



Our Lady Queen of Peace

Newsletter – Term 4 Week 4, 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

Last week we held our annual band showcase evening. It was a wonderful evening with lots of children demonstrating their skills in music and performing for our parents. Our thanks go to Mr Ciccarelli for all his work in making music special for our children.

Last week also we had a very productive discussion with parents at the P&F meeting around our NAPLAN results and school improvement program. Our results compared to other Catholic Schools and all schools in the State are very strong. The efforts we have put into infants grades for literacy and numeracy is now showing great success as they move into the primary grades. The parents also had some excellent suggestions for school improvement and we will be sending out a short survey in November to capture everyone's thoughts on how we can improve in areas such as communication.

I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Mark Aggar to the position of Religious Education Co-ordinator for 2016. Mr Aggar is on leave at the moment supporting his wife with rehabilitation from a recent operation. He has had experience in this role at other schools and will be a great asset to the areas of Religious Education and leadership in the school. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Knight for all his work in this area. He has brought a great deal of leadership and organisation to this important part of our culture and his "sense of the sacred" has been evident in liturgies and classroom learning.

On Sunday this week I will be leaving to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This is an annual event organised by the Diocese. I will be travelling with 15 other Principals and some people from the Catholic Education Office including the Executive Director of Schools, Mr Greg Whitby and Fr Chris DeSouza. I want very much to take your intentions with me as I travel and visit places that we know so well from Scripture. I looking forward to sharing my experiences with the children when I return. While I'm away Mrs Garzaniti will be Acting Principal and Mr Knight will be our Acting Assistant Principal.

This week we are holding our Kindergarten Orientation. Parents and children are very excited about starting school and I know you will join with us in welcoming them for 2016.

The teachers are currently working on our end-of-year reports. This is a good time to check on your child's overall progress and encourage their great efforts. The reports will go home in December.

Recently we have had an incident involving communication between students on social media. It is important to remember that generally children under the age of 12 are not permitted to have accounts on programs such as Kik and Instagram. There are many other programs that are freely accessible by the public. I would ask to you monitor your child's internet usage for the purposes of safety.

Our playground resurfacing project is beginning to take shape and the children are currently discussing what line markings can be added; what activities and equipment can be used and what we may be able to play in our new grass areas in 2016.

“Faith is not the clinging to a shrine but an endless pilgrimage of the heart.” – Abraham Joshua Heschel

Michael Hopley
Principal

P&F NEWS

PHOTOGRAPHIC FUNDRAISER

Our photograpic fundraising day will be held this Sunday 1st November. You can still book your session online at www.advancedlifestudios.com.au using the code HQR ZJH NWZ or contact Jodi on 0404 870 810.

LADIES SHOPPING NIGHT – SAVE THE NIGHT



The Mum's Shopping Night will be held again this year. **SAVE THE DATE** for Friday 6th November 2015, 5-9pm in the School Library. Join us for an evening of social shopping. Tickets: \$5 (available at office), includes tea/coffee & nibbles.
ALL WELCOME!

CANTEEN NEWS

JUST A REMINDER OF THE FOLLOWING MEALS ON OFFER AT THE CANTEEN.

Halloween donuts at recess this Friday 30th October. ORDER SHOULD BE IN NOW.

WEEK - 5 (Next week)

KA & KM CHRISTMAS DEAL - Monday 2nd Nov Orders due this Friday 30th October

MELBOURNE CUP DEAL FOR EVERYONE

Tuesday 3rd November. Orders due this Friday 30th October

KL CHRISTMAS DEAL - Wednesday 4th Nov Orders due this Friday 30th October

KR CHRISTMAS DEAL - Thursday 5th Nov Orders due this Friday 30th October

WEEK - 6

Preschool everyday in week 6

SUSHI MEAL DEAL FOR EVERYONE

WEDNESDAY 11th November. Orders due Friday 6th November. Flyers will go home next week.

NOTE: ALL FLYERS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON THE CANTEEN WEBSITE IF YOU MISPLACED OR DIDNT GET A COPY. LINK AVAILABLE FROM THE OLQP SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.olqpgreystanes.catholic.edu.au



Julia Finn MP Member for Granville

Mr Michael Hopley
Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School
Braeside Road
GREYSTANES NSW 2145

15 October 2015

Dear Mr Hopley

I understand that the survival rate after sudden cardiac arrest of people across Sydney and NSW is about 10 percent. Cardiac arrest occurs in up to 30,000 people each year, and kills four young Australians under 35 each week.

Take Heart Australia is a new charity who want to dramatically increase the survival rate of Australians who suffer a sudden cardiac arrest. They are working with their partners such as NSW Ambulance, St John's Ambulance, Surf Life Saving, Red Cross, Royal Flying Doctor Service and others to train about 10,000 children in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Take Heart Australia Day 2015.

It is well known that the best chance of surviving cardiac arrest occurs when a victim's care begins immediately – in a community where defibrillators are widespread and accessible and citizens are trained and willing to provide CPR.

I am participating in Take Heart Australia Day at Allianz Stadium in Moore Park on 30 November 2015 to help raise awareness.

An objective is to break the Guinness World Record for the greatest number of people trained in CPR in one day across multiple venues. This is the largest and most important event of its kind held in Australia and is directly targeted at saving the lives of Australians.

Take Heart Australia would like to invite schools to send school groups along to this day. Any attendance at Take Heart Australia Day by local students would help boost awareness and bolster the world record attempt. Further information about Take Heart Australia can be found at www.takeheartaustralia.org and www.facebook.com/takeheartaustralia

Yours sincerely



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