



## BOARD

Dear Quintilian Community,

One thing that I like about Quintilian is our ability to attract and welcome international families into our community. Our students benefit from the resulting exposure to different cultures, as do we parents. Whilst it's sad when our international friends have to move on or return home, this does create opportunity for overseas travel plus sharing of news and views via social media.

This was particularly on my mind this week when I spotted Johannes Vermeer as a starter in the Melbourne Cup. Former Board member Sandra Spaan is back living in Delft, birthplace of the non-equine version of (the Dutch master painter) Vermeer.

I did place a modest each way bet on the horse (which finished 2nd) for Sandra and being up to date with Quintilian via Facebook, she has asked me to invest her winnings in the Quintilian Raffle. Have you purchased your Quintilian Raffle tickets yet? Please don't forget there's a \$5,000 first prize.

The raffle will be drawn at the Twilight Carols and Christmas Market event on Saturday 25th November. Please make sure that you have that date penned into your diary and I hope to see you there.

I'd like to thank all the families who turned out for the busy bee on Saturday 5th November. As Jim so rightly stated, "many hands make light work".

Finally keep this date free for 2018. Quintilian's Welcome Party, Friday 9th February 5—8pm.

Warm regards,

Peter Robinson

Chair of Board

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday 17th November 9.30—10.30 Class Reps. Thank You Morning Tea
- Tuesday 21st November 5.30pm Board Meeting
- Thursday 23rd November 4 Yr old—Yr 6 Orientation 8.50—10.30am
- Tuesday 28th November Pre-Kindy Orientation 9—10.30am
- Saturday 25th November 5—8pm Carols by Candlelight & Summer Christmas Market
- Tuesday 5th December Yr 6 Graduation
- Thursday 7th December Last Day for Students—End of Year

## PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents

The Semester Two Reports will be available to all families on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. One of my most enjoyable tasks is reading and commenting on every one of these reports. Typically they contain a large number of positive comments and many will have suggestions for improvement in some areas. I encourage families to sit down, discuss and reflect on the reports, and to give praise and encouragement when appropriate.

### Remembrance Day

At assembly last Friday our students gathered for a minute's silence in the Music Hall at 11.00am. Although Remembrance Day was officially on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November; it was important for our school to have a small ceremony so students maintain an understanding of our history. A group of Year 5 and 6 students talked about the significance and the sacrifices that Australian and soldiers from other countries have made defending their nations.

### Collections for Gifts

Can I remind anyone organising collections at school that set amounts should not be set and donations should be voluntary and anonymous. Some parents do not have the same amount of disposable income as others and when fixed amounts are set this may cause distress and embarrassment.

**Quintilian Rottnest Family Weekend 2018** I encourage all families to look at booking their Rottnest accommodation as early as possible to ensure you get the best accommodation available. Dates are: **Friday 18 – Sunday 20 May.**

Neil Collins

## ROTTNEST FAMILY WEEKEND 2018

Accommodation is now available on Rottnest for booking in May 2018.

The school family weekend will be held from Friday 18th through to Sunday 20th May.

Book early if you can to secure your preferred location.

A fun weekend of community and friendship in a relaxed atmosphere. Each year a variety of activities are planned but always the penultimate event of the Golden Quokka Hunt on Saturday afternoon. So if you cannot make the whole weekend please join us on Saturday. The Quokka Hunt consists of all our wonderful staff and Board members dressing to a particular theme, you have to hunt them down, answer a questions to gain a clue and work out the puzzle for that year. A community gathering is then held that afternoon at the Rottnest Hotel with a sandcastle building competition and time to relax and enjoy some great company.

## FREEZING FRIDAYS

We sell over 100 (sometimes nearly 200) items each Friday lunch to the students at the school from pre-kindy to yr 6. The kids love coming up, making their choices and getting change etc.

They also get a great buzz from seeing mum or dad behind the counter so if you wish to volunteer see your class rep for your year group rostered days.

## TERM DATES 2018

### Term 1 2018

Starts Tuesday 30th January

Ends Friday 13th April

### Term 2

Starts Tuesday 1st May

*Rottnest Friday 18 – Sunday 20 May*

Ends Friday 29th June

3 Week mid-year holiday break

### Term 3

Starts Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Ends Friday 21st September

### Term 4

Starts Tuesday 9th October

Ends Friday 7th December

## EARN & LEARN STICKERS



Sphero is a spherical robot. It is the size of a tennis ball connected via bluetooth to a mobile device. The Sphero can be used to transform teaching and learning across various curriculum areas. Students can code them to roll around the school using space, shape and measurement maths or dance an Irish jig.

