

# OLQP Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6 2019



Dear Parents, teachers and students,

This week, we celebrate 'Wellbeing Week' at OLQP. This week is a time for all members of our school community to enjoy having extra time with their family, as well as enjoy some special activities here at school. It has been wonderful to see the students (and teachers) appreciating the relaxed uniform code, participating in extra sport activities and enjoying a special movie. Modern life moves at such a fast pace, so it is important to remind ourselves to 'look after ourselves' and 'look after each other'.

On Monday, the teachers participated in a day of professional learning about writing. Our school's Literacy Goal for 2019 is for students to use purposeful talk to write a clear message. A clear message means that the students are taught to write for an intended audience with a clear purpose. Being engaged in purposeful talk means that students are taught that writing does not occur in isolation, but in fact writing and speaking and listening enable each other. Research has proven that a student's ability to communicate his or her ideas clearly directly impacts on the quality of their writing. We encourage students to ask questions, so as to consolidate their understandings and confirm and clarify their thinking.

Last week, parking rangers from Cumberland Council were patrolling Braeside Road after school. A reminder to all parents and carers that it is an offence to park across people's' driveways, in 'no standing' zones or to turn right into Lloyd Street between 2:30 and 3:30 pm. The parking rangers will continue to patrol throughout the year.

Our teachers are currently involved in organising the half yearly reports to be sent home on Wednesday, June 26th. The half yearly report is a great opportunity to celebrate child's progress and also identify those areas that can be developed. I hope you can take the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher in Week 9 and 10, so as to encourage your child's progress. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the teachers for their efforts in preparing these reports.



## **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

### **Monday 10th June**

- Queens Birthday Public Holiday

### **Tuesday 11th June**

-Pentecost Liturgy 9am

### **Friday 18th June**

-Year 1 Excursion to Sydney Wildlife Park.

## **REMINDER:**

This is a reminder of student safety; children should not be dropped off at school or at the school gate before 8:25am. Morning supervision begins at 8:30 AM and after school supervision is provided up until 3:30pm. Parents need to sign in their child at the office if they arrive after the 9am.

*"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all."*

*Aristotle*

A friendly reminder to encourage your children to check that they are ready for school each morning, by ensuring they have their hats, water bottles and resources. We ask that you try to ensure your children remember to bring these items with them, so as to minimise the need for parents to bring in these items in later, thereby requiring the students or staff to walk to the office to collect them.

Next week we will celebrate the feast of Pentecost with a whole school liturgy on Area C. This will be held on Tuesday, June 11th at 9:00 am. Children from the preschool will also be involved in the liturgy. We welcome all parents and families and look forward to sharing the event with you next week.

*“The Lord will guide you continually, watering your life when you are dry and keeping you healthy, too. You will be like a well watered garden like an ever-flowing spring”  
(Isaiah 58:11)*

***Have a safe long weekend***

***Kym Romanous  
Acting Principal***