

OLQP GREYSTANES

NEWSLETTER: TERM 3 WEEK 4 2017



Principal's Message

MICHAEL HOPLEY

Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,

OUR NEW SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER IS 8842 2600

Last week our stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) teachers and I attended a PBL Course (Project Based Learning) for 3 days.

It is a significant change to how we can teach in our open spaces in a very exciting and engaging way. The course was run by a team of American educators and PBL has been running in some of their schools for several years. Catholic Education Parramatta is committed to working in this area and 200 teachers from around our Diocese attended the course. I will be announcing an information evening very soon for all parents but particularly Year 4, so we can understand the elements of this style of learning as our students enter Stage 3.

Next week our students from Years 3 and 5 will be trialling a new NAPLAN online assessment. This is in preparation for next year when NAPLAN will be delivered across Australia in an online format. We are testing to see if our network can handle the volume of information and that we have enough devices for the students to use. Unfortunately I have no news about our Kindergarten Playground equipment which is being held up by business bureaucracy. Next week the company who installed the equipment must make a firm decision about what needs to be fixed and I will be insisting on a clear timeline. On a brighter note our new shade sails have been erected next to the music room playground and this has provided another covered area for the children.

Our thanks again to the State Government that funded our new shade areas and playground equipment.

The gates leading to St. Pauls are still under construction and will remain closed. The Principal of the College Mr Bourne, has reiterated that it is not appropriate for our parents to park in the Church carpark and walk down the hill. The Church carpark is for people attending Church and the staff of St. Paul's College.

Our staff prayed together today for Mr Ostojic who is making remarkable progress in hospital having suffered severe burns to most of his body. We prayed also for the speedy recovery of Aniesa from Year 6, Kaitlyn in Year 5 and members of our staff who have been unwell. When we pray together as a community I believe our patron, Our Lady Queen of Peace, hears our prayers and warms our hearts.

"Our Lady Queen of Peace, Pray for us."

Have a great week
Michael Hopley



AUGUST -

- * Fri 11th- Year 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill Farm
- Tues 15th -
- * Assumption of Mary Mass 10:15
- * Musica Viva K to Yr 3- 11:45-12:45
- * Musica Viva Yrs 4 to 6-1:45pm-2:45pm
- * Tue 22nd August - Netball Gala Day

Canteen News

CANTEEN COMPETITION UPDATE

CANTEEN COMPETITION EXTENSION ALL ORDERS UP TO FRIDAY 18TH AUGUST.

WINNER announced MONDAY MORNING ASSEMBLY (21ST AUGUST).

Many of the students have been at Zone and excursions this week, So to be fair to everyone, we have extended the competition to end of next week. ONLINE orders only will be counted. Competition is very close in some classes, only 1 order can make the difference. Many teachers have also hopped onboard making it so much more exciting and even closer. Any Class could be the winner.

Get those online orders in, every online lunch order counts to the class total. Don't forget your teacher must place an online order too.

DON'T FORGET KINDER MEAL DEALS MUST BE BY THIS FRIDAY 11th August!

Keep checking the Canteen website and Facebook page regularly, as you will find lots of important information, handy tips and PDFs on how to use Qkr! Canteen App.



Library News

Third Term is always a busy one for the library. Lots of exciting activities are taking place to help encourage your child to read. The Children's Bookshop continue to invite you to experience Australian Authors. What a wonderful way to encourage your children to read and develop a love of books by listening to authors.

Tuesday, August 22nd at 4pm Claire Saxby, author and Julie Vivas are talking about their new book Koala.

Tuesday, August 29th at 4pm Tim Harris is introducing his new book, Mr Bambuckle's Remarkables.

Afternoon tea is provided. There is no charge but bookings are essential. RSVP on -

staff@thechildrensbookshop.com.au

On Friday, 18th August, librarians from Merryland's Library are presenting a range of the Shortlisted Books to the students. Friday 25th August Meerkat Productions are performing Gary to Kinda and Yr 1 & 2 and Captain Jimmy Cook Discovers Third Grade to Yr's 3, 4, 5, 6.

Again OLQP are hosting Scholastic Book Fair at the end of August. More information closer to the date.

Please encourage your child to bring their library bags to school each week. There are a growing number of children who are not borrowing books. If you want your child to be a competent reader, they need to read for enjoyment. Borrowing and reading books from the library help to achieve this goal.

Musica Viva Concert

On Tuesday 15th August students from years K,1,2 & 3 will be attending a Musica Viva Concert at school featuring the ensemble TAIKOZ (Japanese Drumming)

Despite being in constant demand all over the world, Taiko are delighted to be able to bring their dynamic and heart-stopping traditional Japanese music to Australian schools. Centred around the Taiko drums, Taiko shows are so engrossing because they are seen, heard and felt: students literally become sounding boards, vibrating along with the explosive energy coming from the stage – a stage some will even find themselves sharing with these masters of rhythm.

The performance will be part of our school's learning program and will build on preparatory work done in the classroom.

There will be two, one-hour concerts in the Library at 11.45 and 13.45.

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend.





Congratulations to Monique Turner from Year 5 who competed at State last weekend and was fortunate to come away with a Silver Medal for her uneven Bar routine.

