NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 6

5TH MARCH 2014



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2014

Wed 5th:

Ash Wednesday

Mon 10th -Fri 14th:

Catholic Schools Week

Tues 11th Mar:

- St Paul's Open Day3.30pm-6.30pm
- Girls & Boys Parramatta
 Soccer trials

Mon 17th:

St Patricks Day

Wed 19th:

St Josephs Day

Thurs 20th:

• Uniform shop 8.30-10am

Sat 22nd:

• Uniform shop 8.30-10am

Tues 25th:

Feast of The Annunciation



Our Lady Queen of Peace School

Braeside Road, Greystanes NSW 2145
Phone: 9631 1500 Fax: 9636 2312
Website: www.olqpgreystanes.catholic.edu.au
Email: olqp@parra.catholic.edu.au

ENROLLING NOW FOR 2015

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

Welcome to Week 6!

Last Sunday at 10am Mass a large group of students and teachers participated in the Liturgy. Our students performed the Liturgy readings and the Prayers of the faithful; they were greeters and collectors and they sat together to lead the singing with Mrs Grella and her family. Fr. Suresh and Fr. Bob both commented on the wonderful community atmosphere that was present in the Church. Our next School Mass will be held on Sunday 6th April at 10.00am and I hope that lots of our families will attend.

Last week we had visits from St Paul's College and Cerdon College to speak to our Year 6 students about enrolling for Year 7 for 2015. This was a great opportunity for Year 6 to meet the teachers and the Principals and ask questions of former students from our school.

We are now formally accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015. We hope to start interviewing families early next term so it is important for all families to submit their application as soon as possible. If you have a child of school age or know of someone who does, please contact the school and ask for an enrolment form. Alternatively you can download a form from our website.

Last week also, a number of our students from Years 3 to 6 participated in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival. OLQP was the top scoring school overall and another group will move on to the MacKillop Swimming Carnival next week. Congratulations to all our swimmers with special mention of Trisha Castelino who is the Junior Diocesan Champion and Carl Sorensen who is the Senior Runner up Diocesan Champion. Well done to you all.

As mentioned last year, we are looking to prioritise our fundraising in 2014 to upgrade our playground areas. I have raised the issue of the passive area outside the Hall with both the Parish and St Paul's College and both are happy to support this initiative. It would involve levelling the area, covering it with a synthetic ground cover and providing landscaping and seating. I am now currently investigating grants that may be available through Holroyd Council or the State Government to support this project. If any parents are aware of community grants that me be available or if anyone has had experience with writing and submitting grant applications, your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

I am very pleased to be able to highly recommend our current fundraising initiative. Attached to this newsletter is an order form for Aussie Farmers Direct. For every box of fruit and vegetables purchased, the school receives a cash donation. It is a health promoting scheme as well as fundraiser that will benefit all our families.

Our next P&F Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th March. Mrs Garzaniti, our Assistant Principal, will be speaking about the new English Syllabus and how parents can support reading and writing development at home. I hope lots of families are able to attend the evening.

Today is Ash Wednesday and as we enter this time of Lent, let us join together as a community and renew our understanding of our faith.

"Once again, Lent is not just a time for squaring conscious accounts: but for realizing what we had perhaps not seen before. The light of Lent is given us to help us with this realization."

Thomas Merton

Have a great week.

Michael Hopley

"...Do not worry about tomorrow..." Matthew 6:24-34

There is a well known story about a teacher putting rocks in a jar until no more would fit. He asks the class whether the jar is full and the class reply "yes". The teacher then pours fine gravel into the jar, which flows around the rocks and fills the spaces between them. Again he asks "Is the jar full?" and the class says yes. Then the teacher pours sand into the jar which occupies the even smaller spaces between the gravel. Again the class says it is full. Lastly the teacher pours water into the jar, filling the invisible spaces between the sand, gravel and rocks. The teacher points out to the class that if the jar had been filled first with the gravel, sand and water there would have been no room for the rocks.

The point of this story is that if we fill our lives with lots of "small stuff", the things that are trivial, then there is no room for the big things, the things which really matter. This is very similar to the message we heard in this Sunday's gospel where Jesus asks us to get our priorities right. We definitely do need clothes and food, but they are just the sand and the gravel component compared to setting our hearts on following Jesus and seeking His kingdom. Once these big things are in the right place in our priorities they shape our lives, and the small things fit around them rather than dominating our lives.

Father, help me to be grateful for the promise of today and have faith that you will provide all I need for the future.

