



Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School

NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 3 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

THURSDAY 15 MAY

- ⇒ NAPLAN: Numeracy

FRIDAY 16 MAY

- ⇒ Mufti Day — Gold coin donation
- ⇒ Year 2 incursion CSIRO
- ⇒ Infants Dance Fever Disco and Sausage Sizzle starting @ 3:30pm to 5:45pm \$5 entry fee.

MONDAY 19 MAY

- ⇒ School Photos - winter uniform

TUESDAY 27 MAY

- ⇒ Senior Choir performing @ Good Shepherd Primary, Plumpton.

JUNE

MONDAY 9 JUNE

- ⇒ PUBLIC HOLIDAY — Queen's Birthday

WEDNESDAY 11 JUNE

- ⇒ P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm

TUESDAY 17 JUNE

- ⇒ Year 4 Incursion — CSIRO
- ⇒ Senior Choir performing at Nagle College, Blacktown
- ⇒ FRIDAY 20 JUNE
- ⇒ Year 4 Incursion — Sky Works Planetarium

THURSDAY 26 JUNE

- ⇒ Last day of Term 2



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, parents and teachers,

We are now accepting enrolments for Kindergarten 2015 and we have begun the interviewing process. **Enrolments close on Friday 30th May** and any applications received after this date will be placed on a waiting list. If you have a child of school age or know of someone who does, please contact the school and ask for an enrolment form. Alternatively you can download a form from our website.

On Monday this week a letter was sent home regarding the **Diocesan Works Fund** also known as **faith@work**. The fund is designed to support the many activities of our Diocese including those that support families in our community. Some families have contributed to this fund via envelopes distributed at Sunday Masses. For those families that haven't contributed we would ask that you consider donating during this week.

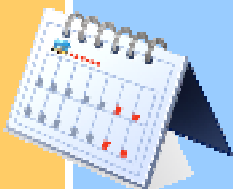
An important reminder that the last day of this term – **27th June**, will be a **pupil free day**. Our staff will be involved in a spirituality day as part of our professional development.

On **Friday** we will be having a **mufti day** for the whole school and an Infants (Kinder to Year 2 students) Disco in the afternoon. Our mufti day will be held to raise money for our fete. We ask parents to donate a gold coin so that we can begin purchasing items and booking rides for our fete in September. The infants Disco will be a great opportunity for the children to enjoy some music and the parents to meet in our main playground area.

I would like to draw your attention to our school website

(www.olqpgreystanes.catholic.edu.au) which has recently been upgraded. One of the important features is the school calendar which has dates on it for all major events across the year. The online booking service and the newsletters are also highlighted on the home page. We are now looking at attaching a 'Principal's Blog' and we will be upgrading the news events regularly.

All children are now in their **Winter Uniforms** and we will be ready for our school photos next Monday. Please remember that order forms for the school uniform can be downloaded from the website for easier processing from the uniform shop.



Our learning focus for this year is about helping children to develop good reading strategies. The enjoyment of reading really needs to be highlighted for our children who are growing up in an age of computer games and TV programs. Following are some tips for helping your child to enjoy reading and develop good reading habits:

- Read together every day;
- Talk about the story, the pictures, the words, the ideas etc;
- Select appropriate materials and have a variety;
- Praise your child's reading;
- Model reading aloud;
- Allow time for self correction;
- Have fun with reading;
- Use reading opportunities like signs and recipes;
- Build and use a collection of favourite stories;
- Develop your child's vocabulary by modelling the use of new words.

Have a great week

Michael Hopley

Principal

RELIGION NEWS:

4th Sunday of Easter

"I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full"

Last Sunday's Gospel talks to us about an image that we are very familiar with: Jesus, the Shepherd.

Many farmers have sheep; some in large flocks where each sheep is anonymous except for maybe an ear tag or some sort of branding and others who are in small flocks where each sheep might be known by name. Farmers with large flocks and people with just a few sheep both care for their sheep with passion and skill.

