

# OLQP GREYSTANES

NEWSLETTER: TERM 4 WEEK 4 2017



## Principal's Message

MICHAEL HOPLEY



Dear Parents, teachers and students,

Our next Parent information evening will be held on 15th November at 7.00pm in our library. It will be a Maths workshop presented by the teachers. This will be a good opportunity to learn more

about the changes that have taken place in Mathematics learning. I hope lots of parents will take the opportunity to attend.

Our congratulations to Mr Daniel Delany who has accepted a position with us for 2018. He is an accomplished teacher and we look forward to having him work on our staff next year.

This is an important reminder that the teacher who is on duty in the Kiss and Ride area is there to greet children and make sure that they enter the school grounds and not wait on the footpath. This is our duty-of-care. Teachers are unable to help children from cars as there have been precedents in other schools that have involved legal actions with problems such as children jamming fingers or cars moving while children are alighting the vehicle. Parents are also reminded that children should only alight the car from the passenger side.

Work began today on our Kindergarten play equipment repairs. This work will be completed by Monday. It has been a very difficult and drawn-out process but hopefully the outcome will be a playground that is fun and safe for the children.

At the beginning of this year our Stage 3 teachers undertook professional learning in Project Based Learning. This is a style of learning that involves collaborative effort, guided student choices and creative thinking. It allows subject areas like Science, Geography and History to be integrated as well as literacy and numeracy to be developed at the same time. The use of technology to locate, organise and communicate information has been significant and the students are very much enjoying the experience. This form of powerful learning will continue next year. Well done to both our teachers and students.

Just a reminder again that haircuts for students should reflect their readiness for school. Reminder letters will be sent out to parents regarding this and I seek your support in attending to this: "Appropriate school hair cut for boys – no lines, extreme lengths, undercuts or shaved styles" (Parent Handbook 2018)

Following are important dates for the first week of school in 2018:

Monday 29th January will be a Staff Development Day (Pupil Free Day).

Tuesday 30th January – MAI testing.

Wednesday 31st January – All children start school, including Kindergarten.

Have a great week.  
Michael Hopley



**Community Recognition Statement  
14 September 2017**

**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY SCHOOL SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY**

On 7 September I was honoured to attend the sixtieth anniversary mass for Our Lady Queen of Peace [OLQP] primary school in Greystanes.

OLQP was founded in 1957 with the generous support of the Carmelite Fathers, the Sisters of Mercy and the local community, which was then mostly comprised of Maltese migrants.

The original school was named Saint Simon Stock Primary and was situated in a building that doubled as a church on weekends. During the 1960s Greystanes flourished with market gardens, which made way for housing development. Consequently, school enrolments increased rapidly and a new building program was initiated, with the first new school building opening in 1970. In 1972, the school was renamed Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Today, the school is the biggest primary school in the Diocese of Parramatta, with 850 students from kindergarten to year 6.

I make special mention of 94-year-old Frank Cefai, who built the school, as well as hundreds of homes in Greystanes, and attends mass at OLQP every day.

I have no doubt that OLQP will flourish for another 60 years. Congratulations to principal Michael Hopley and the entire OLQP school community.

  
**JULIA FINN**



## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

NOVEMBER:

\*WEDNESDAY 1st- Infants Pizza Party and  
Fire Brigade visit

\*WEDNESDAY 1st- All Saints Day

\*THURSDAY 2nd- All Souls Day

\*FRIDAY 3rd- Author Visit, Sue Whiting

\*FRIDAY 3rd- Primary Police Visit and  
Pizza Party

\*MONDAY 6th-4JK & 4AD Excursion to  
Penrith Lakes

\*FRIDAY 10th- Remembrance Day

\*MONDAY 13th- Band Assembly

WEDNESDAY 15th-Parents Maths  
Workshop at 7pm

## **OFFICE NEWS!**

Could we please ask that if you are leaving or planning on leaving OLQP, you must advise us as soon as possible. It is a requirement by the Catholic Education Office to advise us in writing at least 10 weeks prior to your departure. If a student leaves the school during a term, as no refund will be made in respect of the remaining portion of that term unless a full term's notice in writing is given to the Principal before removal of the student from school.

We also ask that parents pack a change of underwear, a pair of socks and shorts/dress in case of little accidents.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

This Friday, 3rd of November, author Sue Whiting is visiting OLQP. Sue shall speak to all students through the day and I am sure the students will enjoy her enthusiasm for books and the way she brings books alive.

There is a display of some of Sue's books in the office foyer. Order forms went out last week if you would like to purchase one of Sue's books. To enable Sue to autograph the book with your child's name, I need the order by Wednesday 1st of November.

During weeks 5, 6 and 7 the library will be having a 50 cent sale on books that have been discharged from the library. The funds from this sale helps to purchase new books and equipment for the library. Opening hours for sales are before school Monday to Friday, lunch time Monday to Friday and after school on Monday.

Please ensure that all overdue books are returned to the library. This is especially important for Yr 6 students. If Yr 6 still have library books out in their name, they will not be allowed to borrow books next year when they are in high school. As text books are often lent to students through the library this will have an impact on your child's learning. Late notes will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.



## REC NEWS:



Catholic Mission's theme for this year was: 'whoever drinks of the water that I shall give will never thirst again'

In order to fundraise for Catholic Mission this year, OLQP decided to hold a Silly Sock day on Friday 27th of October.

Every night, when we go to sleep in our comfortable bed, over 4000 children have died that day because of contaminated water. Imagine those underprivileged people living in such foul environments, striving for just one cup of water. OLQP does NOT believe this is fair, so one simple thing we could do was raise money for those in need.