Blessings for a wonderful week,

Rebecca Lloyd REC

Thank you to all the families who attended our Children's Mass last Sunday. It was a beautiful celebration and we have received lots of positive feedback. Our next Children's Mass will be held on Sunday 6th April.

SYMPATHY

We offer our sympathy to the Cusbert family (Molly 3G & Georgia 2H) on the recent death of their nanna.

Also to the family of Yvonne Plummer. Yvonne worked in the school office for a number of years. Please keep both families in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Farhat family (Amal 4P & Elian KM) on the recent birth of a baby boy.

Also to the Meredith family (Tayesha 3B & Tyrell KR) on the birth of a baby girl.



OFFICE NEWS
Page 3

SCHOOL FEES

The school fees statements will be sent out by the Parramatta CEO.



Term 1 payments are due on 7th March 2014.

If you have not received your school fee statements contact the school office to get a copy printed. If you wish to pay your fees using the Flexible Payment Plan, please complete the paperwork supplied with your fee statements and return via mail in the prepaid envelope supplied to the Parramatta Catholic Education Office (not the school office).

LIBRARY NEWS

Our library subscribes to the World Book Web.

Our World Book subscription allows us to give you and your family access to this valuable reference source at your home computers 365 days a year, 24 hours a day.

To access the World Book Web, follow these simple steps:

Go to www.worldbookonline.com



Enter Username olgp62

Enter Password school

Save your user name and password for faster login – simply tick the box labelled "Remember my ID and password". The next time you visit World Book the login prompt will already contain your username and password.

FRED HOLLOWS

This term, the Year 6 students have been learning about humanitarians. A humanitarian is someone who has the interests of mankind at heart. A famous Australian Humanitarian is Professor Fred Hollows who is renound for curing the eyesight of people in developing countries. His work is continued today through the Fred Hollows Foundation Over the last 2 weeks, as part of the year 6-outreach program, the year 6 students have been donating money to support Mrs Micallef who took part in a 30 hour walk to raise funds for the Fred Hollows Foundation. Overall, Year 6 raised \$360 dollars for this cause, which is equivalent to the amount of money needed to cure 14 people to have their eyesight restored. James Makris 6M

I would like to thank all the families and staff who generously donated towards the Fred Hollows Foundation Coastrek. All your support and well wishes have contributed to this worthy cause. With this strength behind me I was able to successfully complete the 100km walk last Friday. Martes Micallef

The Learning Difficulties Coalition at Westmead Hospital will be holding a seminar titled

Anxiety and Learning Difficulties: Strategies and Support

It will be presented by Maria Ivanka Milic who is a clinical psychologist. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 8th April at The Parramatta Leagues Club from 10am-12pm. You can register online at www.ldc.org.au

BLACKTOWN DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 28th February, several students from OLQP competed at the Blacktown Diocesan Swimming Carnival and we are extremely pleased to announce that......

Trisha Castelino is the Junior Diocesan Champion and Carl Sorensen is the Senior Runner up Diocesan Champion.

Special congratulations also goes to the following students who will be going through to the MacKillop trials on Friday 28th March at the Homebush Aquatic Centre.

Trisha Castelino

Carl Sorenson

Sarah Denniss

Breeanah Khoury

Junior Girls Relay Team-Bianca Bezzina, Trisha Castelino,

Christina Callaghan & Breeanah Khoury

Junior Boy's Relay Team - Joshua Madeleine, Logan Fowler,

Michael Vicic and Daniel Pedavoli.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our wonderful swimmers for their efforts and their exceptional behaviour on the day. They all represented OLQP with pride.

Thank you to the parents who attended to offer support and to Miss Basso for assisting on the day.

MACKILLOP SOFTBALL TRIALS

Good Luck to Christopher Rutherford & Hayden Shaw at the the MacKillop Softball trials which will be held on Friday 7th March.



OLQP Bulldogs and OLQP Thunderbirds & Falcons Disco Night for all players and siblings

Friday 14 March 2014 6pm -8pm @ OLQP Parish Hall 4-11 year olds ONLY





All players will be required to be collected by a PARENT (only) at completion of the disco. No child, under any circumstances, will be allowed to leave the hall during the disco for



Glow Sticks \$2

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

OLQP has a few avenues of communicating with our families.

- Hard Copy— Important notes, excursion notes & permission slips will be sent home with students.
- Website/Email—Important alerts and the fortnightly newsletter are issued via the E-News subscription. To subscribe to E-News go to the school website www.olgpgreystanes.catholic.edu.au and click on Subscribe to E-News.
- Skoolbag—This is an app for iPhones and Android phones. See the information below about how to install Skoolbag onto your mobile phone.



