



Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School

NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 9 2014

DECEMBER

SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER

⇒ Children's Mass @ 10am

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER

⇒ Year 6 Graduation Mass
@ 7pm

TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER

⇒ Talent Showcase @
9:30am in the school hall

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

⇒ End of Year Mass @
10:15am

⇒ P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER

⇒ Year 6 End of Year
Celebrations

WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

⇒ Last Day of Term for all
Students

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

⇒ Staff Development Day
no school for students

JANUARY 2015

TUESDAY 27 JANUARY

⇒ Staff Development Day

WEDNESDAY 28 JANUARY

⇒ Back to school for
Students Year's 1 to
6 only

MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY

⇒ All Kindergarten
Students commence

UPCOMING EVENTS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Students, Parents and Teachers,

It is with a great sense of sorrow that I must inform you that **Mrs Musumeci's** daughter, Joanne, passed away suddenly last week. Joanne attended OLQP over 30 years ago. She always made her family proud and was most remembered and loved for the time she spent caring for her grandparents. Her funeral will be held this **Friday** at **OLQP Church** at 10.30am. You are asked to keep the Musumeci family in your prayers at this very difficult time.

Last week the Year 5 students and teachers voted for the school captains, community leaders and sports captains for **2015**. I am very pleased to announce that **Sabrina Catania** and **Joshua Madeline** will be our **School Captains** for next year. Both students have always represented their school with pride and have demonstrated leadership skills in various ways. Congratulations to all the leaders who will work with their teachers next year in promoting our school values. The community leaders and sports captains are listed on the next page.

Last week I was very pleased to attend our **Music Showcase** featuring all our students who are learning musical instruments. Their determination and love of music was very evident. A special thank you to **Mr Chiccarelli** and his colleagues for organising the night and giving our students an opportunity to perform in front of a very appreciative audience. Next week (**Tuesday 9th December**) we will also have our **Talent Showcase** and we look forward to a variety of performances from the children.

Last night I attended the **Diocesan Sports Council Award Ceremony**. I was very proud when **Chris Rutherford**, our school captain, received a **Diocesan medal** for his achievements particularly in representing the **State in Softball**. Chris is a quiet achiever who certainly deserved his award given to him in front of his proud parents.

At this time of the year we are currently looking at ways of improving some of our routines for 2015. This includes movement around the school particularly before school and at dismissal time. There have been some situations recently that have involved problems with children's behaviour at these times. I would like to state very clearly that at no time is it appropriate for a parent to address a child (not their own) regarding their behaviour in the playground. If you are aware of inappropriate behaviour please let a teacher know or report any incident to the office.

Just a reminder that our **school reports** will be sent home this week and it is a good time to evaluate your child's progress. If you have any questions about the report please make an appointment to talk to your child's class teacher.

Michael Hopley

Principal



Dear Jesus, I come to you today longing for your presence.
I desire to love you as You love me.
May nothing ever separate me from You.



STUDENT SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2015

School Captains: *Joshua Madeleine and Sabrina Catania*

Community Leaders:

Hannah Khoury
Tiana Hatem
Charlotte Duff
Lauryn Galea
Alysia Miliotis
Stephanie Khamis
Nathan khoury
Vincent Le
Elias Georges
Aaron Rocha

Sports Leaders:

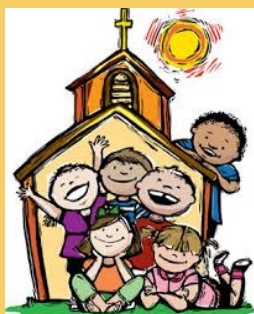
Lawson (Blue) *Deepti Moopnar and Jack Newcombe*
Chisholm (Red): *Rachel Attard and Jake Nuner*
Macquarie (Yellow): *Sarah Denniss and Eden Hawkes*
Wentworth (Green): *Amelia Savetta and Enrique Santos*

REC NEWS:



Our Children's Mass will be celebrated this coming Sunday 7th December at 10am. Please mark this date on your calendar so you are free to join us for this beautiful celebration. Encourage your children to be actively involved by signing up for one of the special jobs in the Mass. A note will be sent home shortly.

