

OLQP Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 2019



Dear Parents, students and teachers,

Our congratulations to Mrs Romanous who was appointed to the permanent position of Assistant Principal for 2020. I would like to take the opportunity of thanking her for all her support and exceptional leadership ability over the last 12 months. I look forward to working with her in this capacity as our school moves into a new era of learning.

I would also like to welcome two new members of staff Mrs Nicole Chaumont and Mr Gregory Tyszkiewicz who will be with us in 2020. Over the next few weeks I will publish a list of our staff for 2020.

Our last P&F meeting for 2019 will take place on **Tuesday 26th November at 7.00pm** in the main office area. The agenda will include an important update on our building project; the new canteen; considerations around parent participation; the role of the P&F in 2020 and the future of our whole site including the Pre-school and St. Pauls College. **Everyone is invited to attend.**

Classes are currently being organised for next year and it is important that parents do not make requests for positions. As you can imagine any requests can cause significant difficulties in management. Our staff are all well trained, quality educators and it is not appropriate to request a particular teacher. The staff are working very hard to create classes that are equitable in every respect. Your son/daughter may not be with their best friend in the classroom but will be with them in the playground.

A reminder also that if you are moving or changing schools for 2020 could you please let us know as soon as possible. There are a number of families on our waiting list for enrolment.

On Monday evening the band performed their annual showcase for parents. This was a wonderful event and the children demonstrated their efforts with a range of instruments. Our thanks to Mr Ciccarelli for his great expertise in this area.

This week years 5 and 6 have joined with years 7 and 8 from St. Paul's College to have a writer's workshop. A number of prominent authors and illustrators will be working with the students to motivate the students, encourage their creativity and improve their writing skills. Our thanks to Mrs Violi (St Paul's College) and Miss Cassar for organising this significant event.

This year we are holding a Christmas Concert in the hall on Tuesday 17th December. Kinder, Years 1 and 2 will perform in the morning and Years 3 to 6 will perform in the middle session.



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Important Dates to

Remember for 2020:

Following are important dates for the first week of school in 2018:

**Monday 27th January – Australia Day
Public Holiday**

**Tuesday 28th January – Staff
Development Day (Pupil Free Day).**

**Wednesday 29th January – (parents
can book from our website).**

**Thursday 30th January – All children
start school including Kindergarten**

Dates to Remember for 2019:

**Nursing Home Christmas
Concert - Thursday 5th
December at 10am in the Hall**

**Swimming Carnival Friday
6th December -Yrs 2-5
Blacktown Aquatic Centre**

**Change over day - Thursday
12th December**

**Year 6 Farewell Mass -
Monday 16th December at
6pm at OLQP Church**

**Christmas Concert - Tuesday
17th December**

**Year 6 Fun Day - Wednesday
18th December**

**Term 4 finishes and school
closes - Wednesday**

18th December

We would appreciate your support with the school uniform and appropriate haircuts. Particularly at this time of the year, the children need to understand the importance of being ready for school. Wearing the correct school uniform without extras and having appropriate haircuts is part of this readiness.

Our building project continues to be an impressive construct. There have been minimal difficulties with movement around the school and no interruptions to learning. We are very grateful to the construction company who take great care in keeping the site safe for our students. Stage one, which will be 4 grade spaces, is still on target to be completed by August next year.

At a time when our country is being ravaged by drought and fire, and peoples loved ones and homes have been so badly affected, it is timely for our children to remember that we all part of a larger community and we ask God to be with those families in need.

*I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays
down His life for the sheep....(John 10:11)*

Have a great week.

Michael Hopley

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