



# Our Lady Queen of Peace

## Newsletter – Term 2 Week 4, 2016

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



**Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2017. Enrolments close May 27<sup>th</sup> 2016.**

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers

Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed their NAPLAN assessments last week. There was a great sense of confidence in their ability as they prepared for the task.

Thank you to all the parents who last week attended the first P&F Parent Information session for this year, *Keeping Kids Safe*. It was a very interesting and informative night with Nicole Hunt from Holroyd Council and Merrylands Police. Some key points from the night included:

- Ensuring Kiss and Ride rules and regulations are continued to be followed by all parents in order for Holroyd Council to allow the school to continue to use. Council will inform the school at the end of Term 2 if Kiss and Ride will continue.
- Ensuring an adult is holding a child's hand when crossing a road, walking on the footpath or when in a carpark.
- Ensuring your child is aware of pick up procedures, whether it be kiss and ride, parent pick up etc to avoid any unnecessary stress.
- Ensuring seat belts are worn at all times.
- Showing patience and care towards each other to ensure we all arrive home safely.

Our Kiss and Ride process is operating more smoothly as cars are now moving more quickly through the circuit. Please ensure that the child's name is clearly displayed on your dash board and it remains there until he/she is picked up. This gives the duty teacher a chance to call the name if your child has not responded. Please make sure that you move right up to the end of the circuit so more cars can enter.

Save the date for the next Parent Information Session on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June on Literacy presented by our Assistant Principal, Mrs Frances Garzaniti. This session will provide invaluable information and knowledge that will enable you to assist your child.

We are currently looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to help with our Monday morning banking. The whole activity takes no more than an hour and it is just about processing the children's deposits into their accounts (training is available). This is a really great service to allow



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

#### THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MAY:

*Stage 3 Girls Soccer Gala Day*

#### FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> May:

*Kindergarten enrolments for 2017 close.*

#### JUNE 2016

#### FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> June:

*Sacred Heart of Jesus*

#### TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> June:

*P&F Information night – Literacy (Mrs Garzaniti)*

#### THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> June:

*Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day*

#### TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June:

*Year 3B/3R Excursion to Australian Museum.*

#### FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> June:

*Primary Athletics Carnival*

#### TUESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> June:

*Musica Viva – Infants K-3*

#### THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> June:

*Year 3G/3GR Excursion to Australian Museum.*

#### WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> June:

*Australiana Pioneer Village*

#### THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> June:

*Stage 2 Boys & Girls Soccer Gala Day*

our children to think about saving for the future but unfortunately we won't be able to continue the service unless we have some volunteer helpers. If you are able to help please contact the office (9631 1500).

The P&F Business Directory has been published and will be available on our website ([www.olqpgreystanes.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olqpgreystanes.catholic.edu.au)) by Friday of this week under the Parents and Friends Tab. It's a great collection of various local businesses that are available to our community.

It has become noticeable in the mornings that a lot of children are gathering outside the gate on Braeside Road. Some are arriving as early as 7.45am. These children are unsupervised as the gate does not open until 8.15am and supervision does not start until 8.30am. The mornings are getting colder and the children should not be standing on the footpath outside the school. Please make sure that you child/ren arrive between 8.30 and 9.00am.

Earlier this week I sent out a message saying that while the weather remains unseasonably warm it is acceptable for the children to continue wearing their summer uniform. It is important however that they wear either summer or winter and not a mixture of both. As the temperature changes over the course of the term, we should all be in our winter uniforms very soon.

Attached to the newsletter is some information on Volunteers working in the school. New legislation requires volunteers to register using the *Working With Children Check*. We have been waiting for some time for this process to begin so that we can encourage volunteers to work in the classroom. I will be sending out a letter this week asking parents who may be interested in working in the classrooms, to attend a workshop to discuss how you can support reading and other subjects in the classroom.

Thank you to the teachers and children who took part in our recent Pentecost Celebration last week. The feast of Pentecost reminds us of the work of the Holy Spirit inspiring us in our lives.

**"The gift of the Holy Spirit gives Christians the grace they need to conduct themselves as children of God and brothers and sisters to each other."**

(Pope Francis on Pentecost)

Have a great week!

*Michael Hopley*  
Principal

Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes hosts...

## The Annual Parish Dinner Dance

### Winter Wonderland

Friday, 27th May 2016  
Seven O'Clock till Midnight

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#### Places Available for Before and After School Care

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#### Hours of Operation

Before School Care 6.30am to 9.00am  
After School Care 2.30pm to 6.30pm

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Our play based program offers educational and interest based activities for your children to enjoy.

## **BUILDING CHILD SAFE COMMUNITIES – NEW FORMS FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRACTORS**

'Building Child Safe Communities' is a new initiative developed by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta that enhances our commitment to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all students in our care. It is now a requirement that all volunteers and contractors complete an online undertaking form that confirms expectations in relation to behaviour whilst volunteering or contracting at schools, Catholic Out of Schools Hours Care and Catholic Early Learning Centres. This undertaking form also seeks to determine the suitability of volunteers and contractors by requiring them to declare that they do not have a criminal history involving children.

- **Volunteers** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Volunteers](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Volunteer Form](#)' (halfway down page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are volunteering.

- **Contractors** – please click on '[Building Child Safe Communities – Undertaking for Contractors](#)' or access the form via the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta public webpage <http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au>, then click on 'Child Protection Training Forms' (halfway down page on the right hand side).



Then click on '[Contractor Form](#)' (bottom of page).

You will receive a confirmation email once the form has been submitted. Your details are maintained confidentially in a central database and a copy of your confirmation is emailed to the location where you are contracting.

A new form is required:

- For each location that you are a volunteer or contractor
- If any of the details you have provided on the form change

We thank all volunteers and contractors for their continued support of Catholic Education.

# every day counts



Information courtesy of the Queensland Department of Education and Training

## MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY

It's important that children are at school all day, every day



Ok reasons to stay home from school



sick



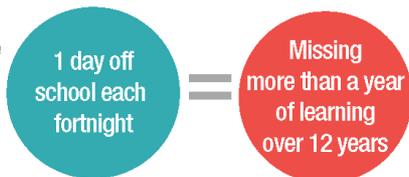
natural disaster



It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

## EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even **1 day** can make a difference



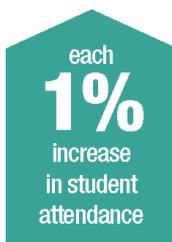
Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before



Good attendance starts in Kindergarten  
It's where good habits begin



## ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY



\*based on historical data



## WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Get involved in your child's school

- Promote the importance of school
- Get to know the teacher
- Go to school events
- Read the school newsletter
- Be organised at home
- Supervise homework
- Ask about your child's day
- Volunteer to help at school

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*Priority of enrolment is given to Catholic students from  
local schools and parishes.*

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**Tuesday 31 May.***

*Applications received after this date may not be successful.*

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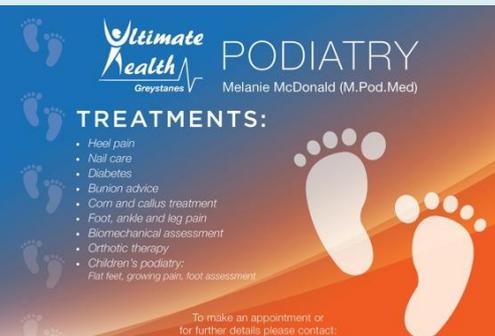
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5pm Group PT TexFit Studio		5pm Group PT TexFit Studio	5pm Group PT TexFit Studio	
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