



OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE PRIMARY

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Dear Parents,

Haircuts and Uniform

I mentioned in the last newsletter that haircuts and uniform are an important part of the culture of our school community. It is important that students understand that they need to be ready to enter a classroom knowing that learning is a significant task. Part of being ready for learning is wearing the uniform correctly and having appropriate haircuts. Please make sure that haircuts in particular are attended to at the beginning of the term.

As mentioned last term also, the school crest was added to the girls winter uniform and will now be added to the girls summer uniform on a white collar. This change was made as our school crest, like our uniform, is copyrighted. Many of our Diocesan schools now have contracts with their uniform distributors that define every item sold as being part of the School identity. Another company is currently selling a copy of our uniform and this has legal ramifications. There is no change to the overall cost of the summer or winter dress. If parents want to add the crest and white collar to the current girls summer uniform, OzFashions has offered to do this at a minimal cost (\$5). **This however is not compulsory** and the change will be phased in over the next few years.

Important Dates

Wednesday 26 th July	-	Grandparents Mass 9.15am
Tuesday 15 th August	-	Assumption Mass (times to be announced)
Tuesday 15 th August	-	Musica Viva
Thursday 24 th August	-	Book Fair begins
Thursday 31 st August	-	Fathers Day BBQ from 7.45am, Open Classes from 8.00am, Liturgy 9.15am, Infants Sports Carnival 10.00am
Friday 1st September	-	Pupil Free Day
Thursday 7 th September	-	60 th Anniversary Mass 1.45pm
Friday 22 nd September	-	Walkathon

Playground changes

New shade sails will be erected outside the office area for added sun protection. More shade sails will be erected in the back playground next to the music room in the near future. This work has begun and hopefully will be finished soon. Pole padding has been added to some of the larger posts in the playground. These have been added for the protection of children playing in particular areas and to support those children with visual difficulties. Large boxes have been placed in 5 playgrounds so that the children will have equipment to use at recess and lunch times and we have erected signs in each of the playgrounds so that the children will know the rules pertaining to safety in each area.

PBS4L

Positive Behaviour Support for Learning is an initiative that will be introduced over the course of the second half of this year. It will help all the stake-holders in our community – students, teachers and parents to establish a culture of co-operation that supports the work of our school. We will need to define the “work of our school” and the values that underpin this work. Our first Parent Information evening will be on **Wednesday 26th July at 7.00pm in the library**. More information will follow.

Kindy playground Equipment

Unfortunately the play equipment in the Kindergarten playground has been installed very poorly and not in keeping with the original contract. An independent company has assessed the installation and found that there are some components that are not compliant with Australian standards. Final payment has been withheld from the company until these problems are rectified and passed by the certifier. I will continue to pursue this matter until I am assured that the equipment is completely safe for the children to use.

Online Ordering

We are very excited to announce the launch of our online ordering system for the canteen and the Uniform shop. This has been a significant negotiation between OLQP, Catholic Education, the Diocesan Development Fund, the Commonwealth Bank and Qkr (by Mastercard).

The service will allow parents to order lunches from the canteen in advance and uniforms from the uniform shop ahead of seasonal changes. (The uniform shop is happy to exchange items if they are the wrong size.) Another great advantage is the added security of cashless financial exchanges at our school. In the near future we will also be able to use the Qkr app for other areas such as fundraising.

For information on how to download and use the app go to the canteen website (olqpgreystanescanteen.com). The app is available on iTunes for iPhones or Googleplay for android phones and search for Qkr. Please remember to accept push notifications and allow GPS location access if prompted in order to get the full functionality out of the Qkr app – these settings on Apple devices can be turned off at any time if you prefer. Once the app is downloaded our school service will be available. Otherwise if more than 10km away search Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes to find the service.

Canteen orders can be made at any time but will close at **9.00 am** each canteen day. Parents have the ability to order up to 2 weeks ahead. It also allows you to recall lunch orders up to a minute before the daily cut-off time and gives you an account credit to use later. So if your child is sick or away unexpectedly you can cancel your order. However this will not be available on school payment options, the sushi menu and some special meal deal day events as they are organised well in advance. Should you have any questions regarding the use of the Qkr app for the canteen please contact Kim Farrugia. Questions can be sent to olqpgreystanescanteen@gmail.com I would encourage families to use the service and if you are able to volunteer in the canteen, Mrs Farrugia can still certainly use your help in processing orders.

For uniforms, orders can be made at any time to the Uniform Shop. Once the order has been received it will be processed and the uniform items will be sent to the school office to be collected by your child.

This online application is a great service to the community that will make ordering easier and encourage a cashless environment. We will trial the service over the course of term 3 and I encourage you to let us know if it is helpful and effective.

Yours faithfully



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Principal