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

iPhone Users

Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

After the app is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow push notifications. Also click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.





Android Users

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

After the app is installed click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.





Don't forget to like us on Facebook! Like
Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au



NEWS Page 6

OLOP VEGETABLE GARDEN

Attention all Green thumbs!

Year 6 and in conjunction with the OLQP Preschool, are working together this year to create the most successful vegetable garden. Students are very excited to partake in this project and need your help. If you are able to donate any vegetable seedlings for the garden, could you please contact the office and leave a message for Mrs Kelly or Miss Moses about your donation.

MOBILE PHONES & IPODS

Mobile phones and iPods are unnecessary items to have at school. If your child needs to bring a mobile phone because they are travelling by bus or walking you must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please provide a letter to the Principal advising that your child will bring a phone to school.
- Phones MUST be clearly labelled with the student's name
- All phones must be handed in to the office staff in the morning and collected at the end of the day
- Phones must be switched off.
- Phones <u>cannot be used</u> whilst students are on the school grounds, waiting for buses or waiting to be collected. If necessary, calls to parents can be made from the office.
- Ipods are not to brought to school.

PARKING CONCERNS

We have received calls from concerned neighbours regarding people parking across their driveways before and after school.

Could you please be courteous when parking around the school grounds as blocking driveways is an offence.

Page 7

Fruit & Vegetable Orders

The P & F are holding their first fundraiser for the year by offering you the opportunity to order your fruit & vegetables through Aussie Farmers Direct. The school will benefit from every box sold by receiving a cash donation. You can also print out an order form which may be passed on to family & friends. Please have your orders in by 14th March. Orders will be delivered to your home the week starting 31st March. Aussie Farmers will contact you prior to delivery via email.

Please join us at our next P & F meeting on Wednesday 12th March t at 7.30pm. Frances Garzaniti will be speaking to you about the new English syllabus. A note will be sent home so please RSVP as soon as possible.

Thankyou for your continued support.





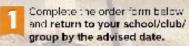
FUNDRAISING DRIVE

Order Form





How to order:



Aussie Farmers Direct will send you an email confirming your delivery details.

Your First Name*	Your Surname*
Student Name*	Class/Team/Group*
Unit Number Street Number Street Name*	
Suburb*	State* Postcode*
Email* ja valid email eddress is required for YOUR delivery confirmation details)	
Mobile Phone* Home Phone (I	PLEASE INCLUDE AREA CODE] Are you a customer? YES NO Fult Boxes Fruit & Veg Bo
DIRECT DEBIT Payment Details (NOTE: NO CASH OR CHEOK Bank*	JES WILL BE ACCEPTED – please provide financial information below.) Account Name*
Bank*	Account Name* PES WILL BE ACCEPTED – please provide financial information below.) Expiry Date
Account Number* Account Number* CREDIT CARD Payment Details (NOTE: NO CASH OR CHEOU	Account Name* PES WILL BE ACCEPTED – please provide financial information below.)

Terms & Conditions: 1. By purchasing a Pundralaing Drive product you agree to Aussie Farmers Direct contacting you in relation to this purchase and our service. 2. The contacts in the above offer may vary slightly, subject to availability. 3. If it is determined that you are not in a serviceable area after you have completed this form, we will notify you. You will be able to amange another delivery address or pick up directly from the achool/club/group on a set day determined by your local mileo.

AussieFarmersFundraising.com.au 🔠 🛂 🛭 🖸











The Transition to High School: Helping your child to build resilience and navigate change

Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 26 March 2014 DATE:

7pm (Doors open 6.30pm for TIME:

tea & coffee)

LOCATION: : St Paul's Catholic College,

198 Old Prospect Road,

Greystanes

Booking: prcparraevents@hotmail.com

FREE! Sponsored by Parents Representative Council of Parramatta ALL WELCOME

www.prc.catholic.edu.au

About the presenter ...

Melissa is a counsellor and occupational therapist private Northwestern practice Sydney. Melissa enjoys speaking to parent & student groups and is passionate about equipping parents with tools they can use with their children in a practical way. The Resilience Doughnut is an exciting and practical tool for parents to use to build strengths and resilience.

Find out more about Melissa at our website

For parents and carers with children in Year 6, 7 and 8 who are looking to enhance their child's early high school experience.

Topics include:

- · Working with changing relationships between family, teachers and peers.
- Helping parents build strong, resilient, resourceful and confident teens.
- Tools to assist teens through difficult or challenging times.