We have one already and will be purchasing two more with the wonderful 'Earn and Learn' sticker collection. Thank you to all who contributed.

## \$5000 FIRST PRIZE— get your tickets NOW!!!!

As part of our fundraising specific to the new playground equipment we are holding a “SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE”.

Tickets are now on sale and selling fast!!!

## GET IN QUICK!!!!

The raffle has only 500 tickets for sale—each ticket being \$20.

***The winner will be drawn and announced at the Twilight Carols and Xmas Market on Sat 25th November.***

Quite a nice Christmas bonus and will also be a huge contribution to our playground fund so look out for ticket sales as they are limited.

Contact reception or events for your tickets—tickets will also be on sale before and after school.

Buy one for family and friends—pay cash or place on your school account—just **DO NOT MISS OUT!!!**

**\$5000.00  
FIRST PRIZE**

**\$20 per ticket**

Raising funds for our new playground equipment

**ONLY 500 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD**

Drawn 8pm Nov 25<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the  
Twilight Carols and Christmas Market

 **QUINTILIAN  
SCHOOL**

For more details and tickets contact reception or  
events@quintilianschool.wa.edu.au



## SHEDDIES ART GALLERY



The Sheddies worked hard this year using their creative ability to make some wonderful art pieces for the gallery. We celebrated in true Sheddie style with an evening of frocked up and suited up kids and parents.



## IPSHA



This Semester the Yr 6 class has been learning how to play Touch Rugby and last Thursday, took part in the IPSHA Touch Rugby Carnival.

Both teams played with much enthusiasm over the eight rounds and scored a number of impressive tries.



## STEM NEWS

On the final Friday of last Term Lisa and Susan B took a group of enthusiastic STEM clubbers to the Curtin Robofair where the children got to play with robots, fly drones and learn about new technology. It was fantastic fun! Lisa T.

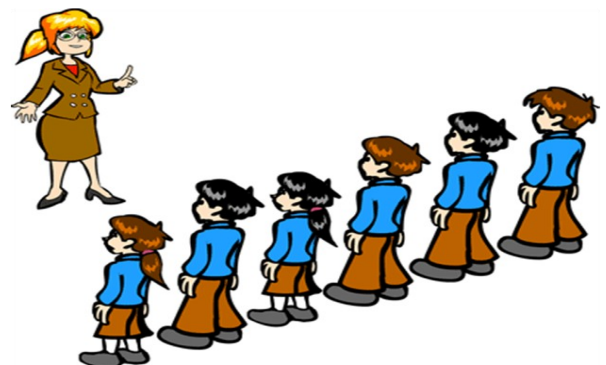


## FRENCH ASSEMBLY REMINDER 24th NOV. 8.50am

French Assembly reminder for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November, Week 7. The Yrs 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be singing their Christmas songs, but for those of you who can't make it to the performance at the Twilight Carols and Christmas Market evening this will be a terrific chance to see the children perform.

Please email Nell the French teacher should your child not be attending the assembly:

[nellhoward@quintilianschool.wa.edu.au](mailto:nellhoward@quintilianschool.wa.edu.au)





## SPORTS CARNIVAL

Thank you to all the parents that came to support our annual Early Learning Sports Carnival. All the children displayed great sportsmanship and most importantly had lots of fun participating in the events. Thank you to the ELC teachers for setting up and of course our PP – Yr 2 sports specialist, Sarah for making the morning a success. This year we introduced a sibling race for all the 2 and 3 year old children to run like their big brothers and sisters. They love it!



Congratulations to the parents who won 2 out of the 3 teacher/ parent events, obviously the teachers need to train harder next year! Regards Mel

## EDUCATIONAL NOTES

At a recent seminar discussing the findings presented at the Biennial Conference of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children – Global Perspectives In Gifted Education, I was most interested to hear that the focus in Gifted Education has moved away from curriculum considerations and is very much focused on encouraging a 'growth mindset' in our children. There is now a great deal of evidence that emotional health/mindfulness is key to ensuring that our children develop to achieve their full potential.

After the seminar, it was lovely to hear a Quintilian parent saying that she noticed that the strategies and processes that were being introduced into other schools, as extra programs to cater for the needs of the Gifted, were what Quintilian already does as a part of our regular learning environment.

We are always looking at ways to improve, but it is nice to know that what we do at Quintilian is indeed best practice for meeting the needs of all our children.

