Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School

NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 9 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

FRIDAY 27 JUNE

⇒ Staff Development Day



MONDAY 14 JULY

⇒ TERM 3 commences for all students

TUESDAY 22 JULY

⇒ Travel Bugs Mini Beast-Incursion — Year 2

AUGUST

MONDAY 11 AUGUST

⇒ Kindergarten excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm @ Fairfield

TUESDAY 5 AUGUST

⇒ Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival

TUESDAY 12 AUGUST

 \Rightarrow Blacktown Zone Carnival

WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST

 \Rightarrow P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm

THURSDAY 14 AUGUST

 \Rightarrow Year 6 Canberra Camp

FRIDAY 15 AUGUST

⇒ Year 6 Canberra Camp



Michael Hopley

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Klein and Sebastian (3G) on the birth of their new baby girl " **FRANCESCA**"

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday. Keep warm and safe and have a great rest.





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents and Teachers,

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2014 are now closed and we will be notifying parents by mail over the next week. An important reminder that our Staff Development Day will be held on Friday 27th June. This will be a pupil-free day and the staff will be attending a Spiritual formation program. This is a significant aspect of teacher development in a Catholic School and the staff are looking forward to reflecting on their own faith journey.

As you may be aware we are currently undertaking a consultation process with teachers and support staff for a new Enterprise Agreement. On 25 and 26 June a ballot will be held in schools in the Diocese of Parramatta to vote on proposed industrial action regarding the agreement. This does not necessarily mean that teachers and staff will take industrial action; we will advise you of the outcome of the ballot as soon as it is known.

Our assembly last Monday was a highlight of the term with a smoking ceremony and the raising of the Aboriginal flag. An Aboriginal elder, Uncle Steve, performed the ceremony and Mrs Stacy Dellow from Jarara told us of the significance of NAIDOC week. Jamiela-Rae Habib read the acknowledgement of country for the first time and we hope to continue this tradition at special events. Our thanks to these participants and especially to Ms Honeysett who organised the events for the morning and followed this with activities of painting and beading with the children today.

Across a busy week we also need to acknowledge all the children who have now completed their First Holy Communion. Our thanks to Fr. Bob and Fr. Suresh, Mrs Khoury and Mrs Lloyd and all the Sacramental coordinators from the Parish. This has been a wonderful time for the children as they encounter Christ in a very special way in the Eucharist.

A team of soccer representatives attended the Diocesan Soccer Gala Day this week. They performed very well with all the details on the following pages. Once again they did our school proud and represented us with pride. Thanks to Mr Van Der Walle for organising the team and inspiring them to greatness.

As the end of Term 2 arrives it is interesting to look back at the many achievements in sport, music, dancing and performing that have happened this year. These activities add a significant aspect to learning that is, arguably, as important as literacy that is, creativity. We live in a world where technology is a major factor in production and communication and where our workforce is evaluated by its creativity. More importantly we are all aware of the satisfaction that comes from creating anything using our unique thoughts and gifts. Our children flourish when their ideas are put into practice and they produce work that reflects their thoughts, their ambitions, their dreams and their talents.

On Monday 23rd of June, OLQP celebrated NAIDOC Week. We started our assembly by raising the school's new Aboriginal flag while singing the National Australian Anthem.

After that, an *aboriginal elder* named *Uncle Steve* carried out a smoking ceremony. He burnt leaves in a small piece of a hollow tree log and blessed everybody including our Principal, Mr Hopley, parents and all of the students. It was an interesting experience to be blessed this way.

Vincent Le and John Dandan

Year 5





RELIGION NEWS:



Fr Bob and the **OLQP Parish** are having a **Celebration Mass** on **Sunday 29th June at 10am** for all those children who received **Eucharist** for the first time this year, followed by moming tea afterwards in the hospitality area.

Confirmation masses will be performed **Rev Peter Williams** at both Sunday masses on **27th July** and **3rd August at 2pm** with Chris De Souza on the **Friday 1st August, 7:30pm.**



LITERACY TIPS:

School Holiday Reading

Encouraging your kids to pick up a few good books to read during the school holidays is a great way to keep their hard-earned reading skills from slipping.

Below are **10 thoughts** from the following website, which has lots of great ideas for supporting your child with reading - <u>http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading</u>

- 1. The goal of reading is to understand (make sense) of what is read.
- 2. Good books are authentic, credible and captivating.
- 3. Good books teach kids things subtly while still telling a great story.
- 4. Resist the desire to choose only books you read as a kid.
- 5. Don't worry if the words appear hard; this exposes kids to more complex language in context.
- 6. Make things together and ask your child to read out simple directions (e.g., recipes while you cook together or instructions while you make something together).
- 7. A key to getting boys to read is finding subject matter that interests them. Hook boys into reading something they like and they will broaden their choices in time.
- 8. Books allow the reader to visit different worlds and dimensions; something many boys love.
- 9. Together with your child find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest them in books, magazines or on the internet. Read and talk about what you find out.
- 10. Play board games and computer games together and read the rules, directions and clues.

