swapping your favourite book for another’s favourite read, giving you holiday reading material too!

Remember in order to participate, students need to donate a book they love, but can bear to part with, as well as a gold coin donation on the day. This will then give them the chance to choose a book.

Books will be collected in week 7, so when spring- cleaning, please remember to put aside the book you wish to donate.

The Indigenous Literacy Foundation will use the funds we raise to provide books to children in remote communities.
2017 Primary School Captains & Librarians

School Captains 2017

Ella Budd-Doyle
William Davies
Michaela McDowell
Jennifer Mullan
Cullen Van der Westhuizen
Mackenzie Scholes

School Librarians 2017

Emelie Castillo
Taya Huntley
April Gomm
Sophie McCoy
Achol Chol

Mukudzei Gohwa
Naomi Hutton
Danika Buys

Callun de Clerck
Kelly Endres
Siana Anstey
Rosie Kennedy
Brendon Van Vuuren
Primary and Secondary school councillors with Mr John Quigley MLA, representing our School Community at the Remembrance Day Service at the Quinns Rocks RSL service.

In Flanders' Fields

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders' fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders' fields.

Major John McCrae, 1915
CONGRATULATIONS to the recipients of a PRINCIPAL’S AWARD handed out at our last assembly

10 Gold Commendations:
- Lishe Grobler   1.1
- Indyana Dowler  2.1
- Emilie Castillo 5.1
- Robert Brits    6.2
- Bailey Cooper   6.2

20 Gold Commendations:
- Deegan Hirst    1.1
- Isabella Kent   1.2
- Darcie Hudson   2.1
- Lucas Watson    2.1
- Ayiei Chol      3.1
- Quillan Cronin  3.1
- Alyssa Trandos  3.2
- Tamsin Whyte    3.2
- Damian Blignaut 3.2
- Bailey Jones    3.2

30 Gold Commendations:
- Olivia Ridley   1.1
- Leni Matthews   2.1
- Lucy Teale      3.1
- Jordan Cooke    3.1
- Finlay Sargant  3.1

40 Gold Commendations:
- John-Daniel Spies 3.2
- Paul Bezuidenhout 6.1

Well done to our Good Samaritan Student!

- Makenzie Kopke 1.1
- Deegan Hirst   1.1
- Sydney van der Westhuyzen 1.2
- Janelle Smith  1.2
- Aimee Meiring  1.2
- Zak Rolton     2.1
- Amelie Wall    2.1
- Finlay Sargant 3.1
- Mikaela Kopke  3.1
- Lewis Kennedy  3.1
- Bailey Jones   3.1
- Madison Scholes 3.2
- Hamdam Khan    4.1
- Rhea Lanong    4.1
- Emma Wiegold   4.2
- Josh Reeve     4.2
- Elizabeth Toal 5.1
- Naomi Hutton   5.1
- Blake Williams 5.1
- Hannah Cassidy 5.2
- Mica Bezuidenhaut 5.2
- Sally Jepson    5.2
- Stephanie Cassidy 6.1
- Lewis Morrell   6.1
- Emma Blunden   6.1
- Jacob Budd-Doyle 6.1
- Anna-Lee Van Zyl 6.2
- Christopher Dimitrovich 6.2
- Ronan Kealy    6.2
**School Lunches**

When packing lunches for school, please be aware that we are endeavouring to be an **allergy aware school**. We have a number of students at risk of an anaphylactic reaction should they come into contact with nuts.

Please assist us in minimising this risk by not packing any nut products (peanut butter, Nutella or any food containing any nuts) in school lunches.

**Arriving Late or Leaving Early**

Students are **expected to be punctual** when arriving at school. Parents are reminded to come to the Student Office to sign a **Late Note or Early Discharge Slip** before dropping off or collecting your child from school in the event of arriving late or leaving early for any reason.

If a student is late for class because of a uniform fitting, please still come to the office for a **Late Note**.

**ABSENTEES**

Please contact Student Services on 9305 8882 by no later than 9.00am in the event of unexpected absences or sickness that necessitates your child being away from the College for the day or for any length of time.

A written note should accompany your child and be handed to his/her Teacher on his/her return. A medical certificate may be required to explain prolonged absences.

**DUTY OF CARE**

Our duty of care obligations require us to take reasonable care for the safety and wellbeing of your children while at school. It is therefore important to note that

- **class rooms only open at 8.15am**, at which point teachers will be on active duty. Consequently, **there will not be any teacher supervision until 8.15am**.

- Likewise, please ensure that your children are collected promptly from school at 2.45pm when classrooms are again closed for the day.

- All playground equipment is out-of-bounds before school. Students playing on the oval or playground equipment after school must be actively supervised by their parents and do so at their own risk.

- When visiting the school during school hours please report to reception or when dropping off items for your children, please leave these with the ladies in the office. We cannot stress enough how important it is for your children’s safety that we know who is on the school premises at all times.

- Students may not leave the school grounds before, during or after school to go to the shops or McDonalds, etc. and then return to the school. This is regarded as serious breach of safety and infringements or send-outs will be issued!

Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a safe school community.

**Confidentiality**

Just a reminder that all photos of children or any information that may identify a child or their family or the College, may not be used on any social media sites, or used for any purpose without the specific written consent of the parent / guardian and the College.

**Important**

Just a reminder that written notice is required if you are not returning to QBC in 2017.
Canteen facilities are available through Our Online Canteen in association with Clarkson Community High School. Our Online Canteen is an Australian owned company with a safe and secure (SSL certified) website.

To avail of the canteen facilities, you need to register at Our Online Canteen. When registering please ensure you include your child’s roll group (e.g. 2.1) in the Tutor/Room field as well as selecting their Year Group (e.g. 2). If you have been using the online system please remember to update your child’s year group details.

ORDERS CLOSE AT 9.00am DAILY.

We love celebrating our students’ achievements both in and out of school, and we’d love to hear about them. If you would like to share any of your child’s achievements in the newsletter, whether academic, sporting or otherwise, please email us at: ebrace@qbc.wa.edu.au
If possible, please include a photo as attachment.
Each year the City of Wanneroo conducts the Mayor’s Christmas Appeal to assist members of the community who are facing hardship.

In previous years the appeal has received a remarkable response from the community, with many local schools, community groups, businesses and residents donating generously.

We are pleased to be supporting this worthwhile cause again this year as a school community.

The collection bin has been placed in the Student Office for any non-perishable food items and/or toys that you may wish to donate.

Examples of non-perishable items include:

- Christmas puddings and cakes
- Fruit mince pies
- Cakes, cake mixes and biscuits
- Nuts, crackers and chips
- Pasta and sauce
- Tinned foods
- Jams and spreads
- Tea, coffee and sugar
- Cereals
- Rice and noodles
- Chocolates
- Muesli Bars
Here is the chance for girls in Years 4 to 6 to play Australia's only national football game Aussie Rules. Up till now girls had to play in a combined team roughing it with and being intimidated by the boys. But now with the inaugural National Women’s competition commencing in 2017 more and more interest is being shown in the sport by young girls. As the sport is in its infancy, it is the perfect time for girls to join in, as in most cases, the majority of players will be new comers all learning and growing in confidence as the sport also grows.

If any young female members of your family or any of their friends who will be in Years 4, 5 or 6 in 2017 and would be interested in playing AFL next year, please contact Heidi Halliday – Registrar on 0412 396 402 or via email at registrar@quinnsbulls.com Your swift reply would be appreciated.
Jesus said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12