



Our Lady Queen of Peace

Newsletter – Term 1 Week 8, 2016



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Enrolling Now for Kindergarten 2017

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers

Kindergarten enrolments for 2017 are now open. If you have a child of school age or know of someone who does, please download a form from our website or visit the school office and ask for an enrolment form.

Catholic Schools' Week

Thank you to all parents, carers and visitors to our school during Catholic Schools' Week. We understand how difficult it sometimes is for you find the time to come to such events, but both teachers and children were delighted to have you visit their spaces to celebrate the learning that happens on a daily basis.

Afternoon Dismissal

We are continuing to work with the police and local council, who visited our Kiss and Ride area again last Wednesday. As mentioned previously, they have asked that we improve the efficiency of our processes. Following on from our discussions we have:

- increased the number of teachers on duty in the bay;
- reminded children to sit in family groups and to listen carefully for their name;
- asked children to take their bags off their back ready to quickly enter your vehicle; &
- provided new family name cards for all vehicles.

We have also been told that we should ask for:

- signs to be left up on the dashboard until children enter the car (easier to identify)
- parents to leave and do another loop if their children are not ready for collection.

We would appreciate it if you could remind children of these expectations in order to promote a more efficient system. The expectation is that traffic will flow more quickly and that all children will be collected from this area by 3:30 pm. Could I please also remind parents to send a note to the class teacher if there is a change to normal pick-up routines.

Year 6 T-Shirts

We have been notified by our supplier that the company that produces the Year 6 shirts has accidentally produced too many size 12 shirts for our school. As a result we have an additional 50 size 12 shirts that we can offer for a price of \$15. If you would like an additional shirt for your child (size 12 only) please send \$15 in an envelope together with your child's name and class. T-shirts will be allocated to the first 50 orders placed.

Cross-Country

Last Friday we held our 2016 OLQP cross-country event. Thank you to all the children who participated, showing great sportsmanship and team spirit on the day. Thanks also to all the teachers, parent helpers, etc, who helped make this a fun day for the children. Results will be announced at Monday morning assembly.

Crunch & Sip

All classes in our school have a Crunch and Sip break at approximately 10:00 am every morning. This is only a very short break, so could I please remind parents to provide:

- a bottle of water; and
- a small piece of fruit or a small quantity of cut-up fruit and/or vegetables as a snack.

Thank you for your support with this.

Teachers in Classrooms

We have had some questions from parents about teachers who are in their child's class, so we would like to clarify this for all parents.

- Classroom teachers are entitled to 90 minutes of preparation time each week. During this time another teacher (the same teacher across the year) will continue to follow the designated teaching and learning program in your child's class.
- Co-ordinators (who are also classroom teachers) are entitled to release time to organize and lead in the area for which they are responsible. The amount of release time (from 2 hours up to 2 days) is based on whether they are a Co-ordinator 1, 2 or 3. Again, across the year the same release teacher will teach your child's class.
- As well as this, we have other teachers that work in the classroom at the same time as your child's teacher. These teachers work co-operatively with the classroom teacher to provide additional support for students.

Holy Week

Next week, on Thursday 24th March, you are invited to join us as we come together to celebrate a very special time in the Church year - Holy Week. This celebration will take place in Area A at 9:15 am. Children will come to understand the events of Holy Week as they follow Jesus' passion – including Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Washing of the Feet, the Last Supper and Prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane on Holy Thursday and Jesus' Crucifixion on Good Friday. When we return to school on Tuesday, 29th March, we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus during our morning assembly.

In addition to this, all students will participate in a teacher-guided walk through the Stations of the Cross at school next week. Students in each class have been involved in creating a visual representation of a station and these will be displayed near the office building and staffroom. Parents are welcome to walk the stations when they are at the school.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Reading is crucial for children's literacy development, so this year we are again encouraging all children to become involved in the Premier's Reading Challenge.

