# NEWSLETTER

Term 1 Week 4



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### February 2014

#### Thur 20th:

Uniform Shop 8:30-10am

#### Sat 22nd:

• Uniform Shop 8:30-10am

#### Tue 25th:

Captivate rehearsal
10am–2pm

#### Thur 27th:

Uniform Shop 8:30-10am

#### Fri 28th:

Diocesan Swimming
Carnival

#### Sat 29th:

• Uniform Shop 8:30-10am

#### March 2014

#### Wed 5th:

Ash Wednesday

#### Mon 10th -Fri 14th:

Catholic Schools Week

#### Mon 17th:

• St Patricks Day

#### Wed 19th:

St Josephs Day





**19th February 2014** 

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#### Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

It's hard to believe that we are in week 4 of our first term but as I move around the classrooms I can see children already focused on the learning at hand.

By now you will have read the sad news that Mrs Moulds is leaving us to move to another school. I would like to publicly thank her for all her hard work and the way in which she has cared for all of us- students, teachers and parents. She will be missed and we wish her well in her new endeavours.

It was great to see lots of our families represented at the first P&F Meeting for the year. There are lots of activities planned for the year and we hope that even more families will attend in the weeks to come. Your support of the school through the P&F activities is greatly appreciated.

As previously mentioned we are having our Parent/Teacher interviews next week. Thank you to all those who have booked a time from the online booking system. If you are unable to book please contact the teacher, through the school office, to make a time to meet. This interview should be a great opportunity to share information about your child for the beginning of a new school year.

I would like to call your attention to some significant procedures in our school that highlight the need for safety and school readiness: From Monday 24th February the gate on Old Prospect Road will be closed from 8.45am to 3.30pm. It is important that we understand that parents and students **should not** be using this as an entrance or exit to the school. The only exceptions are those families who need to use the disabled parking area. In the same vein, it is important in the Kiss and Ride area that children should not be getting in or out of cars from the drivers side. For safety reasons please make sure they use the passenger side at all times. In the mornings parents should not get out of their cars to see their children off as this holds up the traffic. It is important to be aware of all our families using the Kiss and Ride area.

To support the safety considerations of the Kiss and Ride procedure we will separate the children into 2 groups. Kiss and Ride 1 children will be those children whose surnames range from A to K. They will move to the Blue room for dismissal at 3.05pm. Kiss and Ride 2 will be children whose surnames range from L to Z and they will move to the Blue Room at 3.10pm. Please discuss this with your child and we will implement the procedure beginning next Monday. This week we also we hope to issue parents with a name card that can be used on the dashboard of your car for easy identification.

In terms of school readiness I have asked that children wear running shoes that are predominantly white as part of the school uniform requirements. These rules are in place to avoid variations on what should be a collective approach to uniform. Wrist bands, nail polish and necklaces are also not part of the uniform.

I have also previously mentioned the use of mobile phones at school. They are not a necessary item and parents need to write a note addressed to me if they feel that a mobile phone is needed. In any case the phone must be handed in to the office on arrival at school.

Lord God,

At the beginning of this new year teach us to be your hands and feet where we are, At the beginning of this new term teach us to love as you love us At the beginning of each new day teach us to pray for those in need and seek you in everyone we meet. Amen



Have a great week.

Michael Hopley

Principal

# Teaching About Anger --- Matthew 5:21-26

Part of this Sunday's Gospel was around Jesus' teachings about anger. Anger is a very common human experience and in today's society, more than ever, we are publicly confronted with it's aftermath. Many situations make us angry on a daily basis; people make us angry; we get angry with ourselves; things don't go our way.

Sometimes when we are angry we know we are wrong to feel this way but often can't help the way we feel. Much more often, we think we are right to feel angry. We think that it is the fault of others who have made us feel this way — they have made us angry. Sometimes we are provoked by certain situations and this makes us angry and we feel that it is our right then, because of the situation, to express our anger.

Jesus sees anger as a very serious problem that needs to be dealt with immediately and not left to fester. Angry feelings, if they are nursed and not dealt with, become hatred.

Anger is a natural feeling and emotion. Jesus himself felt anger but He never let it lead him to sin. When he was betrayed, insulted, ridiculed, tortured and crucified, he had full right to feel angry. However, Jesus let go of all feelings of anger and forgave his oppressors: 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do' (Luke 23:34). Jesus does not say that we cannot feel anger. What he does say is that we do not have the right, in normal circumstances, to hang on to it and express it. Instead we need to let it go.

By calling on the Lord's grace we are strengthened to be able to do this. Christ's Spirit will give us the power to fulfil his commandment to live as he did.

