

# OLQP Newsletter

Term 3 Week 6 2019



Dear parents, students and teachers,

We are now in Week 6 of term 3 and the year is moving along at a brisk pace.

Our Kindergarten enrolments for 2020 are complete and we will be having our orientation meeting next term. This year we had a record number of enrolment applications.

Our building project is progressing well. The absence of rain has allowed the foundation work to move along quickly. Over the next few months we should see buildings begin to take shape. We are very grateful to the building company who have supported us in maintaining the children's safety and well-being.

Information about our Fun Run was published and sent home last week. It is an exciting time for the children as we look forward to our colour run around St. Pauls Oval. Your donations and sponsorship will be well used in our new classrooms next year, particularly as our library books have been in storage and need a real injection of funds. If you didn't receive information on the Colour Run, you can download information from our website or Facebook or ask at the office.

Last Monday our teachers combined with the staff at St. Pauls and Narelle from our Pre-school to have a combined Staff Development Spirituality Day. This was a great opportunity for our schools to combine and share our collective wisdom. We are currently working across schools on various projects where there are overlaps in our syllabus requirements.

A number of parents have indicated that Pemulwuy is lacking school buses to get their children to and from school. After significant advocacy, Transit Systems are now finally conducting a full review of bus service demands in Pemulwuy. If you would like to see improvements to bus services running through Pemulwuy, please detail your issues in a letter to Mr Clint Feuerherdt, CEO Transit Systems, PO Box 7070, East Brisbane QLD 4169 (and cc Hugh McDermott MP, State Member for Prospect, PO Box 2518, Smithfield 2164, so Mr McDermott can continue to advocate on our behalf). If changes are to be implemented, the school will be notified, and they will take effect in 2020.

During the week there were two days when the crossing man was off sick. We have been instructed by Cumberland Council that teachers are not to take over this position and use the crossing sign. A teacher may stand on one side of the road and monitor only. In the future we will provide a teacher to supervise in this way.



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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**MONDAY 2nd Sep-**

Fathers Day liturgy 9am  
followed by COOL School

**WEDNESDAY 4th Sep-**

Year 2 Alpha Show 1:15pm

**FRIDAY 6th Sep-**

Infant Fun Day Kindergarten  
to Year 2

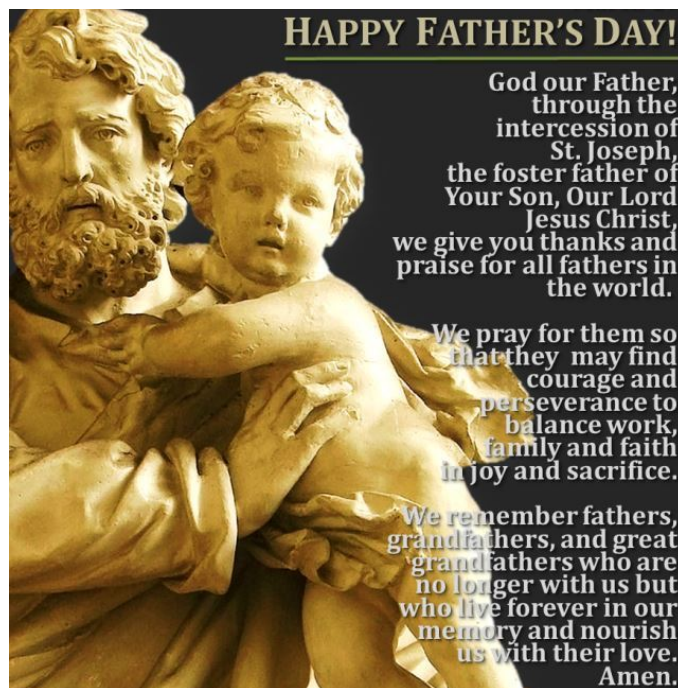
This year OLQP has applied for extra funding to allow students the opportunity to explore new sporting avenues. We have been lucky enough to have been granted funding in Term 2 and 3 which has allowed students in Year 4 and 6 to be coached in Volleyball by Volleyball NSW. Also, students in Year 3 and 5 are to be coached in Basketball by Western Sydney Wolves later this term. We hope to continue to offer students as many opportunities as possible to expand their exposure to sports in an enjoyable atmosphere. In the future we hope to offer experiences to our K, 1 and 2 students.

A big thank you to all the parents who were able to help with our Father's Day Stall this week. The children were very excited and are looking forward to our liturgy and open classrooms on Monday.

On behalf of all our staff – a Happy Father's day to all our Dads and Grandads.

**Michael Hopley**

Principal





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Dear Parents and Carers

The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta has a plan to significantly expand its provision of childcare services to better support families in western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. This major initiative will serve the local community through the provision of more early childhood education and care services to support local families.

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) is one of the largest providers of Catholic out-of-school-hours care in Sydney and also offers preschool and long day care services. Caring for more than 5,000 children, it provides Before and After School Care centres, 4 Catholic Early Learning Centres, Long Day Care at St Luke's Marsden Park and vacation care programs at 9 centres across western Sydney

A new agency, Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited, will soon support the growth of early childhood education and care opportunities. Additional services are currently planned across suburbs in need of more out-of-school-hours care places, and long-day care places are also a priority.

This new approach will have minimal impacts on the provision of services to existing clients. With over 300 staff currently employed in these services, the expected growth is also likely to provide more job opportunities for local residents.

I look forward to sharing further information about the work of Catholic Diocese of Parramatta Services Limited in coming months.

Yours sincerely

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