With the generous donations from our students and their families, OLQP managed to raise \$1200. This would provide four wheelchairs for four children with disabilities so they can have a better future, or thirty-five disadvantaged children would get a one year school scholarship. Thank you for all your support.



## ALL SAINTS DAY

We celebrated All Saints Day at our Monday morning assembly. 4MD and 1B led us in prayer, scripture reading and song to celebrate this important feast day.

All Saints Day is a day when we celebrate ALL the saints in Heaven. It is a day to pray to the saints and ask them to intercede for us. This includes ALL the saints, even the ones that we don't realize are saints. Not all holy people who have died and gone to heaven are canonized by the Church. There are many holy people who have died and gone to heaven but have not been canonised by the Catholic Church. Even though they are not canonized, they are still saints. So we celebrate them all and ask for their intercession

## ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day-November 2  
This feast day is one of the most loving celebrations in the Church's liturgy.

It is the day that we especially remember all those who have passed from this life into the next.

Today we stop to remember all who have died especially our relatives and friends.

We pray for those who taught us good things and made sacrifices for us.

We pray for those who prayed for us while they were on this earth.

We pray for the most forgotten souls.

We pray for those who had great responsibilities while they were on earth.

We think of those holy souls in purgatory and we realize that they are saved. Now they wait, being purified, until the moment when they can be with God, face to face.

We can offer the sacrifice of the Mass and pray for these suffering souls in purgatory to hasten their journey to God.

November is the month of the Holy Souls. Let us pray for all those who have died.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen



## REMEMBRANCE DAY:



WE WILL COMMEMORATE REMEMBRANCE DAY WITH THE STUDENTS NEXT FRIDAY AT 11.00 AM.

REMEMBRANCE DAY ORIGINALLY CALLED ARMISTICE DAY IS REMEMBERING WHEN WORLD WAR 1 CAME TO AN END. IT WAS ON THE 11TH DAY, OF THE 11TH MONTH AT THE 11TH HOUR THAT AN ARMISTICE WAS SIGNED THAT ENDED WORLD WAR 1.

WE REFLECT TO REMEMBER IN THE HOPE THAT THE WORLD NEVER SEES THE ATROCITIES THAT WAR INFLICTS ON HUMANITY.

## DEDICATION AND BLESSING OF OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE STATUE

On Monday morning after the school assembly members of our school community gathered together to dedicate and bless our statue of Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Father Matt led the blessing and dedication liturgy of Our Lady Queen of Peace. In the prayers of the liturgy all the joys and challenges of the OLQP school family were laced at the feet of Our Lady asking her to intercede on our behalf to her son Jesus.

Mary has many special titles but none so beautiful and special than that of the title-Queen of Peace. Mary is our first saint and the patroness of all humanity. Let us always place our trust and our cares in her.

A big thank you to Fr Matt and Ana Pintos for celebrating with us. Also thank you to Paul Hossack for his design and planting of our garden surrounding Our Lady.

Thank you to the parents who attended the blessing and dedication. The devotion and honour bestowed on Mary was evident in your prayerfulness and presence.





# JOIN THE SCHOOL BAND

We are currently testing students for next year 2018.

If you would like your son or daughter to learn a musical instrument please ask the office for a green band form.

Instrument testing will start from next Monday 6th November.

I look forward to see many of you in the school band.

John Ciccarelli  
TSA

## CANTEEN NEWS

### MELBOURNE CUP SWEEP:

A reminder that online orders for the Melbourne Cup Sweep are due by 2pm Friday 3rd November. Students who place an order via the Qkr app will receive a horse in the sweep and those with winning horse numbers will receive a free ice block.

Over the counter orders will be filled, however, they will NOT receive a horse allocation in the Sweep as the sweep is generated through the app and manual orders can not be added. Your assistance with this is much appreciated.

### CANTEEN HELPERS:

As we approach the busy part of the year the number of canteen volunteers is diminishing. If you are able to offer some time to assist with the serving and packing of lunch orders it would be greatly appreciated. Feel free to visit Kim Farrugia in the canteen or pop up when you can. A big thank you to all the mums who have dedicated their time to help in the canteen so far this year, your commitment to our school does not go unnoticed.

Please also be on the look out for the flyer due to go home early next week regarding the 2018 canteen roster. If you can offer some time to assist in the canteen in 2018 please complete and return the form or fill in an online form via the Qkr app ASAP as we are in the process of drafting the new roster.

Many thanks,  
Kim Farrugia







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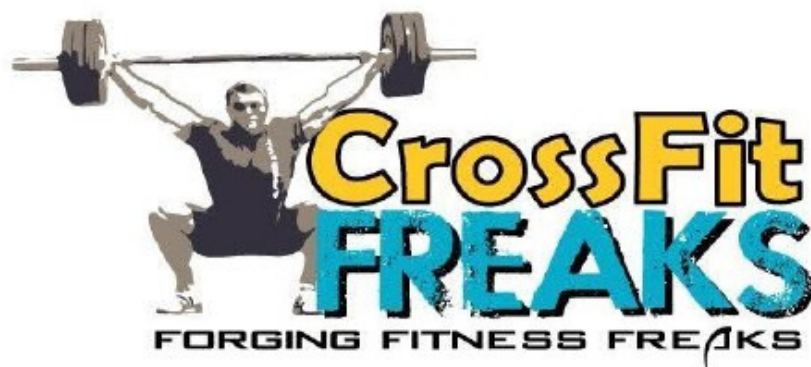
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**Andrew Simon**

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