The metaphor Jesus uses in this Gospel relates to the small flocks of sheep that were common in His time. Each flock was looked after by a shepherd who knew each sheep by name, on a very individual basis. They had a very personal relationship with their carer, the shepherd, and it is this fact which is at the heart of Jesus' message in this gospel.

As human beings each of us needs to be known by others. It is these relationships that sustain us and enable us to "have life and have it to the full".

Being known to someone means more than them just remembering our name. Relationships are built when we are **truly** known to people. We make others aware of our life history, our family connections and community networks our successes and even our failures.

Jesus offers us this kind of relationship. He wants us to let Him know our **true** self. This is the "knowing" he means when he talks about the shepherd calling the sheep "one by one".

As human beings we may often be very private people or only truly reveal ourselves to a select trusted few. Our relationship with Jesus is completely different. There is no part of us which is unknown to Him. He is the only one who knows more about ourselves than we do and it is Him who helps this to be revealed.

Our relationship with Jesus the Shepherd could potentially be the most honest and transparent relationship we ever have! This relationship is the key to "having life and having life to the full".

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me"—John 10:14

Blessings for a wonderful week,

Rebecca Lloyd REC

And the winners are.....

1st prize Colouring Competition winner: Tiffany Jie from 2H who won a family pass to Taronga Zoo.

Also to the other winners **Brodie Kuchta from 3GO and Tatum Kuchta KR.**

Well done to all those students who entered.

The **Craft Market** is able to donate **over \$1000** to the **Orphans of Korampalayam** to help with education.

Your ongoing support is appreciated. ***Our next Craft Market is 22nd November.***



AP UPDATE:

BOOK DRIVE

Do you have a pile of unused books on your shelf that your children no longer read?

Are you reluctant to dispose of them because you feel they would be wasted?

We could certainly put those books to good use!

We are looking to supplement our classroom libraries with quality reading books that are in good condition.

If you have books that are no longer used and would be happy to donate these to our class libraries, please drop them in to our school office. All donations would be greatly appreciated.



OFFICE NEWS:

TERM 2 FEES

Term 2 Statements have now been sent home to all families. If you have not received your statement please contact Mrs Nicole Buhagiar in the school office on: 9631 1500.

OLQP UNIFORM SHOP

Attention Parents,

Winter uniforms are now available from the Uniform Shop.

Normal Trading Hours:

Thursdays 8:30am to 10am

Saturdays 8:30am to 10am

FOR ALL ENQUIRIES PLEASE CONTACT:

Elle: 0421 216 414



Sport News- Diocesan Cross Country 6th May 2014

I would like to congratulate the **41 athletes** that attended the **Diocesan Cross Country** at **Eastern Creek Raceway on Tuesday 6th May**. The students did an amazing job and many of the children performed personal best results. They should all be very proud of their performance and their behaviour.

Some particular outstanding performances were by **Trisha Castelino** who placed **2nd** in the year old girls, **Kiara De Angelis** who also placed **2nd** in the 8/9 year old girls, **James Carr** who placed **8th** in the 11 year old boys and **Therese Schibaia** who placed **7th** in the 12 year old girls. These 4 children will now go onto represent our school and the Parramatta at the Inter-Diocesan carnival. We look forward to hearing about their performance in the upcoming weeks.



I would like to also thank the people who assisted on the day. **Mr Ashley Klein, Mrs Leanne Mifsud, Mr Marc Romano from St Paul's, Miss Katie Basso from OLQP** and the **boys from St Pauls- Pierre Saba, Brandon Romanos, Daniel Remaili, Matthew Mineo, Luke Sleiman, Brendon Joyntes, Will Barker and Aaron Mc Donald**. Their help was much appreciated.

Mrs Melinda Gray

Sports Coordinator



ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS....

Carrying a heavy backpack can be a source of chronic strain and can cause shoulder, neck and back pain in children.

The Australian Physiotherapy Association recommends the following with regards to children's backpacks:

- Keep the load close to the spine-pack the heaviest items nearest to your child's back;
- Children must wear both straps at all times;
- Backpacks should always weigh less than 10% of your child's bodyweight;
- Encourage your child to be physically active -this will help them build and maintain a strong spine.
- Encourage your child to be organised when packing their bag to ensure they are only carrying what they need;
- Encourage your child to use waist and chest straps to help transfer some of the load to the hips and pelvis.





