



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY

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Dear Parents, teachers and students,

Grandparents Day

It has been a while since we celebrated a large gathering at OLQP. It was such a joyous occasion, witnessing the combination of such wisdom and innocence together at our beautiful school. Grandparents and parents were all invited to share 'Open Classrooms' with their grandchildren. There were smiles, cuddles, cards, drawings to give to our precious grandparents.



100 Days Of Kindergarten

Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of Kindergarten last week. It was a wonderful day to reflect on the work undertaken by our students and also a celebration of their achievements and milestones. Their first 100 Days have been brimming with learning, friendship and connections.



Building Project Update

The building project continues to make good progress. Recently the COLA area outside the canteen was installed and the roof sheets attached. The Stage One building is getting closer to completion and we should be able to move the students in during Term 4.

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN results were recently released and sent home to parents. Once again, our school overall performed very well in literacy and numeracy. The teachers are very pleased with the students' individual efforts, and we have gained some good insights into our school's focus of direction for the rest of this year and into 2024.

Staff Development Days

As previously mentioned there have a number of extra pupil free days allocated to schools in NSW to support the implementation of new Syllabus content. This is particularly important for English and Mathematics. Our staff are fully engaged in learning during these days and we have already made significant changes to the content and teaching styles that support best practise in these subject areas. Two more days are set aside at the beginning of next term.

Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival

Our young athletes represented Our Lady Queen of Peace at the Cumberland Zone Athletics Carnival. Students participated in sprints, shot-put, long jump and relays, our students did a great job in representing our school! We congratulate each and every one of them on their participation and efforts. We also congratulate those students who are now placed to go to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival Friday 25th August. We are so proud of them all.

Coin Trail and Mufti Friday 11th August

On Friday August 10, the Greystanes Catholic Community again joined together as part of our Winter Embrace charity work. This part of the Winter Embrace supports St Vincent de Paul and is especially focused on supporting and caring for the increased number of senior aged homeless women in our society. The students of Ambrose ELC, OLQP Primary School and St Pauls College were asked to bring in a gold coin donation on Friday, our mufti day. The children then symbolically placed out the coins in a trail leading from the Preschool and OLQP, up the hill to St Pauls and to the Church. The money raised will be added to the funds already raised through the church and will be donated to St Vincent de Paul.

Coffee and Chat

Coffee and Chat with Anne Hines. Anne is the Parish Pastoral Coordinator (Life in Faith Enrichment). At each session parents can chat about their concerns and their celebrations in an informal setting. The group is then able to pray together with their personal intentions in mind. This is a great connection with our Parish and the next session is on **Tuesday 15th August at 8.45am.**

School Lunch

A friendly reminder to ensure your children/child have crunch and sip, recess and lunch provided every day. Children are no longer sent to the canteen if they have no food. The secretaries will make your child a sandwich, however this can be very time consuming as the office is very busy during those times.

Arrival, Dismissal and picking students up early

Please ensure that students are dropped off safely to school before 9am, otherwise they will be signed as a Partial Absence, and if they do not come into the office are marked absent. We have also had a number of students waiting to be picked up in the office after 3.30pm. Duty of care is from 8.25am to 3.30pm. If you do need to pick up your child for an appointment, please notify the office via email and we will ensure your child will be in the office at the designated time. Students are usually out in various playgrounds at recess and lunch, and therefore hard to locate. We also ask parents to come into the office to collect their child. Please do not ring the office and ask for your child to walk down the stairs and out the gate on their own. This is not permitted.

School Fees

Instalment 3 statement has been sent out and payment is due on the 23 August. If you have not received a statement, please contact Nicole at the office.

Book Week Parades	
Friday August 25 Area C	Kindergarten, Year One and Year Two after assembly on Area C (approx 9:15 am)
Friday August 25 Area C	Year Three, Four, Five and Six after K- 2 Parade on Area C (9:45 am)

Scholastic Book fair	Please note below the opening times for parent purchases:
Monday August 21	8:25 am - 9:15 am 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm
Tuesday August 22	8:25 am - 9:15 am 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm
Wednesday August 23	8:25 am - 9:15 am 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm
Thursday August 24	8:25 am - 9:15 am 2:30 pm - 3:15 pm
Friday August 25	8:25 am - 11:00 am NOTE: Book Fair closes at 11:00 - no afternoon session today)

Term 3 Dates

Friday 18th August Kindergarten 2024 Sibling Interviews

Monday 21st August Kindergarten 2024 Sibling Interviews

Monday 21st August- Friday 25th August Wellbeing Week

Tuesday 22nd August Year 3 excursion to Sydney Olympic Park

Thursday 24th August Captivate for Junior & Senior Choirs, Ukulele Group

Monday 28th August Father's Day Stall

Tuesday/Wednesday 29th & 30th August Musica Viva

Friday 25th August Diocesan Athletics

Thursday 31st August Father's Day Liturgy

Friday 1st September Pupil Free Day (Staff Development Day)

Friday 15th September Meerkat Productions

Friday 15th September Stage 2 Touch Football (Years 3 & 4)

Friday 22nd September Fun Run and last day of Term 3

Term 3 Holidays Monday 25th September to 6th October 2023

Important Dates for Term 4

Monday 9th October Pupil Free Day (Staff Development Day)

Tuesday 10th October Pupil Free Day (Staff Development Day)

Wednesday 11th October 1st Day of Term 4 for all students

On Tuesday 15th August we celebrate the Feast of Assumption Of Our Mother Mary. This is a significant Day in the Catholic Church.

Thank You

I have, on occasion, mentioned my mother who was to be 103 years young next week. My mother passed away peacefully last week and was laid to rest on Tuesday. Fr Paul presided over a beautiful liturgy that reflected a celebration of her life. I want to thank all those who have passed on their condolences. It was a difficult time, but at no time, did I feel alone. I would like to especially thank Mrs Romanous and the wonderful staff of OLQP who have supported me during this time. I remain truly blessed to be part of such a caring community.

Thank you again.

Have a great week

Michael Hopley
Principal