# Father, help me with your grace to let my anger go and to live in peace.

Blessings for a wonderful week, Rebecca Lloyd REC



Please join us for our Children's Mass on Sunday 2nd March 10am in the Church.

If you have any old palm leaves from last year's Palm Sunday could you please bring them in ASAP and give them to Mrs Lloyd to be burnt for Ash Wednesday.



## **OFFICE NEWS**

## SCHOOL FEES

The school fees statements will be sent out by the Parramatta CEO

#### Term 1 payments are due on 7th March 2014.

If you have not received your school fee statements contact the school office to get a copy printed.

If you wish to pay your fees using the Flexible Payment Plan, please complete the paperwork supplied with your fee statements and return via mail in the prepaid envelope supplied to the Parramatta Catholic Education Office (not the school office).

## A NOTE OF THANKS FROM MRS MOULDS

Dear OLQP School Community,

As you would be aware by now, Friday 21st February will be my last day at OLQP before taking up a position as the Finance Officer at Trinity Catholic Primary School, Kemps Creek.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, parents, friends and staff of the OLQP community. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here at OLQP and will always cherish the special memories and the people I have met.

I am very sad to be leaving the OLQP office and I will miss everyone dearly as I have made many friends here. The decision to leave has not been an easy one, but this is a wonderful opportunity for me and I will be working closer to home (no more M4!!).

I will take with me many happy memories of my time at Our Lady Queen of Peace.

Thank you and God bless. Míchelle Moulds



#### **OFFICE NEWS**

#### SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

OLQP has a few avenues of communicating with our families.

- Hard Copy— Important notes, excursion notes & permission slips will be sent home with students.
- Website/Email—Important alerts and the fortnightly newsletter are issued via the E-News subscription. To subscribe to E-News go to the school website www.olqpgreystanes.catholic.edu.au and click on Subscribe to E-News.
- Skoolbag—This is an app for iPhones and Android phones. See the information below about how to install Skoolbag onto your mobile phone.



#### How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

#### iPhone Users

Simply search for your school name in the App Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

After the app is installed on your phone, make sure that you select "OK" to allow push notifications. Also click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.



#### Android Users

Simply search for your school name in the Google Play Store on your phone, PC or Mac, and install.

After the app is installed click on "more" then "Setup" and select which categories you would like to receive push notifications for.



Don't forget to like us on Facebook! Clike







## **NEWS**

2014 SCHOOL TERM DATES				
Term 1	Thursday 30th January	to	Friday 11th April (Years 1-6)	
	Monday 3rd February	to	Friday 11th April (Kindergarten only)	
Term 2	Monday 28th April	to	Friday 27th June	
Term 3	Monday 14th July	to	Friday 19th September	
Term 4	Tuesday 7th October	to	Friday 19th December	

## **MOBILE PHONES & IPODS**

Mobile phones and iPods are unnecessary items to have at school. If your child needs to bring a mobile phone because they are travelling by bus or walking you must adhere to the following guidelines:

- Please provide a letter to the Principal advising that your child will bring a phone to school.
- <u>Phones MUST be clearly labelled with the student's name</u>



- All phones must be handed in to the office staff in the morning and collected at the end of the day
- Phones must be switched off.
- Phones <u>cannot be used</u> whilst students are on the school grounds, waiting for buses or waiting to be collected. If necessary, calls to parents can be made from the office.
- Ipods <u>are not</u> to brought to school.

## **PARKING CONCERNS**

We have received calls from concerned neighbours regarding people parking across their driveways before and after school.

Could you please be courteous when parking around the school grounds as blocking driveways is an offence.



## **OFFICE NEWS**



## **OLSP PARISH**

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FREE OUTDOOR CINEMA

Saturday 1st March 2014

**Outside the Camilleri Hall,** 

**Old Prospect Road, Greystanes** 

Gates open at 7pm

Enter from the Church carpark

Movie will start when the sun goes down.

There will be a BBQ Sausage Sizzle available or

You can BYO your own picnic/snacks.



Invite your family and friends!



This is an outdoor event so please prepare accordingly.

## **OLQP COMMUNITY CALENDARS**

OLQP are selling 2014 Calendars in the office for the discounted price of \$10.

The calendars show a combination of information from St Pauls

College, OLQP School and the OLQP Parish.

The calendars are colourful and informative.



## FRED HOLLOWS FOUNDATION

One of our staff members, Ms Martes Micallef, is participating in the *Wild Women on Top Sydney Coastrek 2014 100km Team Challenge* at the end of February.

The challenge is being held to raise funds for the Fred Hollows Foundation to help restore the sight to needlessly blind people around the world.

Attached to this newsletter is the flyer giving information on how to donate on behalf of Martes.

Thank you to all the families who have donated already.

