

OLQP Newsletter

Term 1 Week 10 2019



Dear Parents, students and teachers,

This is our last newsletter for Term 1. We have achieved a great deal over the last 10 weeks with our students settling into their class groups and developing relationships with their teachers. A reminder that school closes for Term 1 on 12th April and the first day of Term 2 is Monday 29th April.

I am very pleased to announce that our Acting Religious Education Coordinator for Term 2 will be Mrs Danielle Raffoul. Mrs Raffoul has supported the Sacramental programmes in our Parish and has experience in leading the Religious Education curriculum. We are fortunate to have someone of this calibre to continue the work of formation in our school.

We are currently enrolling students for Kindergarten 2020 and enrolment applications are steadily coming into the office. 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. Enrolments close Friday 24th May.

Our building project has begun with a special smoking ceremony organised by a representative from Jarrara, our Catholic Indigenous Learning Centre. It was significant that we pay our respects, before work begins to the land and the elders who have walked this land. Over the course of the holidays an area of the school will be fenced off as part of the first stage of the project. A note with the details will be sent home.

The Canteen will be closed Next Friday 12th April for Stocktake and Cleaning, There will be limited stock available to order next week. Products will disappear off the Qkr App as stock depletes. Ice-blocks for example are very low in stock. Please help the canteen by asking your child to make alternative choices when buying as we need to turn off all fridges and freezers over the holidays, as the power will be interrupted during the break. Please also make sure that your children have their lunch each day as there have been a number of requests from children who do not have their lunch. Next term, we will need to follow this up with parents.



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday to Friday 12th April

- Holy Week Celebrations on Area A at 9am.

Friday 12th April

-Stage 3 Touch Football Gala Day and Last day of Term 1.

Monday 29th April

-Term 2 Commences and year 1 and 4 Resurrection of Jesus Celebration on Area A at 9am

Tuesday 30th April

-ANZAC day commemoration at 9am

What to Give Up...

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| Give up complaining... | Focus on Gratitude |
| Give up pessimism... | become an Optimist |
| Give up worry... | trust Divine Providence |
| Give up bitterness... | turn to Forgiveness |
| Give up hatred... | return Good for evil |
| Give up negativism... | be Positive |
| Give up anger... | be More Patient |
| Give up pettiness... | become Mature |
| Give up gloom... | enjoy the Beauty all around you |
| Give up jealousy... | pray for Trust |
| Give up gossiping... | control your Tongue |
| Give up sin... | turn to Virtue |
| Give up giving up... | Hang in there! |

Instalment 1 of school fees are now due. If you have not received your invoice or have any queries please contact our Finance secretary Mrs Buhagiar in the office.

Next week we will be celebrating Holy Week as a community. Each grade has been assigned an event of Holy Week to present Jesus' journey to the cross and His Resurrection three days later. This information has been sent home and is on the Parent Calendar and Facebook. Parents are very welcome to attend.

As Lent comes to a close, I would encourage you all to take the opportunity to talk to your children about the events of Easter and attend the celebrations of the Mass over the holidays. Details can be found on the Parish website: <https://www.olqp.org.au/>

One of the key elements of Easter is change - from darkness to light, from death to life. When we refer to "*The Good News of the Gospel*" this is it. Over the course of this term we have witnessed some very disturbing events including the sentencing of Cardinal Pell and the tragedy of Christchurch. In so many ways these events cry out for significant change - in the way we think and in the way we act. Our faith is a faith characterised by hope. If we seek real change, then it will happen and the Holy Spirit will guide us and be with us as we move forward.

Have a happy and Holy Easter. I will think of you in my travels and I look forward to seeing you in Term 3.

Michael Hopley

Principal