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book." Dr Seuss

A note that includes further details about the Premier's Reading Challenge has gone home today. Please keep this note in a safe place as it includes your child's login details and password.

Cancer Council Fundraiser

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for their support of this very worthy cause.

Quality Catholic Schooling Survey

All Catholic schools in the Diocese of Parramatta will be once again participating in the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) survey.

The QCS survey provides information from students, staff and parents about our school's cultural behaviour, relationships and learning community and assists us in our focus on continuous improvement.

Between 21 March and 1 April 2016 all staff, all Year 5 & 6 students and 60 randomly-selected parents will be asked to complete an online survey. Staff and students will complete the survey online at school. Parents will be sent home a paper survey but will also be able to complete the survey online if preferred. The survey will take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

This year we will again be able to get even more information about the link between student wellbeing and learning outcomes. To do this we will need to include a student identifier in the student survey. The survey will still remain confidential and individual survey responses will not be accessible by the school or the Catholic Education Office.

An independent survey consultant (Insight SRC) who manages the data collection will ensure the survey data is kept strictly confidential. Each school will receive a de-identified information report at the end of May to help them to develop strategies for further improvement. This will definitely help us in working with all students to improve their learning. If you have concerns, please feel free to contact the school.

As a parent, if you are randomly-selected to complete the survey, I would encourage your participation as this will help our school to identify our strengths and areas in which we can focus our improvement.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Have a great week

Frances Garzaniti

Assistant Principal

ANZAC DAY MARCH AND SERVICE

Merrylands RSL Sub-Branch will be holding an ANZAC Sunday March and Service on Sunday 17th April 2016 at 10.30AM and, together with Merrylands RSL Club Ltd, will be holding the ANZAC Day Dawn March and Service on Monday 25th April 2016 at 5.00AM, followed by the Complimentary Breakfast at Merrylands RSL Club. Both Services will be held at Charles Mance Reserve. All welcome.

SISTER CATHERINE MADDOCK

Sr Catherine Maddock, the founding Principal of Christ the King North Rocks will be leaving the parish and returning to Ireland on the 30th June. A mass of thanksgiving in her honour for over four decades of service to the CTK community and Catholic Education in the Diocese, will be celebrated on Sunday 19th June at 10am followed by morning tea. Those of you who have knew Sr Catherine over this time are asked to join us for this very special celebration.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Friday 26th February, OLQP had a number of students attend the Diocesan Swimming Carnival held at Blacktown Pools. All students swam their best & displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Congratulations to both our senior boys & girls relay teams for finishing in the top 4 & progressing to the MacKillop team. Additional congratulations go to Logan Fowler for making it for the 100m & Trisha Castelino for being the Senior Girls runner up & making the team for 50m Freestyle, Backstroke, Breaststroke, Butterfly & the 200 Individual Medley. Trisha will certainly be a very busy girl on the night of the carnival down at Homebush!

We wish all our representatives the very best of luck at this next level of competition.



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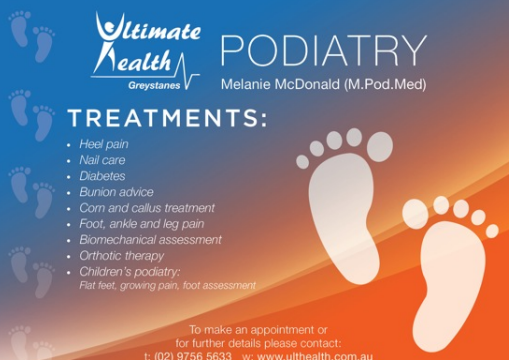
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5pm Group PT TexFit Studio		5pm Group PT TexFit Studio	5pm Group PT TexFit Studio	
6pm Thump Boxing Bootcamp (Pemuwuy)		6pm Group PT TexFit Studio	6:15pm Bootcamp (Pemuwuy)	
7pm Thump Boxing Bootcamp (Pemuwuy)		7:15pm Bootcamp (Greystanes)	7:15pm Bootcamp (Pemuwuy)	

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