Martes Micallef



#### SPORTS NEWS

#### FROM THE SPORTS COORDINATOR....

#### Swimming Carnival

A wonderful day was had by all the Primary Students at last week's annual swimming carnival. We were fortunate enough to have a lovely sunny day for the carnival with each child being involved in a variety of events including 50 & 25 metre races, novelty events and relays.

A very big thank you to all the parents who kindly assisted on the day with the time-keeping and recording. The day was a huge success because of your support and organization. The Spirit Award was won by Chisholm and the overall house champions on the day were Macquarie with 204 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Wentworth, 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Lawson and 4<sup>th</sup> place to Chisholm. Well done to all of our House captains who organized their house teams with cheering and keeping their area tidy on the day.

We would like to acknowledge the following students for their outstanding success as school champions:

Junior Champions	- Logan Fowler & Trisha Castelino	
11year old Champions	- Sarah Denniss & Massimo Orlando	
Senior Champions	- Therese Schibaia & Carl Sorensen	

Overall our school champions, who gained the most points on the day were:

Sarah Denniss (5G) Carl Sorensen (6AD)

A very big congratulations to these students for their performance and endurance.

We would like to congratulate the following children who are representing our school at the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival at Parramatta Pool today. We look forward to hearing about their successes.

Christina Callaghan			
Trisha Castelino			
Logan Fowler			
Claudia Lardieri			
Jack Meredith			
Jake Nuner			
Daniel Pedavoli			
Joshua Russell			
Hayden Shaw			
Carl Sorensen			
Michael Vicic			

Melinda Gray

Keely Callaghan Michael Denniss Tristan Khamis Nicola Lubczyk Megan Mifsud Antonio Orlando Isabella Pettroccitto Enrique Santos Madison Sherry Sophia Vicic Bianca Bezzina Charlotte Duff James Carr Sarah Denniss Breeanah Khoury Joshua Madeleine Brooke Mifsud Massimo Orlando Aaron Rocha Therese Schibaia Jaime Shore Andre Vitale Hanna Khoury



#### SPORTS NEWS

#### CUMBERLAND ZONE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Yesterday, 18th February, several students from OLQP competed at the Cumberland Zone Swimming Carnival and we are extremely pleased to announce that.....

#### OLQP WON THE DAY!! 1st Overall...

## CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT EFFORT.

Special congratulations goes to the following students:

Carl Sorensen	- Senior Boys Champion
Trisha Castelino	- Junior Girls Champion
Sarah Denniss	- 11 Year Girls Runner Up



Trisha Castelino also broke the Zone record for 50m Butterfly.

Our relay teams also performed well with the Senior Boys, Junior Boys and Junior Girls all coming 1st and the Senior Girls came 2nd.

CONGRATULATIONS to all our wonderful swimmers for their efforts and their exceptional behaviour on the day. They all represented OLQP with pride.

Thank you to the parents who attended to offer support and to Miss Basso and Ms Micallef for assisting on the day.



## CANTEEN NEWS

#### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Thursday 20th February:

Liz Cusbert, Susan Kizana, Therese Kazzi, Cathy Grew

Friday 21st February:

Carol Sioufi, Effie Bonovas, Maggie Sabbagh, Amanda Heimann, Allison Sorensen

Monday 24th February:

Nicole Denniss, Joanne Cozzupoli, Margaret Elcham, Vivianne Russell

Tuesday 25th February:

Margurite O'Connor, Kim Nuner

Wednesday 26th February:

Sandra Wilson, Ally Tsalikis, Cynthia La Rosa, Kalyn Wong

Thursday 27th February:

Rebecca Simari, Fay Abdel-Ahad, Teresa Rota, Cara Pedavoli

Friday 28th February:

Gaye Dennis, Wilma Paolini, Vicki Yousiph, Joanne Lee

Monday 3rd March:

Rosa Petroccitto, Talene Hanna, Sonia Asmus

Tuesday 4th March:

Maree Callaghan, Eleanor D'Souza

Wednesday 5th March:

Diane Galea, Anne David, Kalyn Wong



#### HELP WANTED.....

We need some Kindy parents to assist with selling ice blocks to Kindy at lunchtime.

Please let Kim know if you are available to assist.

## MENU UPDATE

Please note the following items are EXTRAS when ordering lunches:

Sauce 30¢ Paper Bag 20¢



# **BIRTHDAY BUCKETS**

The canteen has introduced......

#### ICE BLOCK BIRTHDAY BUCKETS

The Ice Block Birthday Buckets are a great alternative to cup cakes, they are a great for children with allergies and they are fuss free—just pre order from the canteen and Kim will deliver them to your child's classroom where they can hand them out to their classmates.

