



# Our Lady Queen of Peace

## Newsletter – Term 3 Week 2, 2015

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

Welcome back to school and a busy Term 3. I hope that your experiences with half yearly reports and interviews were informative and gave you a chance to set some goals for the second half of the year.

Our prayers are needed for Fr. Paul who is currently recovering from an operation on his hip that took place during the holidays. There were a few complications and he is very tired but progressing slowly. We hope to see him back in our Parish in September.

Congratulations to all those children who have begun the process of Confirmation. They too will be in our prayers as they begin their journey of re-visiting their Baptismal promises and learning more about how the Holy Spirit can inspire them in their faith.

We held our Primary Athletics Carnival today. Thank you to all the parents who helped and make the day special for the children. We will be selecting a team to represent us at the zone carnival on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our major fund-raising event for this year will be our school walkathon that will be held on the last day of Term 3 (18<sup>th</sup> September). It will be a fun day for all, and all the proceeds will be put towards re-surfacing all our playground areas. This will incorporate active and passive play areas. The Parents and Friends Committee have already contributed money to buying play equipment and they are meeting this week with the teachers to plan the walkathon. More details will be given out next week. If anyone knows a business that may be interested in sponsoring the event or if any parent is able to help on the day please contact me or Mrs Gerardis our P&F President (0404870810).

Next week our staff will be involved in Peer Review which is part of our overall compliance for registration as a school. This is a requirement of the NSW Board of Studies for all schools. The teachers will be involved in discussions with other schools and CEDP personnel regarding their teaching programs, the use of our National Syllabus and the general implementation of teaching and learning strategies in their classrooms. We wish them all well in this professional development experience.

Have a great week!

*Michael Hopley*  
Principal



## ***PUPIL FREE DAY***

There will be a pupil-free day on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September**. Please do not send children to school, as there will be no supervision for students on this day.

## ***CANTEEN NEWS***

The Canteen menu for Term 3 is now available on the school website. Please note that there is no price increases, however, Sushi and Lebanese pizzas will only be offered as a Meal Deal. Please ensure you keep an eye out for your child/rens class flyer which will be coming home over the coming weeks. The meal deal flyers that went home this week for Years 2 and 5 are for **Monday 27 July - Thursday 30 July**. Orders must be in no later than Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Also, the canteen roster is available on the school website. I am still looking for volunteers on many days, so if you are available and can spare a few hours, please pop in and see Kim in the Canteen.

## ***WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN***

The Woolworths earn & learn program has commenced once again for 2015. Please start collecting stickers for our school. Earn 1 sticker for every \$10 you spend. The more we earn, the more resources we can purchase for our school. Sticker sheets can be dropped off at Woolworths Greystanes and Woolworths Pemulwuy, or at the school office.

## The Catholic Diocese of Parramatta wants to hear from you

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# Safety Around Schools

## A Road Safety message from Holroyd City Council

As a new school year begins, it is important to keep road safety on the top of your mind.

School zones can get very busy during drop off and pick up times, it is important for parents and children to remember to take extra care when travelling to and from school.

Here are some tips to keep your children safe.

### Pedestrian Safety



**STOP**

Always hold hands with younger children.

**LOOK**

Look both ways for oncoming traffic before crossing the road.

**LISTEN**

Always use a pedestrian crossing where possible.

**THINK**

Never call your child across the road, wait for them on the school side.

### Parking Safety

Always obey the parking signs eg. No Stopping, No Parking and Bus Zone

Never park on the nature strip or across a footpath

Don't block residents driveways

Never park on or near a pedestrian crossing

Don't Double Park



### Bike Safety

Children must **ALWAYS** wear a correctly fitted helmet.

TIP: The helmet should fit low on the forehead so that 2 fingers fit between the helmet and the eyebrows.



Bicycles should be maintained regularly to ensure they are in good working condition.

Children under 12 years old should ride on the footpath.



### Bus Safety

Meet your child at the bus stop, **NEVER** on the opposite side of the road.

Wait until the bus has driven away before crossing the road.

Teach your child to stand back from the kerb and away from the traffic.

Remind your child if the bus has seatbelts, they must buckle up.



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