



Our Lady Queen of Peace

Newsletter – Term 3 Week 4, 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

A reminder that our next Pupil Free Day will be Friday 11th September

Fr. Paul is currently recovering from an operation on his hip. He is feeling better and is very grateful for all our thoughts and prayers. We look forward to seeing him back with us in September.

Congratulations to the OLQP Bulldogs who represented our school last week in an NRL knockout Competition. They made it through to the quarter finals and did very well.

Mrs Farrugia, our canteen supervisor, has launched a new canteen website. This is an excellent initiative from the canteen that includes our menu, dates for meal deals, parent's roster (always looking for volunteers), birthday buckets and contact details. The icon and link are on the front page of our OLQP website. Our thanks to Mrs Farrugia and all the helpers that make our canteen special.

Our walkathon (Friday 18th September) organisation is in full swing. In week 6 the children will receive their sponsorship forms and will be competing to see which grade can raise the most money. Mrs Farrugia has also organised a meal deal with the order forms that will go home soon. We need to remember that there won't be any lunch orders on this day. All proceeds from the day will go towards re-surfacing all our playground areas. 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).

Last week our staff were 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 from Years 3 and 4 were asked to present their teaching programs to a panel of educators including representatives from four other schools in our Diocese. As Principal I was very proud of their efforts as they spoke confidently about how the Stage two program is delivered for Mathematics and Religious Education. A special thanks to Mrs Romanous, Mrs Gore, Mr Van Der Walle and Miss Clancy who led the presentations.

Our next P & F meeting will be an Information night about Healthy Living, which will be held on Wednesday 12th August at 7.30pm in the library. We will have 3 guest speakers: Melissa Farrugia (Physiotherapist) discussing childhood obesity and physical activity guidelines, Alison Sigmund (Dietitian) discussing healthy eating, and Manny Laris (Personal Trainer) discussing weight loss and fitness strategies to maintain a healthy lifestyle. Please join us for a fun and informative session that will benefit you and your family.

Recently we have had some students arriving at school with haircuts that involve lines and partial shaving. The difficulty with any variations in appearance or uniform has two effects. One is that it begins to erode the whole notion of uniform and lined haircuts for example, can quickly lead to other inappropriate hair styles. The second effect is that students are not in the proper frame of mind to take their learning time seriously. Clothing and hairstyles for the weekend or holiday time are not the same as those for school work time. Please consider the haircut styles are suitable for children attending school.

We currently have a problem with our main gates that require them to be locked from the inside. Hopefully this will only be necessary for a few weeks. During this time I would ask for your patience when entering the school during the day as the secretaries will have to come from the office to unlock the gate (especially on Braeside Road).
Have a great week!

Michael Hopley
Principal

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.

BOOK CLUB

Mrs Wood will no longer accept book club orders. The orders have been placed and will be handed out once we receive them.

CANTEEN NEWS

Reminder Canteen will we open as normal at recess and lunch on Friday. We will be also accepting Normal Lunch Orders. Our winter birthday buckets are now available. Please see the website for all the information, details and pictures.

Next Week's Meals Deals are for Kinder and Pre-school and orders are due back this Friday 7th August. A Full term planner is also available on the website for you to see when your class will have their Special Meal Deal Day.

The Term 3 Canteen Roster is also available in the Website, I still have quite a few days I am short please feel free to pop in if you have any spare time, parents are always more than welcome.

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