There are 4 options available:

- C Lemonade Icy Twists
- Calippos



- Quelch Fruit Sticks
- Juices

The buckets will have a special birthday message for the Birthday Girl or Boy but the buckets must be returned to the canteen.

If you would like to order a Birthday Bucket for your child/children please see Kim in the canteen.









**OUR LADY OF MERCY COLLEGE PARRAMATTA** 

Discover what a Mercy education can do for your daughter at the OLMC Parramatta Open Day on

# Sunday March 2, 2014 10am – 2pm

Principal's welcome at 10.00am and 12.00pm Visit the College website to reserve your place

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# St Pauls Catholic College, Greystanes - Enrolments for Year 7, 2015

In Week 5, of this Term (24th - 28th February 2014), students and teachers from St Pauls will be visiting Year 6 students of feeder Catholic primary schools to outline what St Pauls has to offer young men of faith. At these information meetings enrolment packs will be distributed to all boys in Year 6.



On **Tuesday 11th March from 3.30pm - 6.30pm** there will be an opportunity for all interested in attending St Pauls Catholic College to visit the campus at our Open Afternoon. Those attending will be able to see our school grounds, view our facilities and speak with students and members of staff.

Address: 198 Old Prospect Road, Greystanes - Phone: (02) 8868 3799, - Fax: (02) 8868 3799 Web: www.stpaulsgreystanes.catholic.edu.au - Email:: stpaulsgreystanes@parra.catholic.edu.au





# FACTSHEET

#### WHAT IS THE RETUNE?

As the final step in Australia's move to digital-only TV, some channels will change frequencies. After they've changed, you'll need to retune your digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder to find the channels that have moved.

These moves will free up broadcasting spectrum so that it can be used for new services such as mobile broadband. Just like the switch to digital-only TV, the retune is being carefully planned to make sure the change is as easy as possible. Different areas will need to retune on different dates, so to find your date visit the website at www.digitalready.gov.au/retune where you can sign up for a reminder SMS or email.

#### WHO DOES IT AFFECT?

The retune will affect most TV viewers in Australia. But if you are watching TV via the Viewer Access Satellite Television (VAST) service, the retune won't affect you. If you watch your free-to-air channels via pay TV, your set-top box may be retuned for you by your provider.

You may find some of your equipment will automatically detect changes to the channels and retune itself, or it may prompt to retune. If you are missing a free-to-air digital TV channel or channels you will need to retune.

If you live in an apartment, you may be using a shared antenna system. If you are experiencing issues trying to retune your digital TV equipment after your retune date, you should first contact your property manager or body corporate.

#### HOW DO I RETUNE?

If you are missing TV channels, you can start by pressing the "MENU" button on your remote then look for your "set-up" options.

Next, try to find words like: "channels" or "auto-tuning".

#### WHEN DO I RETUNE?

Your retune date depends on your location and the transmitter from which you are receiving your TV signal. To find your retune date, enter your address into the 'Get retune info' box on the website at www.digitalready.gov.au/retune.

You'll need to retune your digital TV, set-top box or digital TV recorder on or after your area's retune date, not before.

Some people within the same town or city will have different retune dates. This is because some areas may be serviced by a number of TV transmitters. The retune will take place across Australia progressively until the end of 2014.



You'll need to retune your digital TV, settop box or digital TV recorder on or after your retune date.

Different areas will retune on different dates.

Find out your retune date by entering your address on our website at www.digitalready.gov. au/retune

You can also sign up for a reminder SMS or email about your retune date.



Visit www. digitalready.gov. au/retune or call the Digital Ready Information Line on 1800 20 10 13. Barn to IOpm (AEST), 7 days.

Want more information?

📟 www.digitalready.gov.au/retune

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## WHY DO I NEED TO RETUNE?

Some TV channels are being moved to free up broadcasting spectrum so that it can be used for new services such as mobile broadband.

#### SERVICE DISRUPTIONS

There are likely to be some service disruptions around the time of the retune date, due to work being conducted at the transmission site. These temporary outages are unlikely to last longer than a few hours and you aren't required to do anything during these periods. If you have lost any TV channels before your retune date you may be trying to retune during a scheduled outage.

## PARENTAL LOCKS AND FAVOURITES

If you use favourites or parental lock settings, you may wish to write these down before you retune, as retuning might delete these settings.

## **HELP AND ADVICE**

If you are having difficulty retuning your equipment, check your manufacturer's handbook for instructions on how to retune, ask a friend or family member to help you, visit the retune website at **www.digitalready.gov.au/retune** or call the Digital Ready Information Line on **1800 20 10 13**, Bam to 10pm (AEST), 7 days.

There will be advertising in your area in the lead-up to your retune date. Local community organisations will also be informed about the retune in their area so they can help spread the word too.

Want more information?







