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Dear Parents,

As we move closer to the school holidays there are some significant changes taking place for Term 2.

I am taking Long Service Leave for the term and we have a new Leadership Team in place. Mrs Romanous will be Acting Principal, Mrs Dwyer Acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Raffoul Acting Religious Education Co-ordinator. We are indeed fortunate to have such experienced leaders in our school who will continue the great work of education at OLQP.

Building Project

The preliminary work on the first stage of the building project has been completed. The next stage is to establish fencing to section-off the site and make it safe. A significant part of this will be fencing that separates area B and C (see diagram). Movement around the school will become very difficult over the course of the next twelve months and we will need your support with some changes to our daily routines.

Our playground areas will be restricted in size and this will affect the area where children gather in the morning before school. Kindergarten's routine will remain the same. All other grades will need to meet on Areas B, C and the Passive area and play will need to be restricted. In order to avoid congestion, it would be preferable that children are dropped off between 8.30 and 8.55am. We currently still have a large number of children arriving before 8.25am. Next term gates in the morning will not be opened until 8.25am.

Following are some other changes to consider:

- The builders will be setting up their site offices in the staff carpark and fencing most of it to restrict access to their equipment. **There will be strictly no access to the school, for parents or students, from the staff car park.** Some staff members will need to park in the streets around the school which will further restrict parent parking.
- The only access to the school will be from the pedestrian gate outside the office or the double gates near Kindergarten. The kindergarten gates will be locked at 9.00am. There will be no access through the Blue Room. Children will need to walk towards Year 1 and use the tunnel to access Area B.
- **There will be no direct access to the school from St. Paul's College. The gate next to the music room will be locked.**
- Extra staff will be placed on Kiss and Ride in the afternoon and this will be preferable to parents picking up children from the playground. If you do need to collect your children, they will now assemble on Area C. Children are not to play on Area C in the afternoons.
- If you are entering or leaving the school, please keep your children with you as access routes to and from the playgrounds will be narrow.
- While our normal policy is to welcome parents into the school, in order to minimize congestion, I am asking that parents exit the school grounds immediately after drop off and pick up.

- It will be very difficult to pick up children early from school. If you have an appointment, please collect your child by 2.30pm. After this time, it will be difficult to access the classroom.
- Monday morning assemblies will now be held on Area C.

Winter Uniform

The children will return for term 2 in their winter uniform. If the weather is unseasonably warm, they can continue with the summer uniform, but we'd like all children to be wearing the winter uniform by the end of week 2.

Michael Hopley
Principal

