



Our Lady Queen of Peace

Newsletter – Term 2 Week 8, 2016

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:



Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

Week 8 has begun and our teachers are busily preparing half yearly reports. Half yearly interviews begin next week. If you haven't booked in for an interview yet you can do this online on our website. The half yearly is a significant time to

take stock of how your child is progressing. It is a great opportunity to celebrate their achievements and encourage them in their challenges.

Our Kindergarten enrolments are complete and offers of a position for next year have been mailed home to families. It is important to make sure that the holding fee of \$100 is paid by 20th June as we do have a very long waiting list.

I have attached a very interesting article on our website (under *Announcements*) entitled *Why Children are Bored at School*. It talks about the instant gratification and over stimulation that often occurs with the overuse of technology. Parenting at this time is difficult and challenging but being aware of our children's needs and how they interact with their environment, can help parents help their children.

On July 2nd there will be an election and education funding has been featured prominently by each party. The key messages for the sustainable future of our Catholic Schools are:

- Sustainable, sector-blind, needs-based funding for schooling K-12
- A permanent commitment to funding universal preschool access for 15 hours per week for three and four year olds
- Support for flexible partnerships and pathways between industry, community, tertiary education and schools
- Support for out of school hours care as part of a continuous schooling experience
- A national focus on collaboration across sectors and sharing good practice rather than competition and test scores
- Government investment for innovative schooling models to respond to growth through capital and seed funding.

In term 3, I will be taking long service leave and travelling overseas. In my absence, Mrs Garzaniti will be our acting Principal, Mr Knight our acting Assistant Principal and Mrs Dwyer our acting Religious Education Co-ordinator. I am very much looking forward to the rest and the chance to re-charge the batteries and I look forward to see you all in Term 4.

Have a great week!

Michael Hopley
Principal



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

FRIDAY 17th JUNE:

**Primary Athletics Carnival-
Check website for Carnival
timetable.**

TUESDAY 21st JUNE:

Musica Viva (Infants K-3)

THURSDAY 23rd JUNE:

**3G/3GR Excursion to
Australian Museum**

WEDNESDAY 29th JUNE:

**Year 1 Excursion to
Australiana Pioneer Village**

**Year 2 Incursion- Alpha
Show and fairy tale fun day**

FRIDAY 1st JULY:

**End of Term 2 – school
closes**

**The Stage 3 Boys soccer gala
day has been postponed to
Thursday 21st July 2016 (next
term).**

PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWS

Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who last week attended the Parent Information Evening on Writing. It was an enjoyable, inspiring and insightful night. Thank you to Mrs Garzaniti for her time, dedication and presenting an engaging session. We appreciate feedback from our parents who attended:

Alicia wrote.... Thank you to the P and F and Mr Hopley and Mrs Garzaniti on a most informative and engaging session on literacy. The writing tips were so beneficial and I encourage more parents to attend due to the quality presentation and the practical tips offered to help our children achieve their personal best in literacy skills. Thanks again

Shae wrote..... Thanks to you guys & Mr Hopley & Mrs Garzaniti for a very informative night, many helpful tips to try at home :) I look forward to the workshops. Thanks very much.

Parent "Writing" workshops run by Mrs Garzaniti are planned for Term 3.
Come along, learn, laugh and be inspired.....



Parent Information Evenings in Term 3
Tuesday 2nd August – Building Resilience
Wednesday 17th August – Numeracy

What is the role of the OLQP P & F?

1. The first most important aspect is *learning*. The P & F strive to establish a life-long learning partnership between parents and teachers. These include Parent Information Evenings and Parent Workshops to help you understand how learning is implemented in the classroom enabling you to assist your child at home.
2. The second aspect is *welfare*. The P & F strive to help those in need in our community. From time to time families need support during a time of crisis. We have supported some families with transport, food hampers, child care and just good friendship.
3. The third aspect is *communication*. The P & F is a place to put forward collective positive thoughts about how to assist O.L.Q.P in moving forward to ensure it is an *outstanding learning environment* for all our children. Keeping you informed and up to date with the P&F Facebook page and school newsletters. Moving forward we are investigating a number of new and exciting social media platforms.
4. 4. The fourth aspect is *fundraising*. The P & F strive to raise money to ensure quality resources are available for excellence in teaching, learning and playing. Due to the number of students and time restraints on teachers and parents our school has one major fundraiser a year – The Walkathon. This year we have new stations for the children to explore and new activities to try.

***What's Happening at
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