We would also like to congratulate the following students on their achievements at the Cumberland Zone Carnival, which was held at Blacktown on Tuesday 8th August. Amelia Cassar, Megan Mifsud and Angelique Skapetis.



OFFICE NEWS

Could we please ask parents to send in any updates on medical information for your child/ren. This information is required in order for us to be able to update Personalised Plans.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

Please check the OLQP primary school uniforms- pre loved Facebook Page for second hand uniforms.

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION

Many of our students have been diagnosed with INFLUENZA A
Could you please remain vigilant for any symptoms.
Please refer to the FACT SHEET BELOW

Influenza

Description

Influenza ('the flu') is a viral disease of the respiratory tract, characterised by fever, chills, headache, muscle aches and pains, a head cold and a mild sore throat. It can often cause a severe cough. The infected person usually recovers within 2–7 days.

How does it spread?

Influenza is very infectious. It can spread through the air by coughing and sneezing, as well as by hands, cups and other objects that have been in contact with an infected person's mouth or nose.

Incubation period

The incubation period is usually 1–3 days.

Infectious period

In adults, the infectious period is probably from 1 day before the onset of symptoms to 3–5 days from the onset of symptoms. For young children, the infectious period is 7–10 days.³⁴

Exclusion period

People with influenza should stay at home until they are feeling well.

Responsibilities of educators and other staff

- Advise the parent to keep the child home until they are feeling well.
- If an educator or other staff member is ill, they should stay at home until they are feeling well.
- Make sure staff and children practise cough and sneeze etiquette and effective hand hygiene.
- Ensure that appropriate cleaning practices are being followed in the education and care service.

Responsibilities of parents

- Keep the child at home until they are feeling well.
- Encourage cough and sneeze etiquette and effective hand hygiene at home.

Controlling the spread of infection

- Annual vaccination is available against influenza. People need to be vaccinated every year because immunity decreases, and new influenza strains circulate each year.
- Teach children about cough and sneeze etiquette.
 - Cough or sneeze into your inner elbow rather than your hand.
 - If you used a tissue to cover your nose or mouth when sneezing or coughing, put the tissue in the bin straight away.
 - Clean your hands.
- Ensure that staff practise cough and sneeze etiquette and hand hygiene.
- Ensure that appropriate cleaning practices are being followed.

34 'Influenza', in DL Heymann (ed.) 2008, *Control of communicable diseases manual*, 19th edn, American Public Health Association, Washington, DC, p. 318; Communicable Diseases Network Australia 2011, *Influenza infection: CDNA guidelines for public health units*, CDNA, Canberra.

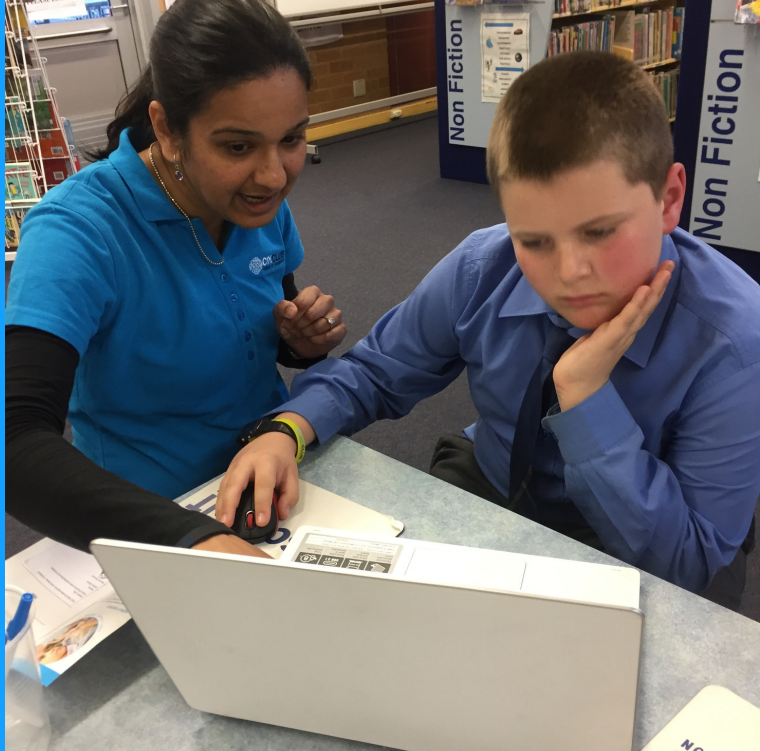
Treatment

There is no specific treatment for influenza. Because it is caused by a virus, antibiotics will not help treat influenza. However, antibiotics may be prescribed if the person has a secondary infection or complication that is caused by bacteria.

Decongestants and other cold remedies are widely promoted for relieving the symptoms of colds, but they are unlikely to help. In fact, they can cause side effects such as irritability, confusion and sleepiness. Oral decongestants are not recommended for children under the age of 2 years. Cough medicines do not reduce the frequency, severity or duration of a cough. The cough is there for a reason: it serves a useful function in clearing mucus from the child's airways and preventing secondary infection. If you are concerned, take the child to a doctor.

Do not give aspirin to any child under the age of 12 years unless specifically recommended by a doctor.

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2017-2018 SEASON

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