



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY

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Dear Parents, students and teachers,

We have had a great start to the year with our children settling well into their new routines.

Some information has already been sent home regarding our routines, school readiness, curriculum overviews and changes to arrival and dismissal. This information can be reviewed as it remains available on COMPASS for 70 days.

Mass will be held on Wednesday 15th February at 10.30am. Our Mass is a great opportunity to welcome our new students and staff and acknowledge the new 2023 student leaders. The Church will be quite crowded with limited seating for parents but we do love having you come to this special event.

Our Ash Wednesday Liturgy will be held on wednesday 22nd February to begin the Season of Lent. Year 6 will attend the Parish Mass and some leaders from St Paul's College will help with the distribution of ashes for the rest of our children.

2024 Kindergarten Enrolments and Open Day

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2024 are now open. You are welcome to collect an application form from the school office, or download the application form from the School Website should you wish a younger sibling to enrol into the school.

Applications will close Friday 31st March 2023. Our Open Day for new parents who wish to enrol their children for 2024 will be held on **Thursday 9th March - 9.30am sharp.**

P&F Meeting

Our first P&F meeting will be held on Monday 27th February in the staffroom at 7.00pm. Access will be through the main gate in front of the office. At the meeting, we will talk about some of the activities that parents can support this year as well as information about the building project and other initiatives. We look forward to seeing you at this first meeting.

School Fees

School fees statements will be sent out by the 24th February 2023. If you have not received a statement, please contact the school office. The first instalment of school fees is due on the 15th of March unless you have organised other payment arrangements.

Parking

At the beginning of every year it takes some time to get used to traffic movement around the school in the mornings and afternoons. Residents on Braeside Road have been concerned this week about people parking over their driveways. Please

be conscious of this as it restricts their movements. Police will be patrolling the area from time to time and the penalty for this infringement is significant.

Sports dates

Following are our sports dates for 2023. These dates can change particularly with the weather so changes will be listed on our Parent Calendar (available on COMPASS).

	Week	Date	Event	Location
Term 1	Wk 6	Fri 3/3/23	Cross Country	Daniel St Park
	Wk 7	Tues 7/3/23	Zone Swimming	Mt Druitt
	Wk 7	Fri 10/3/23	Cross Country (Back-up)	Daniel St Park
	Wk 8	Tues 14/3/23	Diocesan Swimming	Blacktown
Term 2	Wk 3	Wed 10/5/23	Diocesan Cross Country	Eastern Creek
	Wk 6	Fri 2/6/23	Stage 3 Soccer GIRLS	Penrith
	Wk 7	Wed 7/6/23	Stage 3 Soccer BOYS	Penrith
	Wk 9	Fri 23/6/23	Athletics Carnival	Holroyd
	Wk 10	Tues 27/6/23	Stage 2 Soccer	Penrith
	Wk 10	Fri 30/6/23	Athletics Carnival (Back-up)	Holroyd
Term 3	Wk 4	Tues 8/8/23	Zone Athletics	Blacktown
	Wk 6	Fri 25/8/23	Diocesan Athletics	Blacktown
	Wk 8	Tues 5/9/23	Netball	<i>tbc</i>
	Wk 9	Fri 15/9/23	Stage 2 Touch	St Marys
Term 4	Wk 2	Mon 16/10	Basketball	Cambridge Park
	Wk 3	Fri 27/10/23	Stage 3 Touch	St Marys
	Wk 8	Fri 1/12/23	Swimming Carnival	Blacktown
	Wk 9	Fri 8/12/23	Swimming Carnival (Back-up)	Blacktown

Other Important Dates

Friday 24th February Visit from Cerdon College regarding enrolments

Monday 27th February Visit from St Paul's College regarding enrolments

Monday 27th February Parents and Friends Meeting at 7.00pm in the Office area

Monday 6th to Friday 10th March Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday 8th March Cool School (Classrooms will be open from 3.30pm to 5.30pm. This is a celebration of your child's learning and their achievements.

Wednesday 15th March to 27th March NAPLAN test dates for OLQP students in grades 3 and 5 will commence. All schools will participate in NAPLAN online

A student's prayer for the Beginning of the School Year

*Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.
Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.
Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new
school year brings.*

*Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.
Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to
accept new opportunities.*

*Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in
my new friends.*

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Have a great year
Michael Hopley
Principal