

Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary

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Dear parents, students and teachers,

I hope all our families enjoyed a happy and Holy Easter. Term 1 was busy and we all needed a refreshing break.

In the last few weeks of Term 2 the students reenacted the events for Holy Week and we were able to invite parents to each liturgy. On our return to school on Tuesday 26th April, Year 6 students will present our ANZAC Day Commemoration on Area C at 9:15 am. Year 6 parents are invited to attend this commemoration. Year 6 parents will also have the opportunity to view a Gallery Walk of the Year 6 students' depiction of the sacrifice of Jesus and the sacrifice of the ANZAC's. Year 3 will present the Resurrection story on Wednesday 27th April on Area C at 9:15 am. Year 3 parents are invited to attend this liturgy. Both liturgies will be live streamed via Facebook.

Dates

Tuesday 26th April ANZAC Day Liturgy
Wednesday 27th April Resurrection Liturgy
Tuesday 3rd May Diocesan Cross Country

Wednesday 4th May Mother's Day Stall Friday 6th May Mother's Day Liturgy Tuesday 10th May NAPLAN Testing begins

Tuesday 17th May Ascension Liturgy

Friday 3rd June Staff Development Day (Pupil free day)

Friday 17th June Primary Sports Carnival

Wednesday 22nd June Semester 1 reports go home via Compass
Thursday 23rd June Parent/Teacher Conferences commence
Friday 24th June Feast of the Sacred Heart (Outreach Appeal)

Friday 1st July Last day of Term 2

Enrolment

Our formal enrolment period is complete and we have sent out our offers for Kindergarten for 2023. We will now be organising interviews for our new families and later in the term we will inview our existing families.

Building Update

Stage 2 of our building project continues to progress. Several weeks were lost with rain holding up the pouring of concrete. We are now hoping that we will be able to move Kindergarten, Year 3 and Year 5 into their new spaces in June. Stage 3 will then involve the relocation of Year 1 and Year 2 while their rooms are refurbished. The demolition of the old classrooms will then begin in the July holidays and work on our new playgrounds will begin.

Covid-19 Update

From Friday 22nd April there have been a number of changes made mainly around the notion of close contacts. The following is a statement from NSW Health.:

https://enews.service.nsw.gov.au/link/id/zzzz62625cd56ca79797Pzzzz615ffcf6b70dd6 03/page.html

At OLQP we will continue to follow general guidelines to ensure the safety of everyone in our community:

- All visitors to the school must wear a mask and use hand sanitizer and are required to maintain 1.5m social distancing.
- The school retains the right to refuse entry to any visitor.
- Students who show symptoms of cold or flu will need to be sent home.
- Students will be using hand sanitizer throughout the school day.

In Term 2 our biggest events will be Mothers' Day celebrations and our Sports Carnival. These events will be subject to a risk assessment and organised with safety in mind.

Hair cuts and Uniform

The usual requirement is for students to wear their full winter uniform from the beginning of Term 2. If the weather remains unseasonably warm it may be appropriate for children to wear their summer uniform for the next 2 weeks. It will be important however that all children are in their full winter uniform by Monday 9th May. The school uniform is an important part of school readiness. Please refer to the Parent Handbook and the Uniform Shop list for the correct uniform items to be worn by students. Wrist-bands, nail polish, necklaces and other accessories are not part of the uniform.

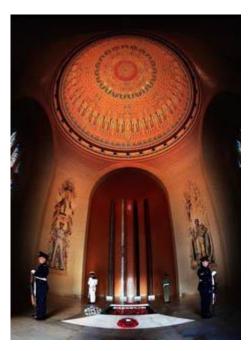
Appropriate haircuts are also part of the uniform code and should reflect an attitude of being prepared to learn. Hair styles that include lines or **uneven lengths** are not suitable for school. Please ensure that your children's haircuts are even. Teachers will send home reminder notes if haircuts are not appropriate.

Mothers Day Stall and Liturgy

On Wednesday 4th May the children will have the opportunity to purchase gifts from the Mothers Day Stall. Gifts will range in price from \$1 to \$10. Our thanks to those parents who have volunteered to set up the stall and help on the day. A special thank you to Mrs Mallia for purchasing the items and coordinating the event for the children.

We are still in the process of organising the Mothers Day liturgy as we need to take into account the safety of everyone in our community. We are hoping to celebrate together on Friday 6th May. More details of the liturgy will be forthcoming.





ANZAC Day

On this special day I hope all our families have the chance to remember those who gave their lives to protect our freedom. At the same time we pray for those who are the victims of war and we pray for the end of hostilities.

"We all need to make a contribution to halt the destruction of our common home and to restore nature: governments, businesses and citizens – we must act like brothers and sisters who share the Earth, the common home that God has given us."

Pope Francis

Have a great week and a great term. Michael Hopley Principal