MUSICA VIVA.....

On Thursday 8th May, Years 4-6 participated in a Musica Viva concert by the ensemble- "The World According to James".

Once we had all settled down in the Library, the band played a song called 'Pleated Skirts'. We learnt all about melodies and harmonies by making wave movements with our

arms, clicking our fingers and clapping our hands.

Some of the instruments they played were the pocket trumpet, the saxophone, the double bass, the drums and the caxixi. Some of the students were invited to play the xylophone, the cowbell, bells and many other instruments.

They explained that the most common type of music is dance music. The band played mostly Jazz. A few students got up and danced the Tango when the ensemble played Abes Tango.

We all had a lot of fun (like we do every year!) and we are looking forward to Musica Viva again next year.

Rose Hanratty 6AD



More photos can be viewed on our website!!



Interested in joining 1st/2nd Merrylands - St Annes Scouts?

For General Information about our Group contact:

Jeanie Wood ph: 9636 2731



For information about sections:

Joeys

Joeys (6-8yrs)
Mondays 6-7pm
Karen Chapman
Ph: 9681 5236



Cubs



Cubs (8-11yrs)
Tuesdays 7-8.30pm
Stuart Wood
Ph: 0425 336472



Scouts

Scouts (11-15yrs)
Wednesdays 7-9pm
Pauline Vassallo
Ph: 9728 6975



Venturers

Venturers (14-18yrs)
Mondays 7.30-9.30pm
Tristan Hornstra
Ph: 0424 535456



Rovers



Rovers (18-26yrs)
Monday nights
Tristan Hornstra
Ph: 0424 535456



FRIDAY 16 MAY EVENTS

MUFTI GOLD COIN DONATION

Passive Play Area—Fundraiser. Bring in a \$2 coin and dress in mufti to show your support!!!



INFANTS DANCE FEVER DISCO AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE FRIDAY 16th MAY

ENTRY FEE: \$5 per child (younger & older siblings are welcome to attend)

START TIME: 3:30PM

FINISH TIME: 5:45PM

VENUE: Area A Playground

Don't forget to fill out an entry form available from the school office !!!

Thank you for your continued support

Melissa Cini

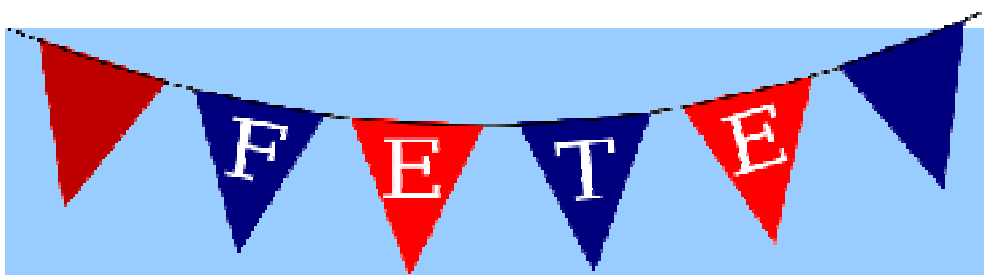
P&F President OLQP

A HUGE

To the following mother's who helped at this year's MOTHER'S DAY STALL!!!!



Wendy Tointon, Shae Skelton, Roulla Hanna, Anita Meredith, Faye Abdel-Ahad, Anne Nott, Melissa Cini, Claire Yeo, Jenny Cardis, Helen Bounader, Melissa Farrugia, Kate Sultana, Marnie Haddad, Dali Pavlek, Mary Yiamarelos, Belinda Carr, Karen Olsen, Lisa Barker, Dianne Santos, Carol Sioufi and three little helpers Crystal, Charlotte and Grace!!!



SAVE THE DATE.....

