



Our Lady Queen of Peace

Newsletter – Term 3 Week 6, 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

A reminder that our Pupil Free Day this term is Friday 11th September.

This week we have seen some preliminary data from our 2015 NAPLAN testing. The results are positive and reflect the hard work of teachers and students. The individual reports will be sent home at the end of August.

A very big congratulations this week to our Infants and Junior Choirs, who both won first prize at the recent Penrith Eisteddfod. They performed magnificently and we are very grateful to Mrs Mahony and Mrs Grella who organised the event and trained our singers so well.

Our recent P&F meeting was a great success. Mr Laris, from our local community, spoke about personal training; Mrs Farrugia, one of parents and physiotherapist, spoke about posture and Mrs Sigmund, also a parent and Dietician, spoke about health living. It was a very informative evening with comments from many parents about how much good information they were able to take away and use at home. Our thanks to these parents and the P&F for organising this event. Our next P&F meeting will be 9th September in the library.

This week we started preparations for our walkathon. The children have been given their sponsorship forms and are busily discussing how they might get donations. An IPAD will be the first prize for the student who raises the most money. Another IPAD will be raffled. For every \$10 a student brings in they will be given a raffle ticket. The class that raises the most will be given a pizza lunch. All the money raised from the walkathon will go towards resurfacing our playground. This work will begin in the September holidays and hopefully be completed for by the beginning of Term 4. I hope all our families can support this major fundraising activity for the year.

Earlier this week a note went home explaining our mufti day. This will take place on Thursday 20th August. Two students from Year 6 have initiated the idea of raising money for two charities – Westmead Hospital Cancer Research and Guide Dogs for the Blind. We ask that children enjoy mufti dress for the day (sensible shoes not thongs or heels) and bring in a gold coin to donate.

I would like to call your attention to our new Canteen Website. The site is a great way to familiarise yourself with the items being sold, special meal deals and birthday ideas and if you want to volunteer your time to help Mrs Farrugia from time to time. The website is accessible from our school website: www.olqpgreystanes.catholic.edu.au

A new initiative has been launched recently in Sydney called *The Sydney Learning Festival*. It is an exciting, conference style program, for students from Years 5 to 8 and it is held across two days 21st to 22nd September. There is a variety of great learning opportunities on offer and I would encourage you to explore the website:
www.sydneylearningfestival.com.au/

A prayer for our children who are currently enrolled in the Confirmation Program.:

Spirit of God, spark our faith, hope and love into new action each day. Fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation. Amen.

Have a great week!

Michael Hopley

Principal

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

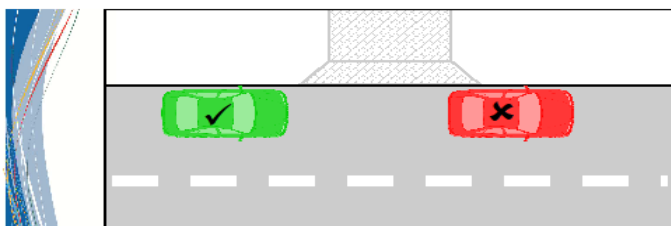
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CANTEEN NEWS

The Canteen Website is now up and running. We have had lots of positive feedback. If you missed it or haven't looked at it already, a link is available on the front page of the OLQP website. Don't forget to bookmark it on your IPAD or Phone browser for easier access. It has all the latest information on our School Canteen.

The Meal Deal individual classes for this term are nearly done with only 3 and 4 flyers to go home next week. If you have missed out, we will have 2 special whole school ones to go.

1. **Sushi Train on Wednesday 9th September** for all the Sushi lovers out there. Flyers to go home week 8.
2. **WALKATHON SAUSAGE SIZZLE**, - this will be offered on the last day of school Walkathon day. It is the first time we are offering a BBQ opportunity. Flyers will come home shortly. This will incorporate both recess and lunch deals. Parents will also have the option to pre-order. All money raised from this MEAL DEAL will go towards our playground resurfacing, so please support this fundraiser.

CATHERINE McAULEY SCHOOL OPEN

Catherine McAuley Westmead is now taking enrolments for Year 7 2017 and to assist parents in their choice of high school will be running two school open mornings with one in September and another in November for parents considering enrolment for their daughters.



Catherine McAuley Westmead School Open Morning

9.15 – 11am
Thursday 3rd September and Tuesday 3rd November 2015

Enrolments for Year 7 2017

Catherine McAuley is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2017. Each year the demand for places at Catherine McAuley exceeds what is available. Join us on either of our two upcoming school tours especially for Year 7 2017 applicants but open to any year group.

Our Open Morning is a great opportunity to tour around our school grounds, view our fantastic facilities and meet our students and teachers. You will have the opportunity to go into classrooms and see them in action. Both children and adults are most welcome.

Please contact School Reception on 9849 9100 if you would like to attend. Our school tours will leave at 9.15am and car parking will be available in the visitor's car parking area via Gate 3 from 9am onwards. Ask for details when making your booking.

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