

## Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary School

## **NEWSLETTER TERM 4 WEEK 5 2014**

## **NOVEMBER**

#### **THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER**

⇒ Year 1—Water Works Fun Day 9am to 11am

#### **FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER**

⇒ Mum's Shopping Night 6pm to 9pm

#### **WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER**

⇒ P&F AGM @ 7:30pm

#### **FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER**

- ⇒ Gold Coin MUFTI DAY
- ⇒ Primary DanceFever Disco (Year's 3 to 6 ONLY)

#### **MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER**

- ⇒ Grand Opening of the Soft-fall grass area 9:30am
- ⇒ Kindergarten 2015 Information Evening 7:30pm in the library

### **DECEMBER**

#### **MONDAY 1 DECEMBER**

⇒ Swimming Carnival for Year's 2 — 5 only @ Auburn Swimming Pool

#### **MONDAY 8 DECEMBER**

⇒ Year 6 Graduation M ass @ 7:30pm

#### **WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER**

- ⇒ OLQP ShowCase @ 9:30am
- $\Rightarrow$  P&F Meeting @ 7:30pm

#### **TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER**

⇒ Year 6 End of Year Celebrations

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



#### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear students, parents and teachers,

It is with mixed feelings that I announce that Mrs Lloyd, our REC and learning support teacher will be leaving us at the end of this year. Mrs Lloyd is an exemplary teacher and leader in our community. Her work as REC was always marked with her special attention to our sacred ceremonies. She has helped many children with specific needs, especially in reading, and she is held in great esteem by the whole staff. I will especially miss her good counsel. Mrs Lloyd has accepted a role as Assistant Principal at St. Nicholas of Myra in Penrith and I know she will bring all her gifts and talents to this new role. We wish her well as she moves to another mile stone in her teaching career.

Our very special congratulations to Mrs Pullen, one of our Kindergarten teachers, who will be leaving us at the end of Term 1 2015 to have her first child. This is a very special time for both Mr and Mrs Pullen and I know you will join me in wishing them all the best. We have appointed a new teacher for Kindergarten next year – Miss Anne Andruskin. She will be visiting during this term in preparation for starting in 2015.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, we are currently organising our classes for next year. Many of our teachers have been receiving requests from parents for different teachers to work in various grades or to have children separated for their classes next year. I would ask that you refrain from asking this of our teachers. The teaching staff and I will decide the classes for 2015 and the placement of teachers. Once children have been placed in a class there will not be any changes. As you can imagine this is a complex task and your co-operation is appreciated. It is very important also, that if you are considering not returning for 2015, that you let the school know as soon as possible. There are a number of families on our waiting list and we would like to finalize the 2015 enrolments in the next few weeks.

On Monday 17th November we will be having an opening ceremony for our new softfall area at 9.30am. This will include recognition of the generous contributions from OLQP P&F, Wentworthville Leagues Club and St. Paul's College and the overall plan of community support from Holroyd Council. Rain has unfortunately slowed up the process to completion but, hopefully, we will be able to use the area very soon.

Following are some very important events that have been organised by the Parents and Friends Committee:

- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm: Parents shopping Night in the school library (see following pages for details).
- ♦ Wednesday 12th November 7.30pm: P&F Annual General Meeting in the school library (all are invited).
- Friday 14th November 3.30 to 5.30pm: Primary Children's Disco in the Hall
- Friday 14th November Gold Coin Mufti

## PRINCIPAL'S MSG CONT:

Recently we have had a number of reported cases of chicken pox. Please check your children for the symptoms of fever and/or spots. Chicken pox can spread quite quickly and we have two staff members who are pregnant. It is important to keep your child at home if they are infected, until the doctor gives you an "all clear".

Next week is week 6 and during week 6 and 7 we are having some focused attention on reading, particularly for our beginning readers. Kinder, Year 1, 2 and 3 teachers will be asking for your support in reading every night with your child and talking to them about their reading. There will also be an invitation to come into the classes, during the last half hour of the day, to listen to children read. Research suggests that beginning and emerging readers benefit greatly from lots of reading practice.

Have a great week

Michael Hopley

## **AP NEWS:**

Principal

## 6 Ways to Encourage Your Son to Read

#### **Read Aloud**

Reading aloud to your son will help him fall in love with stories. Even if reading aloud didn't enhance vocabulary and comprehension, it would still be worth doing because it offers you both a positive and peaceful interaction in your otherwise busy day. As your son learns to decode words, try reading to each other, matching him page for page. Support him when he reads aloud to you, but don't be too quick to correct a mispronunciation. Even after he's a more accomplished reader, he'll still benefit from hearing you read to him. Children often understand far more words when hearing them spoken than when reading them on a page. Remember, the goal of reading aloud is to have a good time. Keep things light; read so that you're both enjoying it.

#### **Expand Your Definition of Reading**

Don't worry if your son isn't drawn to traditional boy dassics like *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* or *Treasure Island*. Magazines, comic books, football cards, newspapers, graphic novels, websites, joke collections — it all counts as reading.