OLQP School Fete will be on Saturday 13th September

CANTEEN NEWS:

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 2 2014

MONDAY 12 MAY	TUESDAY 13 MAY	WEDNESDAY 14 MAY	THURSDAY 15 MAY	FRIDAY 16 MAY
			Deborah Terracciano Miriam Gibson Melissa D'Angola Lisa Gladdish	Carol Sioufi Effie Bonovas Maggie Sabbagh Gaye Dennis Alison Sigmund Vicki Youispsh
MONDAY 19 MAY	TUESDAY 20 MAY	WEDNESDAY 21 MAY	THURSDAY 22 MAY	FRIDAY 23 MAY
Belinda Carr Dianne Sherry Lisa Barker	Natalie Tisano Lamia Khamis Nadine Ghassibe Joanne Cozzupoli Paula Elias	Anne Cilia Sandra Wilson Elizabeth Banks	Cathy Grew Christina Borthwick Eleonora Gambacorta	Felicia Papadatos Nej Henein Kylie Yaako Tracey Carpenter Anne Nott
MONDAY 26 MAY	TUESDAY 27 MAY	WEDNESDAY 28 MAY	THURSDAY 29 MAY	FRIDAY 30 MAY
Anne Bucceri Rochelle Cini Talene Hanna Sonia Amus	Rochelle Savill Theresa Saab Mendy Dib Mimma Di Iorio	Mel Lardieri Grace Lim Nicole Elias Cathy Vella	Liz Cusbert Susan Kizana Theresa Kazzi	Amanda Heimann Wilma Paolini Joanne Lee Julie Rush Julie Meredith

TERM 2 MEAL DEALS....

Meal Deals next week are for Year 4 and Year 3. Flyers have been sent home already.

The School canteen is in desperate need for help on a Wednesday, if you can help in anyway even just for a few hours please let Kim know she would love here from you.

Canteen would love to here feedback on the Lebanese Pizza Deal and if parents would like it as a regular weekly Menu item and would order them.



BIRTHDAY BUCKETS NOW AVAILABLE !!!

The canteen birthday buckets have been a great success....

WINTER BUCKET OPTIONS are now available. These winter options must be **pre-ordered 1 week in advance**. 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 **2** additional **WINTER** options available:

- * **Jelly Cups with a treat**
- * **Chocolate Crackles in a basket**

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

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





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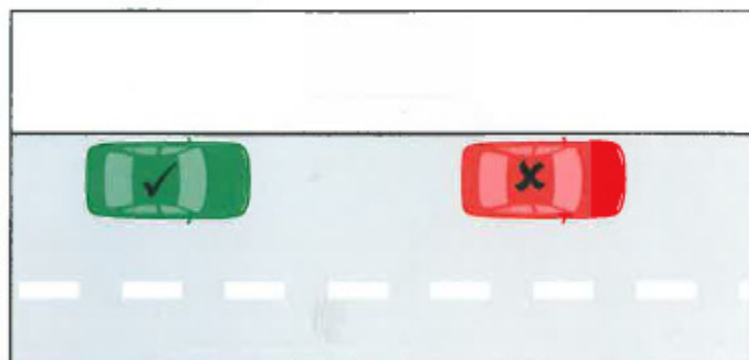
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A Road Safety Message from Holroyd City Council

Parking near driveways

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- (a) the driver:
 - (i) is dropping off, or picking up passengers, and
 - (ii) does not leave the vehicle unattended, and
 - (iii) drives on, as soon as possible and, within 2 minutes after stopping.



Parking illegally is unsafe and can put peoples lives at risk and inconvenience others.

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FIRE STATION OPEN DAY

Sat 17 May
10am - 2pm

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its Annual Open Day on Saturday 17 May 2014 between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station's fire truck, hold a fire hose and get an information bag while chatting with fire-fighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local fire-fighters and learn about fire safety in the home.

Winter is just around the corner and it's the worst time of the year for house fires, so

this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

Don't leave fire safety to chance this winter – click on this link - [2014 Open Day Participating Stations](#) to find your local Fire Station and join us on Saturday 17 May 2014.



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