Website: www.theresiliencedoughnut.com.au *Combining Strengths to Thrive*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday 6th March:

Deborah Terracciano, Miriam Gibson, Melissa D'Angola

Friday 7th March:

Mary Sarafoglou, Kristine Mercuri, Sarah Barden, Liz Scott

Monday 10th March:

Belinda Carr, Dianne Sherry, Lisa Barker

Tuesday 11th March:

Natalie Tisano, Lamia Khamis, Nadine Ghassibe

Wednesday 12th March:

Sandra Wilson, Anne Cilia, Kalyn Wong

Thursday 13th March:

Christine Borthwick, Eleonora Gambacorta, Elizabeth Banks

Friday 14th March:

Felicia Papadatos, Nej Henein, Kylie Yaako

Tracey Carpenter, Anne Nott

Monday 17th March:

Anne Bucceri, Rochelle Cini, Talene Hanna, Sonia Asmus

Tuesday 18th March:

Rochelle Savill, Therese Saab, Mendy Dib,

Mimma Di Iorio

Wednesday 19th March:

Mel Lardieri, Kalyn Wong, Cathy Vella, Nicole Elias

HELP WANTED.....

We need some Kindy parents to assist with selling ice blocks to Kindy at lunchtime.

Please let Kim know if you are available to assist.

LUNCH WALLETS

The lunch wallets are now available through the canteen at a cost of \$12.00.

BIRTHDAY BUCKETS

The canteen has introduced......

ICE BLOCK BIRTHDAY BUCKETS

The Ice Block Birthday Buckets are a great alternative to cup cakes, they are a great for children with allergies and they are fuss free—just pre order from the canteen and Kim will deliver them to your child's classroom where they can hand them out to their classmates.

There are 4 options available:

- * Lemonade Icy Twists
- * Calippos
- * Quelch Fruit Sticks
- * Juices

The buckets will have a special birthday message for the Birthday Girl or Boy but the buckets must be returned to the canteen.

If you would like to order a Birthday Bucket for your child/children please see Kim in the canteen.





www.powneysupremekitchens.com.au

Servicing the local community for over 30 years

Chris Powney: 9756 6120 or 0418 297 060

Showroom: Corner of Newton & Toohey Roads,

Wetherill Park

Specialising in Kitchen Renovations

New kitchens, Vanity units, Laundry fit outs

Entertainment units & Office fit outs

ST MARY KINDERGARTEN

13 HAMPDEN RD, STH WENTWORTHVILLE 2145 PH: 9896 4504/0421303257 **7AM - 6PM AGES: 0 - 6YRS** Accredited to highest standard, All meals - HOT LUNCH. CCB approved, fantastic staff





from 3 years. lew members always welcome FIRST LESSON IS FREE



Guildford-Greystanes Physie Chris - 0414 969 719 www.guildfordgreystanesphysie.com

Coniles That Last difference

Provide orthodontic treatment to children, adolescents and adults Utilize state of art technology Friendly, caring and personalised environment Over 25 years clinical experience Orthodontic instructor at Sydney University Convenient location No referral necessary

Tel 9891 4393 www.orthoforsmile.com.au

Dr Franciskus Tan Orthodontist 15/181 Church Street

Parramatta 2150



christenings ★ weddings ★ bomboniere invitations * children's gifts



level 1, 142 victoria road, north parramatta t - 02 9683 5459

www.lilysattic.com.au



A fun and enjoyable indoor soccer program for boys and girls aged 3 to 8 years.

Now in Greystanes from Term 1, 2014.

www.soccajoeys.com

1300 781 735



Ironing Services Greystanes Fast and reliable 15 items for \$30 30 items for \$50 Delivery fee where applicable Ring or SMS Natalie: on 0424 814 483



Dr Stan Kotulski FRACGP, MBBS (Hons) UNSW, BSc (med)

Practice Hours

Mon, Tues, Wed 9am to 6pm Closed Thurs Friday 9am to 6pm 9am to 1pm

Ph: 8004 9469

FULLY BULK BILLING www.greystanesdoctors.com

Sat

GREYSTANES NSW 214



Script work for Film, TV & Stage Improvisation & Theatre Sports Presentation Skills & Voice Training Sydney Eisteddfod Winners

Drama Classes

Baulkham Hills, Pennant Hills, Penrith

Students have appeared in *Home & Away*, *Neighbours*, *Blue* Water High, Underbelly, The Great Gatsby, Wolverine, other feature films, TV series, TV commercials & much more....