Our **Year 6 Graduation Mass** will be held this **Monday 8 December** at **7pm** in our Parish followed by light refreshments.



Please join us for our **End of Year Mass** on **Wednesday 10th December** at **10.15am** in the Church.

AP NEWS:

End of Year Grade Assemblies will run as follows next week.

Year 2 Assembly Monday 8 December at 2:30pm;

Year 1 Assembly Wednesday 10 December at 2pm;

Year 4 Assembly Thursday 11 December at 11:30am;

Year 3 Assembly Friday 12 December at 11:30am and

Kindergarten at 2:15pm.

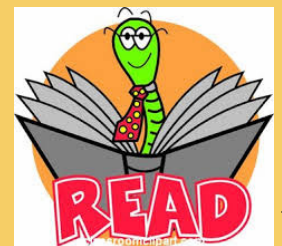
We welcome all parents and guardians to attend.



Summer Reading Challenge

Reading is fun!

So why not spend some time curled up with a book **these holidays** and at the same time qualify to go into our draw to win some **exciting prizes!**

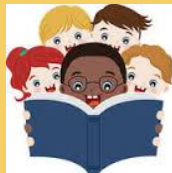


This summer we will be running a competition to encourage our children to continue to read. This competition will be broken into 3 categories:

Kinder-Year 2

Years 3-4

Years 5-6



On **our website** we will publish a **Reading Challenge site.**

copy of suitable reading material, taken from the **Premier's**

All you need to do is **read, read, read!** Keep a log of the books you have read (recording sheet will be on our school website) and then, at the end of the holidays, fill in the entry form (also available on our school website). To be eligible to be in the draw you need to have read:

Kinder-Year 2	12 books (shorter, easier reads)
Years 3-4	8 books
Years 5-6	5 books



Research shows that children that read during the holidays make better academic progress at school. Further details will be available on the school website. **Watch this space in last newsletter for more details coming in WK 11!!!**

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Mrs Garzaniti



YEAR 4 NEWS:

The students of **Year 4** have been learning about **persuasive writing** this term. Some of the students chose to write to **Mr Hopley** about the topic of '**homework**'.

These **two letters** below have been written by **Sophia Santos (4C)** and **Lauren Seymour (4R)**, with the argument that homework should be **compulsory** here at OLQP.

Next week, we will share a letter to Mr Hopley that takes the **opposite point** of view.

Why Homework should be Compulsory

O.L.Q.P
Braeside Road
Greystanes, 2145

To MR. Hopley,

I am writing to you today because I firmly believe that homework is a great opportunity for children to show their independence, confidence and to improve in their every day life.

To begin with, homework helps us to go over our work in the areas that we struggle in. This might make people think that we are just repeating the same thing that we did at school, but really we are just improving in the area that we need to work on. The Website "Homework is good.com.au" says that home work helps children to understand that they have things to do and to know how to get things done.

I strongly believe that homework helps any child to understand that you need to use time carefully and be much more responsible for things that actually count. Just like focusing on their subjects in their education, this means they will understand more things, which helps them in their life. When you do homework you learn how to use your time wisely and to not muck around. This will show that the child is mature and is showing the child is responsible for their own actions.

Most children don't know how to work independently and don't think they can do things all by themselves. This builds their self confidence which helps for their other activities all by themselves. Every parent would want their child to be confident.

Overall I believe that homework really helps the students at O.L.Q.P to have self confidence, be more responsible and to use their time wisely.

Hope to hear a reply,

Kind Regards,

From SOPHIA 4C!

Why homework should be compulsory?

45 Stella Street
Greystanes NSW, 2145

October 31st, 2014

Mr. Hopley,

Today I am writing to you about why I strongly believe homework should be compulsory at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

To begin with, I believe that homework should be compulsory because homework keeps your grades up with reading, writing and Maths. If there wasn't any homework students would forget what they learnt at school. If they forget they wouldn't learn anything.

Many people think homework should be compulsory because it helps with you learn things you learnt at school so you can remember certain facts for school assessments. Homework can help students to remember facts for school and if they need to finish something from school you can make it as homework.

Another reason why homework should be compulsory is because as the "To debate.org" website says, "Homework gets you more enthusiastic about learning with fun physical activities. Homework also gives you something to do and gives you focus on what you need more practice on."