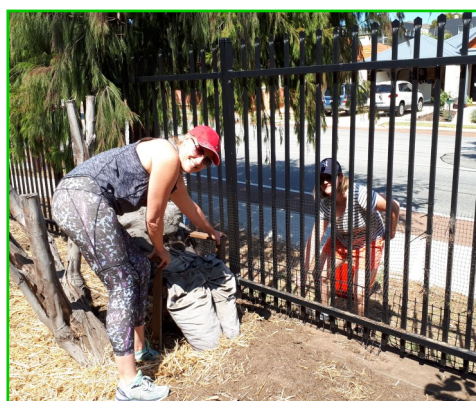
Suz B Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator

## BUSY BEE WAS A HUGE SUCCESS



What a fantastic Busy Bee! The weather was great. We had a splendid turn out of families. This meant lots of chores were completed successfully. It never ceases to amaze me the wonderful

community we have here at Quintilian. I feel so lucky to be a part of it.



The new shade house looks phenomenal. Well done lads! What about the Snakes & Ladders near the undercover area? You did a fantastic job there ladies. There was an immense effort put into removing the

totem from the Memory Garden and relocating the glass monuments. Great job to all involved. The dinner tables are looking "Michelin Star Restaurant" worthy.

Fabulous work to all those involved in moving, sanding and staining them. How clean are the outside sink areas! That took hard work and elbow grease. Bravo to those who undertook that yucky job and thanks for all those little jobs I haven't mentioned.

In no particular order we'd like to say a big thank you to: The Stevens family, Smith, Murdey, McDonald, Kain, Carl, Bennet, Nabbs and Marshall Families, or as I now think of you...**The A team!** Thank you to Susan W and Mel. Also Suz B for our yummy morning tea and her labour. Lucky last on behalf of everyone *muchos gracias* to Carolyn Lilley for all her efforts throughout the year and her tremendous organisation of the Busy Bee.

Regards Jim





# QUINTILIAN SCHOOL – TERM 4, 2017 as of 14.11.17 (Dates/times may change)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
<b>Wk 6</b>	13 November Yr6 Incursion 'In Search of Safety'	14 November Yr2 Pen Pals John Wallaston Primary school	15 November Midweek Munchies Yr5 Water polo Staff Meeting	16 November	17 November Music Assembly Yr6 Sailing AM Yr2 Yoga 2.15	
<b>Wk 7</b>	20 November Yr6 2pm Transperth Incursion	21 November Yr 3 Convention Centre Board Meeting 5.30pm	22 November Yr5 Water polo	23 November QLT Meeting 4Yr old-Yr 6 Orientation 8.50- 10.30am	24 November French Assembly Yr6 Sailing AM Whole school Carols Rehearsal Yr2 Yoga 2.15	25 Nov.Sat. Twilight Carols & Christmas Mkt 5-8pm
<b>Wk 8</b>	27 November Yr5 Scitech (train) Yr3 Imaginarium (train)	28 November Pre-Kindy Orientation 9 -10.30am	29 November Yr5 Water polo Staff Meeting	30 November Board/Staff Sundowner 4pm	1 December Sheddies Assembly Yr6 Sailing AM Lunchtime OTRM Concert Yr2 Yoga 2.15	
<b>Wk 9</b>	4 December PP Marshmallow Challenge 9-Noon	5 December 2pm Yr6 Graduation	6 December	7 December End of Term Last day for students	8 December Staff Development Day	

## SHARE THE DIGNITY "IT'S IN THE BAG " PROJECT



Last year the Quintilian Community generously donated to Share the Dignity's "It's In The Bag" project. We will again be taking donations at reception (or find Sue-anne at the Yr 2 classroom before and after school) and we will happily pass on to the project.

You have the power to make life better for a woman or girl experiencing homelessness or poverty this Christmas. Donate to our Christmas collection "It's In The Bag". Provide pads and tampons, personal hygiene products and everyday luxuries to homeless women, women at risk or women experiencing domestic violence.

It's simple. First of all, choose a handbag in good condition that you no longer use. Then, fill it with items that would make a woman feel special, pop in a thoughtful note or Christmas card and show her someone cares. Show her that she matters because everyone deserves to feel that way. If you do not have a bag just bring in your donations and we will make it up for you.

Next time you're at the shops, collect a few items for your Christmas handbag. No matter how you celebrate Christmas with your family, this will be the most meaningful and appreciated gift you give this year.

What goes in the bag? Ask yourself what would a homeless woman need? Chances are, she needs the same personal care and sanitary items you do. Your handbag can be packed full of useful things and little luxuries. Especially relevant items are those little things you need every day, from your toothbrush to your hairbrush. Because nobody should go without life's little essentials!

If you would like more information or to donate directly please see the following link:

<https://www.sharethedignity.com.au/christmas-charity/>