#### Pair Books with Activities

Boys who prefer active learning to quiet contemplation may enjoy making their books come to life. Turn your boy into a human pizza after reading *Pete's a Pizza*. Supply simple props like rocks and boxes while reading *Roxaboxen*. Try out some of the recipes at the end of *Eating Fractions*.

#### **Get Caught Reading**

Most boys pay more attention to what we do than to what we say, so let them catch you reading. Don't reserve your books for those few minutes of quiet after you put them to bed; read in public. It's especially important for boys to see other males reading, so dads and undes should let boys see them curling up with their favourite books. Also, leave books around the house rather than tucking them all away on shelves.

#### **Let Boys Choose**

All kids like control, and many of them don't get enough of it. We decide what they eat for dinner, when they go to bed and where they can play. Independent reading is an excellent area for your son to control, even if he chooses books you think are above or below his reading level.

## **AP NEWS CONT:**

#### Start a Book Club

Discussing books with your child and his friends is a great way to talk about values and dilemmas in a non-confrontational setting. Just make sure that the adults don't dominate the conversation.

(Taken from http://www.theguardian.com/books/shortcuts/2012/feb/08/10-books-boost-boys-reading)

#### Below is a list of 10 good reads for boys aged 7 - 12:

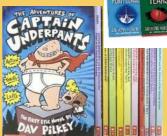
- Alex Rider 1.
- Harry Potter 2.
- 3. Young Bond
- 4. Horrid Henry
- 5. Flat Stanley
- 6. Artemis Fowl
- 7. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- 8. Captain Underpants
- 9. The Cherub series
- 10. Holes



For a synopsis of each of these books go to:

http://www.theguardian.com/books/shortcuts/2012/feb/08/10-books-boost-boys-reading

#### **Happy Reading!** Mrs Garzaniti



## **SPORTS NEWS:**

## Diocesan Sport Trials for 2014-2015

Any primary students enrolled in Year 5 and Year 6 for 2015 are invited to enter in the Diocesan Sports Trials held during Term 4 and Term 1 of 2015. These trials are in AFL- boys, Basketball- girls & boys, Cricket- girls & boys, Diving-girls & boys, Hockey-girls & boys, Football/Soccer-girls & boys, Golf-girls & boys, Hockey-girls & boys, Netball-girls, Rugby League- 11yrs & Open boys, Rugby Union-boys, Softball-girls & boys, Tennis-girls & boys, and Touch Football-girls & boys.

To be eligible for selection for these trials an **on-line** registration form must be completed via the website www.primarysport parra.catholic.edu.au. Please note that filling in this form is only an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST. Students who wish to trial MUST have some form of representative experience and play some form of elite level, as OLQP can only send 2 Students persport to the trials.

All Students from Year 4 and Year 5 were given an opportunity to take a note about this last Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October at assembly. If you would like a note with further information please collect this from the school office.

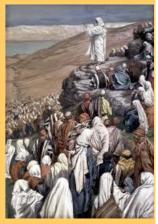
Melinda Gray

**Sports Coordinator** 

## **RE NEWS:**

# Last Sunday's Gospel was one of my favourite pieces of scripture; (Matthew 5:1-12): The Beatitudes

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



These eight blessings point out eight ways in which we can welcome God into our lives. The first and the last beatitudes knit them all together with 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. Jesus came to proclaim the kingship of his Father, and these are ways of living that kingship.

Which of these 'beatitudes' do you most lack? Which would you most like to acquire?

Blessings for a wonderful week,

#### Rebecca Lloyd REC

#### **PARISH UPDATE:**

Christ the King Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 23rd November at 10am. During this mass Flags from various countries will be flown and therefore require flag bearers. If your child is interested in being a flag bearer for this occasion, please leave your name and contact details at the church office.



## **CANTEEN NEWS:**

CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4 2014						
		WEDNESDAY 5 NOVEMBER	THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER		
		Anne Cilia	Cathy Grew	Carol Sioufi		
		Julie Wahba	Eleonora Gambacorta	Effie Bonovas		
		Sandra Wilson	Christine Borthwick	Maggie Sabbagh		
MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER	TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER	WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER	THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER		
Anne Bucceri	Rochelle Savill	Mel Lardieri	Susan Kizana	Amanda Heimann		
Rochelle Cini	Therese Saab	Grace Lim	Therese Kazzi	Gaye Dennis		
Sonia Amus	Mendy Dib	Nicole Elias	Faye Abdel-Ahad	Allison Sigmund		
				Julie Rush		
				Julie Meredith		
MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER	TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER	WEDNESDAY 19 NOVEMBER	THURSDAY 20 NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 21 NOVEMBER		
Belinda Carr	Margurite O'Connor	Sandra Wilson	Rebecca Simari	Felicia Papadatos		
Dianne Sherry	Kim Nuner	Alison Tsalikis	Sarah Barden	Nej Henein		
Lisa Barker		Lisa Sly	Teresa Rota	Kylie Yaako		
			Cara Pedavoli	Tracey Carpenter		
				Anne Nott		

## **CANTEEN NEWS CONT:**

## TERM 4 CANTEEN UPDATE...

With Xmas fast approaching there are a few housekeeping jobs for all Canteen volunteers.