Furthermore I think homework teaches good habits and good skills for school work. I also think homework gives your brain exercise for the right subjects.

In conclusion, homework should be compulsory because it gets you prepared for high school and for when you get a job. High school can be hard so if you do homework it won't be as hard to remember certain facts. That's why homework should be compulsory.

Kind regards
Lauren

OFFICE NEWS:

UNIFORM SHOP

HOLIDAY TRADING HOURS...

Last day of trading for 2014 will be **Saturday 13th December** and will re-open on the following dates during the school holiday period.

Monday 12th January 10:30am to 12pm

Wednesday 14th January 1pm to 3pm

Monday 19th January 10:30am to 12pm

Saturday 24th January 8:30am to 10am

Normal trading hours will then commence from **Saturday 24th January.**

Thursdays and Saturdays from 8:30am to 10am

Orders can also be made online or over the phone. For all enquiries please contact

Elle

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Email: elle@ozfashions.com.au



MUSIC NEWS:

Thursday 4th December we will be hosting our **Nursing Home Concert** in the hall from **10am to 11am.**



Sunday 7th December is the Parish **"Carols by Candle light"** to be held in the hall from **7pm.** Our **School Choir** and **Band** will be performing and invite all families to attend this wonderful get together.

Next **Tuesday 9th December** the **Talent Showcase** will be held in the **hall** from **9:30am.** All parents and guardians are welcome to attend.



OFFICE NEWS:



Congratulations to all the children who entered the colouring in competition for the OLQP Parish Craft Fair. The representative from Careflight who chose our winners had a very difficult decision to make. The overall winner was Ella Hadchiti in KP.'



The school library will be closed in week 9 & week 10 for stocktake. We ask that all Students return all borrowed books they may have lying around at home, especially Year 6 Students.

BAND UPDATE

Our **School Band** will be playing for



this **Sunday 7th December** in the school hall.

DATE: Sunday 7 December 2014

ARRIVAL FOR BAND MEMBERS: 6:30pm for a 7pm start

DRESS: School uniform

VENUE: School Hall

The Band will be playing from 7pm until 7:30pm. All families are encouraged to attend.

John Ciccarelli
Band Director

CANTEEN NEWS:

WEEK 9 UPDATE...



CANTEEN XMAS PARTY night on the **27th Nov** was a fantastic night with many new faces.

THANK YOU to all those who attended, I look forward to it again next year. A **BIG** thank you to **Michael Hopley** who supplied the drinks for us on the night.

The **2015** Roster is still not finalised, I ask that you please let me know your availability for next year if you have not indicated already. I would love to see new faces, if you have any time available, please consider joining this wonderful team of helpers, it's with your support I am able to offer the great Canteen and Menu options we have here at OLQP.

With **Xmas** fast approaching, if you have a child that would like a **BIRTHDAY BUCKET** between now and Christmas please order this **ASAP**, as stock will be run down shortly in preparation for the end of year clean up.

Next **Friday 12 December** will be the last day to order **SUSHI**. As of 2015 SUSHI orders will only be available on Fridays.

Canteen will be **CLOSED** on the last day of school for stocktake and cleaning there will **NO LUNCH ORDERS** accepted on that day and **NO** over the counter sales.

Merry Christmas to all families and have a safe and Happy New Year, from the OLQP CANTEEN.



CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 2014

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER	TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER	THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER	FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER
Anne Bucceri Rochelle Cini Sonia Amus	Rochelle Savill Therese Saab Mendy Dib	Mel Lardieri Grace Lim Nicole Elias	Therese Kazzi Faye Abdel-Ahad	Amanda Heimann Gaye Dennis Allison Sigmund Julie Rush Julie Meredith
MONDAY 15 DECEMBER	TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER	THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER	FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER
Nicole Dennis Margaret Elcham Vivianne Russell	Margurite O'Conno Kim Nuner	Sandra Wilson Alison Tsalikis Lisa Sly LAST DAY OF TERM CANTEEN CLOSED		



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- Monday 19th January 2015 @ 10:30am
- Wednesday 21st January 2015 @ 10:30am
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