

OLQP Newsletter

Term 4 Week 2 2018



Dear Parents, students and teachers,

It's hard to believe that we are in the third week of Term 4.

Congratulations to all those students who made their Confirmation last weekend. Confirmation is a time to reaffirm the promises that were made at Baptism and enter fully into the sacramental life of the Church.

The Australian Catholic Church is currently preparing for Plenary 2020. In that year the Australian Council of Bishops will meet to review issues that face our Church and affect our lives in faith and in action. They will then submit this information to the Vatican. The Bishop of Parramatta is requesting your input in giving our Church direction for the future. In the past, the Plenary agenda has been very specific. This agenda is very open and we are asked to make comment on any and all matters that concern Catholics in Australia and around the world. For more information go to the Diocesan Website:

<https://parracatholic.org/haveyoursay> or make a submission through our Parish. The Parish will be holding discussion sessions in November.

On Friday we acknowledged our teachers as part of World Teachers Day. This is a great opportunity for all of us to thank the teachers for their amazing work and dedication to their profession. Our teachers are dedicated, and committed to keeping up to date with professional learning initiatives. Their core concern is always the welfare and learning progress of their students. We are truly blessed with the quality and caliber of our staff. In the same way that parents are considered to be teachers, I include our office and ancillary staff who are constantly teaching children by the example of their professionalism. We had lots of parents join us to celebrate World Teachers Day and we thank Ana and Fr. Paul for their wonderful gifts.

We are in the process of receiving the prizes from the Community Colour Run. We are hoping to receive all prizes in the next few weeks, where we will then sort into classes. As we have over 500 prizes that need sorting, this can take some time and therefore prizes will be handed out per grade, not family.



Year 7 High School Orientation Days

**- Marist Brothers - Thursday
15th November**

**-OLMC - Thursday 29th
November**

Important dates to Remember:

November

Thursday 1st - All Saints Day

Friday 2nd -All Souls Day

***Tuesday 6th -Kindergarten
Orientation Day***

***Thursday 8th -Kindergarten
Orientation***

Friday 9th

***-Year 1 Excursion to
Centennial Parklands***

***-Remembrance Day Liturgy
11am***

***Thursday 15th - Kindergarten
Orientation***

Last year the NSW Government developed a mandatory policy for healthy foods to be sold in school canteens. We have gradually been replacing some of our products and we will continue to explore options. The latest change will be the sale of ice creams. We are removing some of our ice cream products and replacing them with Weis Bars. For more information visit:

<https://app.salesfit.tv/lp/asca/nswweis?phone=61408024168> We are also hoping to have a discussion forum very soon about our canteen and how we can support the initiatives taken and develop ideas for our new canteen.

School student transport pass applications for 2019 opened on Monday, 15 October 2018.

Students progressing to year 3 and year 7 **do not** need to re-apply **if** they:

- are continuing at the same school
- are residing at the same address
- have not been sent an expiry notification from Transport for NSW.

Where a student meets the new distance eligibility, the system will automatically update their entitlement. If they do not meet the new eligibility, they will receive an expiry notification. Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply. If students need to update their information or re-apply, they should go online to:

<https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/updateDetails> For further information visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts>

As we constantly celebrate the wonderful events and achievements in our school so too we celebrate the life of a member of our community. Mrs Lisa Gladdish passed away last week after a long battle with cancer. Lisa was a wonderful member of our community and the Parish and she will be greatly missed. We ask you to please keep her and her family in your prayers.

*In your hands, O Lord,
we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters.
In this life you embraced them with your tender love;
deliver them now from every evil
and bid them eternal rest.*

Have a great week.

Michael Hopley
Principal

UNIFORM SHOP
Our normal trading days for
Term 4 will be
Thursday 8.30-10.00am.
**Saturday is by appointments
only**
(appointments need to be
made prior to the Saturday).
Any further enquirers please
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