

# OLQP GREYSTANES

NEWSLETTER: TERM 1 WEEK 10 2018



## Principal's Message

MICHAEL HOPLEY



Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

I hope everyone had a happy and Holy Easter. The children certainly had a lot of stories to tell about the Easter weekend when they returned to school.

This is the last newsletter for Term 1 and its amazing how much we

have covered in a short space of time. Our children continue to make great efforts and our teachers continue to guide them with great care. Our learning agenda has been focused around understanding Scripture, purposeful talk and mathematical thinking and we continue to see great progress in these areas.

We are currently accepting Kindergarten enrolments for 2019 and we will be organising interviews early in Term 2. If your child is eligible or you know someone who is looking for enrolment please download a form from the website or contact the office. The last day for officially accepting enrolments is Friday 25th May.

Since our launch of Facebook we have seen a great response to being able to communicate our children's work and introduce the staff to everyone. It is clearly a very powerful form of communication. If we keep in mind that it is to be used only in this way, I'm sure it will remain a great source of information for our families. Next term there will be a significant change in how we use our newsletter. The school newsletter will be a one page editorial about present and upcoming events. All other information regarding Religious Education, canteen news, sports information etc will be available on our website under "Latest News" and "Announcements". Browsing the website will allow you to be informed about general information from the school. Skoolbag will remain in use

for significant events and reminders.

Just a reminder about dismissal in the afternoon. The gates to the playground will not be open before 3.00pm. Parents are asked not to enter the school before 3.00pm as it does interfere with sport and other activities. For the sake of easier movement, parents are asked to enter and leave the school from the gate near Year 5 and not through the Blue Room.

Our next two staff development (pupil free) days will be June 18th and 7th of September. These are professional learning days for the teachers.

OLQP Parish is offering a counselling service that can be accessed through the Parish. The counselor specialises in Individual, couple and family support. A brochure is available in the office and on our website under the "Parents and Friends" tab.

The last day for Term 1 is Friday 13th April. Term 2 begins on Monday 30th April. Winter Uniform will begin in week 2 from Monday 7th May (Please use your discretion regarding the weather).

Have a great holiday.  
Michael Hopley

# REC NEWS

## THANK YOU OLQP!

Thank you to all the parents at Our Lady Queen Of Peace for being so dedicated to our fundraising for Project Compassion and The Marsden Appeal. Over the past few weeks students from each class have been bringing in their own money and placing it in the Project Compassion box in their classroom. Once all the money had been collected we ended up raising a massive **\$1 600** which was split in two fundraisers, \$800 for Project Compassion and \$800 for the Marsden Appeal.

The Marsden Appeal is about revolutionising cancer treatment and helping those with cancer one step at a time. The Marsden Appeal is trying to find new ways to save and improve the lives of patients. (The Marsden Appeal Website)  
<https://www.royalmarsden.org>

Project compassion this year is focusing on a lady in Nepal wanting to extend her sewing business for young women. Project Compassion is about ending poverty, promoting justice and upholding the dignity of every person. Every year OLQP raises funds for Project Compassion and always puts so much effort and support into the Appeal. (Project Compassion Website)-  
<http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion>

So from the OLQP team and Parish we would like to say a big thank you to all the parents for so much support and care for their child at Our Lady Queen Of Peace. (OLQP Website)- <http://www.olqpgreystanes.catholic.edu.au/>

By Georgia Cusbert And Nicholas Crocker (members of the Year 6 Social Justice Team)



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations to Dante Tomasiello and Niamh Malone who were both selected for the Soccer MacKillop trials. They will be representing the Parramatta diocesan in the next round at Canberra. We wish them all the best and are very proud of them.

## PARISH NEWS

THE PARISH AT OLQP INVITES THE SPORTING CODES UNDER THE OLQP NAME FOR A SPECIAL BLESSING FOR THE 2018 SPORTING SEASON.

**SATURDAY 7TH APRIL, 2018  
AT 6PM  
OLQP PARISH GREYSTANES**

WE ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS TO WEAR THEIR CLUB SPORTING APPAREL WITH PRIDE.

**NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY - FRIDAY 18TH  
MAY 2018**

**NATIONAL WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY (WSTSD) IS AN ANNUAL EVENT WHEN ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO WALK AND COMMUTE SAFELY TO SCHOOL. IT IS A COMMUNITY EVENT SEEKING TO PROMOTE ROAD SAFETY, HEALTH, PUBLIC TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT.**

**VISIT THE LINK BELOW TO REGISTER YOUR SCHOOL AND ACCESS FREE RESOURCES.**

**[HTTP://WWW.WALK.COM.AU/WSTSD/](http://www.walk.com.au/wstsd/)**

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

APRIL

FRIDAY 13th -last day of term 1

MONDAY 30th- first day Term 2

## LIBRARY NEWS



**remiers Reading Challenge**

How is your child's PRC reading going? If your child hasn't logged on to their PRC account you can use the link below.

<https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

Remember, we have so many PRC books in the library and your child is able to borrow over the holidays. If you have some time and are looking for something to do in the School Holidays, why not visit your local library, they too have many great PRC books.

*"The greatest gift is a passion for Reading" Elizabeth Hardwick*

## UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Dear parents/guardians

Last day for the uniform shop will be on Thursday 12th April 8.30-10.00am and we will re-open on Saturday 28th

April 8.30-10.00am

Kind regards

Elle Uniforms

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## CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM 1, FRIDAY 13TH APRIL FOR STOCKTAKE AND CLEANING.

As stock depletes with the end of term fast approaching, you will notice products disappear on Qkr!. This will avoid parents paying for items I don't have. You will then be assured your orders will be filled correctly. However, drink and snack item flavours could be substituted as stock runs low. I apologise in advance.

A reminder, the QLQP THUNDERBIRDS MEAL DEAL will be on offer for the last day of term. THIS MUST BE ordered via QKR. No orders will be accepted over the counter. Cut-off is WEDNESDAY 11th April at 2pm.