

OLQP Newsletter

Term 2 Week 10 2019



Dear Parents, teachers and students,

I cannot believe that Term Two is nearly at an end. As I reflect on the term, I am amazed at all the changes that have occurred as well as what has been achieved in a relatively short period of time. This term has seen the start of our building project, special assemblies and liturgies such as our wonderful Mother's Day Liturgy, NAPLAN, numerous sporting achievements, reports for Semester One and student led parent teacher interviews. No doubt at these interviews, you have been proud of what your children have achieved and what they were able to tell you about their learning strengths and next steps.

I have just attended a conference about project-based learning. Although we currently focus on PBL in Stage Three, many of the strategies we explored are applicable to all grades and all students. Student engagement, student ownership of their own learning and the use of learning intentions and success criteria to ensure children know what they are learning, why they are learning it and how they can continue to learn it, are quality teaching and learning strategies that feature here at OLQP. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for attending the interviews and a special thank you to the teachers for giving up their time to conduct these.

Two friendly reminders. Firstly, please ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled on all your child's belongings. Please be aware, too, of what your child brings home or has in their school bag. If your child finds any item, labelled or not, we ask that you bring it to the office.

The second reminder is to again note the importance of accompanying your child into the office should you be late to school. You are required to sign them in for a late arrival, just as you would for an early pick up. We appreciate everyone's support with this. As we ease into our July school holidays, a reminder about the importance of daily reading, especially over this two week break. The holidays are a wonderful opportunity to read with your child, without other homework commitments. Talk to your children about what they have read and encourage them to think about what they are reading - before they read, whilst they read and after they read. Doing this helps children to reflect more on a text's deeper meaning.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday 22nd July

- Term 3 Commences

Tuesday 23rd July

- Primary Athletics Carnival Yrs 3 to 6

Friday 26th July

-Grandparents Mass.
- Gymnastics program commences Yrs 2, 4 and 6

**LOOK FOR
SOMETHING
POSITIVE IN EACH
DAY, EVEN IF
SOME DAYS YOU
HAVE TO LOOK A
LITTLE HARDER.**

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PUPIL FREE DAY

MONDAY 19th August

Last week we held a P&F meeting, in which we discussed a number of topics, including our main fundraiser, the school colour fun run, held at the end of term three. We also reviewed arrival and dismissal procedures, in light of the building project, which we are constantly evaluating and refining. I would like to thank the parents who were able to attend that meeting.

We sadly farewell Mrs Mahony, Mr Aggar and Mrs Morobito at the end of this term. Mrs Mahony will retire after 28years at OLQP, Mr Aggar has accepted a new position at St Patricks, Guildford, and Mrs Morobito is commencing her maternity leave. We shall keep them all in our prayers as they embark on their new paths.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last term. The main function of any school is education - to prepare children for the next step in their journey of life. This can only be achieved in partnership between parents and teachers, and I thank you all for your commitment to your children's education. I would also like to thank Mrs Dwyer, who has been our Acting Assistant Principal during Term Two, and Mrs Raffoul, who had stepped into the role of Acting Religious Education Coordinator this term. Mrs Raffoul is taking leave for the first half of Term Three, and we wish her well as she also embarks on an overseas family holiday. Mr Hopley returns in Term Three, and we look forward to hearing about his adventures overseas.

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." (Proverbs 16:9)

I hope you all have a wonderful break and I look forward to seeing you all in Term Three.

Kym Romanous

Acting Principal