I am preparing the 2015 Roster and ask that you please let me know your availability for next year. I would also love to see new faces, if you have any spare time available please let me know, as many year 6 mums will move on this year leaving lots of empty spaces to fill.

A flyer will be sent out over the next week asking for help, please consider joining this wonderful team of helper's, it's with your support we are able to offer the great **Canteen** we have here at **OLQP**.

Please let me know and pay if you are attending our fantastic Xmas night on the 27th November at 7pm. Cost will be \$30 to be held at the Jasmine at Wenty Leagues Club. This is open to anyone who has helped in any way.

All monies need to be in by Friday 14th November!!!

FORM ATTACHED ON THE NEXT PAGE...

## BIRTHDAY BUCKETS.

Birthday buckets are available again this term. Only Ice blocks will be available. Choices are Icy Twists, Callipos and Quelch Fruit Sticks. Please see Kim in the Canteen to order and for price of bucket. Please give at least 1 weeks notice to avoid disappointment.

These must be paid for IN ADVANCE. Options are: Quelch Fruit sticks, Icy Twists, Callipo's.















# ATTENTION LADIES

It's almost the end of the year,

So let's get together for dinner .....



DATE: Thursday 27th NOVEMBER 2014

LOCATION: JASMINE CHINESE RESTAURANT

Wentworthville Leagues Club

TIME: 7.00 pm till late

\$30 PER PERSON COST:

THE COST WILL INCLUDE: SET BANQUET MENU

**PAYMENT DUE BY: 14TH NOVEMBER** 

**BUY YOUR OWN DRINKS** 

RSVP: To Kim by Friday 14th NOVEMBER 2014

cut off this slip and

am able to attend

return it to the canteen before and have included a \$ 30.00 19th November 2014. Non Refundable to secure my seat.

HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR SPOT FOR THE END OF YEAR NIGHT OUT? DON'T MISS OUT!



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## P & F NEWS:

Our "Mum's Shopping Night" is fast approaching....

Friday 7 November

6pm - 9pm

Tickets: \$5 Entry (includes tea/coffee & nibblies)

Leave the kids at home, bring a friend and get all your Christmas shopping at the one location !!!



# JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF SOCIAL SHOPPING

Friday 7th November 6-9pm School Library Tickets: \$5 (available at Office) Includes tea/coffee & nibbles

Leave the kids at home and get your Christmas Shopping done with fabulous products from exciting stalls on sale!

Jewellery, Nutrimetics, Candles, Handmade Baby/Children's Accessories, Kid's Clothes, Women's Clothes & Clutches, Candy Store, Toys, Goat's Milk Soaps, Custom Made Frames, Custom Made Christmas Ornaments, Custom Print Clothing, Stationery, Cakes and many more....

## ALL WELCOME!

So bring a friend, your Mum, your neighbour the more the merrier!



Please return the below with money	enclosed to the school	office by	4th Nov
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	Name:	
	Child's Name:	Child's Class:
	Phone:	
,	# of Tickets:	Amount Enclosed:

## ROAR 24 is coming.....Thursday 27 November...Save the date!

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#### ROAR 24

ELECTION AHEAD

OLQP will be holding our Annual General Meeting next Wednesday 12 November from 7:30pm in the school library.

We invite all our Parents and Guardians to attend as we will be electing our "NEW COMMITTEE" for 2015.

Your input is important to us, so please join us in the election process!!!!

## **IOLMC Parramatta Orientation Day – Year 7 2015**

Our Lady of Mercy College Parramatta will be welcoming future Mercy Girls who will be starting Year 7 in 2015 to Orientation Day on Wednesday November 12, 2014.

The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016.

Visit <u>www.olmc.nsw.edu.au</u> or contact the Registrar 8838 1222 to discuss how your daughter can be a Mercy Girl.



College Open Morning Tour Monday November 17, 2014

## **Gold Coin Mufti Day**

Technology for Class Rooms Fund Raiser

Bring a \$2 coin And dress in mufti to show your support

## Friday 14<sup>TH</sup> November 2014

- Wear suitable mufti clothing
- · No thongs or singlets
- · Remember your hat!

Thank you for your continued support. P&F Committee





## Primary Dance Fever Disco & Pizza



Primary student's social gathering

\$8 entry each child Includes a slice of pizza and 1 drink & all the fun of Dance Fever.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 3.30 – 5.45pm In Camilleri Hall

Additional pizza slice \$3 each
Hot Chips \$3
Novelty Disco items will be available to purchase on the evening Including Glow Sticks.

This event is for year 3-6 students only, no younger siblings please.



## Thank you for your continued support. P&F Committee Fill out slips & return with Money by 10th Nov 2014 □ Yes, My child is looking forward to attending the Disco @ \$8 per person from class \_\_\_\_\_ (First name) Last name \_\_\_\_\_ (First name) Last name from class (First name) Last name from class ☐ Yes, I am able to help with set up at 2 pm Yes, I am able to help during the disco (it is preferred that students come straight from.) school and are picked up at the conclusion of the disco. We do require approx 20 helpers) Tea and coffee will be available to purchase in area A if you wish to wait for your child. Name & Number



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