Have a happy and safe holiday! I would love to hear about some of your great reads when you come back to school in Term 3.

Frances Garzaniti

Assistant Principal

OLQP'S VEGIE PATCH UPDATE

Our first big sale of our garden produce on Monday 23 June was a huge success !!!

We sold lettuce, spinach, basil, coriander, parsley & majoram. A great big

THANK YOU to the dedicated garden team who came in early to

help out: Adam Abi-Arrage, Melissa Spehar, Jeremy Elcham, Ethan Aslandis, Patrick Elkorr, Jordan Cimilio.

We raised a total \$91.30 to purchase new plants for the garden. We are so grateful for your support!!!

We will be selling again next term. Please remember that we are happy to accept any donations of plants 4 seedlings. Baby plants are the best!!!

Thank you again

Lauren Kelly



MUSIC NEWS:

Congratulations to all our performers who took part in the Captivate Showcases last week. Your behaviour, singing and playing were exemplary. We hope you enjoyed the wonderful experience. A big thank you to your parents and teachers for their support. Keep up the good work! We are very proud of you. To see more of our wonderful students at the Captivate Showcase visit the school website under the Parents tab / Galleries.

Mrs Grella and Mrs Mahony

PASTANCE



SENIOR CHOIR AT CAPTIVATE



Captivate "Best Of" participants



RECORDER GROUP WITH PASTANCE



SCHOOL BAND AT CAPTIVATE



Photos from all our recent events can be viewed on our website under the Parents Tab / Galleries.

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS....

CHOOSING DRINKS FOR CHILDREN

Did you know???

- Children who drink soft drinks and other sweetend drinks are more likely to be overweight
- In NSW, 55% of year 6 boys and 40% of year 6 girls drink more than one cup of soft drink each day.
- Soft drinks, cordials, sports drinks and flavoured waters are high in sugar and kilojules. These drinks should only be consumed occasionally—not everyday.
- Drinking <u>water</u> is the best way to quench thirst without getting extra sugar and kilojules. Drinking water helps prevent dental problems and the Flouride found in tap water also helps children develop strong teeth and bones.
- <u>Milk</u> is a good source of calcium and is important for the growth of strong bones and teeth.
- Reduced fat milk should be encouraged for children over the age of 2 years.
- Fruit juice is often regarded as a healthy choice as it contains vitamin C. However, one small glass (125ml) provides a child's daily requirement for Vitamin C. More than this provides excess sugar and kilojules that can contribute to weight gain. A piece of fruit is a better choice as it also provides fibre.

Delicious recipes and more friendly advice available at: <u>http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au</u>

OFFICE NEWS:

Our Lady Queen of Peace Pre-school is now accepting enrolments for 2015

Pre-school enrolments are open for the first 2 weeks of Term 3 - 14th - 26th July. The enrolment pack will be available from the preschool between the hours of 9am - 3pm during these dates only. For any further information please contact the Preschool office on 9631 8901 *180 Old Prospect Rd Greystanes 2146*









OFFICE NEWS CONTINUED:

A reminder to all Parents that **school fees** are now **overdue**. If you do not have a payment plan in place, please contact Nicole Buhagiar at the school office on 9631 1500 to arrange one.



Wednesday 13 August @ 7:30pm in the Library

OLQP UNIFORM SHOP

Last day of trading for this term will be <u>Thursday 26th June</u> from 8:30am to 10:00am And will <u>re-open</u> on <u>Saturday 12th July</u> from 8:30am to 10:00am FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT: Elle: 0421 216 414



P&F NEWS:

Need some school holiday ideas???

Why not visit the Hunter Valley Gardens.

Check out their website <u>http://www.huntervalleygardens.com.au</u> for fantastic holiday fun, including Snow time in the Garden (27 June - 13 July) & the Chocolate Festival (5&6 July) to name a few.



Your Entertainment Books are due to expire on 1st June 2014.

HURRY HURRY HURRY

And get your new copy now!!!!

Only \$70 and over \$20,000 in offers....







OLQP School Fete will be on Saturday 13th September 2014

CANTEEN NEWS:

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 2014					
MONDAY JUNE	TUESDAY JUNE	WEDNESDAY 25 JUNE	THURSDAY 26 JUNE	FRIDAY 27 JUNE	
		Mel Lardieri	Susan Kizana		
		Grace Lim	Therese Kazzi	STAFF	
		Nicole Elias		DEVELOPMENT	
			LAST DAY OF TERM	DAY	
			CANTEEN CLOSED		
CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 3 2014					
MONDAY 14 JULY	TUESDAY 15 JULY	WEDNESDAY 16 JULY	THURSDAY 17 JULY	FRIDAY 18 JULY	
Nicole Dennis	Natalie Tisano	Anne Cilia	Rebecca Simari	Carol Sioufi	
Margaret Elcham	Lamia Khamis	Elizabeth Banks	Sarah Barden	Effie Bonovas	
Vivianne Russell	Nadine Ghassibe		Teresa Rota	Maggie Sabbagh	
			Cara Pedavoli	Vicki Yousiph	
MONDAY 21 JULY	TUESDAY 22 JULY	WEDNESDAY 23 JULY	THURSDAY 24 JULY	FRIDAY 25 JULY	
Sandra Merrick	Maree Callaghan	Cynthia La Rosa	Deborah Terracciano	Mary Sarafoglou	
Rebecca Bezzina	Diane Galea	Sandra Wilson	Miriam Gibson	Kristine Mercuri	
Sonia Amus	Anne David		Melissa D'Angola	Amy Hill	
			Lisa Gladdish	Liz Scott	
				Allison Sorensen	