Tel: 02 9211 6366 www.sydneytalentco.com.au email: sydneytalentco@tpg.com.au

Work From Home

Be Your Own Boss !!

Hours to suit YOU !!



- No Experience Necessary as Full Training is Provided.
- Safeguard Your Financial Future.
- Have an Exciting and Rewarding
- Create the Free Time to Enjoy Life by Earning Great Income in Flexible Hours.
- Work Part-Time Or Full-Time
- Work With A World-Class Company with Visionary Leadership

Call for a Decision Package

Nada (02) 9432 1707

www.njoybalance.com

A small postage charge applies and a balance payment of \$39.95 after 15 days if not returned.



Ages 3-Adult Head Coach Paul McNamara Fully Qualified Advanced Coach (Level 2)

Group classes

Semi-Private lesso

Advanced Squads

Parramatta Area

Greystanes Sth Granville Pendle Hill Merrylands

www.paulstennis.com.au

Blacktown Area Prospect Marayong

Dural

Cherrybrook Area Cherrybrook

Phone for Enquiries and

Swimming Pool Renovations Matilda Pebble P/L

- Resurfacing of painted or marble sheen pools with smooth pebblecrete finish
- Wide range of colours available PH: Ralph for free quote on:

0409 273 327

Cup Cake reations

"Love at first sight, addiction at one bite!'

Elisa 0414 991 279 mycupcakes@optusnet.com.au www.cupcakecreationsbyelisa.com.au

Advanced Tuition

Dr. Jason Misciali K-12, University All subjects One on one tuition/Group tuition. (B Med Sci, MPH, MB BS, Dip Ed) Phone: 0403 213 072

Lesiey Kreig Physiotherapy & Sports Injuries Clinic

Lesley Kreia

B.Sc.(Anat) PGD Physiotherapy MAPA / MAAOMT Orthopaedic Manipulative Physiotherapist Prov. No. 2104091B

Shop 37A Old Prospect Rd. **Greystanes NSW 2145**

Tel/Fax: (02) 9896 8014 Mobile: 0418 467 416



Merrylands - Fairfield - Guildford - Greystanes - Pemulway - Pendle Hill

LICENSED PLUMBER

DRAINER

GASFITTER

GAS AND ELECTRIC LEAKING TAPS NEW GAS SERVICE BLOCKED DRAINS SEWER RENEWALS CLEANING GUTTERS RAINWATER TANKS

HOT WATER HEATERS LEAKING TOILETS GAS LEAKS BURST PIPES GUTTERING ROOF VENTILATION

E. MAGRI PLUMBING SERVICES PAL

STEPHEN MAGRI

Mobile: 0412 926 185

Licence No L 11703

e.magriplumbing@bigpond.com Ph/Fax:(02) 9625 3353

Phone: 9896 8240 Mob: 0403 428 686 Shop 5, 41 Maple St Greystanes NSW 2145 Maltese is spoken in the saloon

Charlie's Fencing

Charlie Micallef

POOL. GARDEN. COLOUR BOND

AND GLASS FENCES

Phone: 9636 7294

Simplicity Funerals

Thinking about your own funeral is not an easy thing to do.

Call us to discuss the benefits of pre arranging your funeral with

Australia's leading Prepaid Funeral Plan.

A prepaid funeral with Simplicity today can cost

less than \$6,000 with NO additional costs or interest charges

all Colin Grinyer at our Liverpool Branch on 9822 4788 to find out more

or visit www.simplicityfunerals.com.au

TracyRoberts real estate

Phone: 9631 3544 www.tracyroberts.com.au

"Proudly supporting our local community"

designcorp

96309911





Building & Construction 0410 567 181

Ace Performance

- Block Drains Cleared Fast
 Taps & Toilet Expert
- Gutters & Rainwater Tanks
 Pensioner Disc. All Plumbing & Gas Fitting Work

CALL Brendan Thomson TODAY! ALL SUBURBS

1300 85 2348



TWINKLETOES photography

Greystanes

www.twinkletoesphotography.com.au

Gift Vouchers available

Appointments are essential

Ph: 9863 6555 Mob: 0414 490 842

Baby Hand and Feet Sculptures Greystanes

www.twinkletoes.com.au



IN ALL TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION

ACN: 096 970 704

ABN: 29 096 970 704

CONSTRUCTIONS_{P/1}

Gold Lic No. R97665

EXTENSIONS & RENOVATIONS

Ph: 9896 2738

Mob: 0417 291 639

Fax: 9863 5945