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

A big **Thankyou** to all mums who gave up there time to help in the **Canteen** this term. I still however need help next term on **Tuesdays** and **Wednesdays**, if you have any spare time I would love to see you.

Canteen is easy and a great way to meet new people and make friends, so pop in and see me anytime, without your help we can not provide the service we do to our students, so please if you can give up a small bit of your time I would appreciate it.

Canteen is **CLOSED** tomorrow **Thursday 26 June** for stocktake and cleaning **no lunch orders** will be accepted. However, the **NETBALL CLUB** MEAL DEAL will still be prepared for those who have taken up that offer.

A **New Menu** will be available next term, together with a **Meal Deal Planner** and **New Roster**, so please keep an eye on the website over the break.

BIRTHDAY BUCKETS NOW AVAILABLE !!!

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The canteen BIRTHDAY BUCKETS have been a great success.....

WINTER BUCKET OPTIONS are now available. These winter options must be pre-ordered 1 week advance. Birthday Buckets are a great alternative to cupcakes, they are 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.

WINTER options available:

- \Rightarrow Jelly Cups with a treat
- ⇒ Chocolate Crackles in a basket

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

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







CHILDREN CROSSING

ROAD SAFETY ISSUES AROUND SCHOOLS

Offence	Minimum Fine	Minimum loss of demerit Points
 If you stop or park on or near: A Pedestrian Crossing A Children's Crossing Any marked Foot Crossing 	\$405	2
If you double park	\$304	2
If you park illegally in a: • NO STOPPING zone (School) • NO PARKING zone (School) • BUS ZONE (School)	\$304 \$169 \$304	2 2 2
If you make an illegal U Turn	\$304	3
If you exceed 40km/h in a school zone	\$177	2
If you exceed 40km/h when passing a school bus with flashing "wig-wag" lights	\$106	1



NO STOPPING YOU MUST NOT STOP ON A LENGTH OF ROAD TO WHICH A NO STOPPING SIGN APPLIES



NO PARKING

You must not stop on a length of road to which a No Parking sign applies unless you are dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods.

You must not leave the vehicle unattended and you must complete the dropping off, or picking up of passengers or goods within 2 minutes after stopping.

Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing:

Drivers must not proceed:

- Until the crossing supervisor's hand held sign is no longer displayed; or
- The crossing supervisor indicates that the motorist may proceed through the crossing.

DOUBLE PARKING

side of the road.

A driver must not stop on a road: If the road is a two-way road - between the centre of the road and another vehicle that is parked at the

Where there is an unsupervised crossing: Drivers

- Must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross or are crossing when the "CHILDREN CROSSING" flags are displayed. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.
- Need to know that a children's crossing is a part-time crossing which operates before and after school hours and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.

Monoto y amounts livited may change at each financial year as per the CPL. Dement Popula may also change at this time with the assistance of the Australian Road Rules and RTA Infor d. Traffic Office, 5h Ducit Traffic Office, 9675 \$635. tion Package* Road Safety haues Around Schools



YMCA Our Lady Queen of Peace OSHC



The YMCA has started an Out of School Hour Care at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. Our service caters for children from Kindergarten to year 6.

The aim of our programs is to provide a quality educational, recreation and safe program for children. This including inside and outside play, craft activities, time allocated for home work and many more fun activities.

Our trading hours are:

Before School Care: 7:00am – 9:00am After School Care: 3:00pm – 6:00pm

Fees 2014:

We are Benefit (CCB) and Childcare Rebate (CCR) approved and will be available to all eligible families and greatly reduce the fees payable by families.

Before School care Permanent: Before School care Casual:

After School care Permanent: After School care Casual:

Enrolment fee 1 Child: 2 + Children : \$40.00 per vear

\$60.00 per year

\$15.50 Including Breakfast

\$17.50 Including Breakfast

\$22.00 Including Afternoon Tea

\$24.00 Including Afternoon Tea

For further information or parents interested in using our service, please feel free to contact Paula on 0418 763 417 or email: oshc.olqp@ymca.org.au.



Have you considered completing Years 11 and 12 at OLMC Parramatta?

Prospective Year 11, 2015 students and their families are invited to discover the benefits of a senior Mercy education at the Year 11 2015 Information Evening on Wednesday, July 23 in the Edith Angel Hall at OLMC Parramatta. To attend, please contact the College Registrar on 8838 1222 or email: registrar@olmc.nsw.edu.au



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