

OLQP Newsletter

Term 4 Week 9 2018



Dear Parents, students and teachers,

This will be our final newsletter for 2019. What a wonderful year of achievement, and as our end of year reports are about to be distributed (Thursday 13th December) – congratulations to all our students and teachers for a great year of learning.

Well done to Emma Abdel-Ahad who received the Pursuit of Excellence award given by Mr Greg Cummings, Mayor of Cumberland. The award was very well deserved by an outstanding student not only for academic achievement but for outstanding citizenship.

Congratulations also to our leaders for 2019:

School Captains: Owen Penano and Niamh Malone

Community Leaders: Lara Griffiths, Sophiah Khoury, Jasmine Snell, Alicia Welsh, Lara Madeleine, Tahlia Houssarini, Sophie Bousalim, Allegra Eman, George Ajaka, Daniel Isaac, Keshon Shanmuganathan, Jonah Fenech, Zachary Barden and Callum Hever

Sports Captains: **Chisholm:** Sara Pavlek and Lachlan McPhie

Lawson: Isaac Anjoul and Chanel Awkar

Macquarie: Chevelle Fehir and Christian Lardieri

Wentworth: James Kizana and Amelia Cassar

I would like to thank all our current school leaders especially to Lucas Yacoub and Mia Gauci. Their leadership throughout the year has been exemplary – wonderful role models for all students.

As mentioned Mrs Mifsud will be Acting Principal at Sacred Heart Westmead for 2019 and I am pleased to announce that Mrs Kym Romanous has been appointed Acting Assistant Principal for OLQP. Mrs Romanous brings a great deal of knowledge and experience to this very important leadership role and we are very fortunate to have a person of this calibre working in our school.

Mrs Dwyer has been appointed to the role of Religious Education Co-ordinator for 2019 and Mr Aggar will be co-ordinating Year 4. The role of REC will involve the implementation of a new Religious Education Curriculum that is being introduced during 2019 and will be formally launched in 2020.



Important dates to Remember:

December

Thursday 13th - Change over day and reports go home

Monday 17th- Parent Morning Tea at 10:45am and Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass 7.00pm

Wednesday 19th December

School finishes for 2019.

Merry Christmas, see you on Thursday 31st January 2019.

I would like to thank the P&F Committee for all their commitment and support this year. The team were a great source of information and we had some robust conversations around learning and parent involvement. At the beginning of next year parents will once more be invited to be part of the P&F committee. We meet at least once each term and decide what information parents need in order to support their children and the work of the school. We also discuss issues that arise with a focus on school improvement. Next year we'd like to prioritize our healthy canteen, homework that supports learning and a policy document for sport in our school. A very big thank you to Mrs Farrugia and the helpers in our canteen. They have had a great year and we look forward to having lots of volunteer support again next year.

Thank you to all our parents, for your participation in all aspects of school life this year – canteen, library helpers, classroom readers, carnivals, fundraising etc. **Next Monday 17th December we will hold a thank you morning tea at 10.45am near the canteen.** I hope lots of parents can attend. Our Colour Run was a great community building exercise and we hope to organise this again for next year. The success of our school community lies in the partnership between school and home. When the children know that home and school are working together, they understand the importance of learning. I know that we will continue this mutual trust and support next year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful team of dedicated teachers and teacher assistants who work in our school. The quality of learning and welfare that they offer the children is outstanding. A special thank you to Mrs Mifsud as Assistant Principal who has done a wonderful job this year of supporting me in my role and leading the learning agenda in our school. We wish her well in her new role as Principal. Thank you also to Mr Aggar who lead our Religious Education program and organised our liturgies so beautifully. The school's Leadership team is made up of Co-ordinators in each grade and they also have done a wonderful job in leading staff and children in the great task of learning.

Thanks also to our wonderful office administrators – Nicole Buhagiar, Janette and Alana Abi-Arrage and Georgina Elias. The ladies in our office are on constant call for parents, children and teachers and they provide a wonderful service in caring for us all. Tony Merlino, Paul Hossack and Paul Mangion also continue to keep our maintenance programme running and provide us with necessary facilities. Their care and attention allow our school to run efficiently. Our Uniform Shop owners also continue to provide a high standard of service as well as providing support for families in need – thank you to Mr Joe and Mrs Elle Arida. Uniform shop opening times are available on our website. With all these people in mind, I remain a very proud Principal and very fortunate to work with such a great team.

Our connection to the parish has certainly developed over the course of this year with the support of our Pastoral Associate - Ana Pintos. A very big thank you to the Parish team and our Parish Priests Fr. Paul, and Fr Chukwunonyerem. They make all of our liturgies very special and they continue to guide us in our journey of faith.

2019 will be a very exciting year as we begin the first stage of a significant building project. I would like to meet with parents early in the year to explain the detail of the project and the timeline for works. By mid-January 2019 the office will have moved to the current Year 6 building and a new entrance will be established at that end of Braeside Road. These classes have already been relocated to rooms above the library and the library itself is currently undergoing refurbishment to include all of Year 5. There will be some disruption to movement around the school and I would ask for your patience particularly in the mornings and in the afternoons. Safety remains our priority.

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 contact Elle 0421216414

Or email

elle@fashions.com.au

A very big THANKYOU to all those who helped in the Library this year - covering books, purchasing and donating books at the Book Fair, packing and moving, and also ensuring your children returned their books on time, so that others could borrow them.

OVERDUE BOOKS - There are still over 100 books out on loan that need to be returned as soon as possible. Please return any books you find with an OLQP barcode on the front cover. If your child has lost or damaged a Library book, we ask that you consider paying the cost of a replacement. Notices regarding costs will be sent to those with outstanding loans in the following weeks.

Next year school will begin formally on Thursday 31st January. Parents have been asked to book in some time on Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th January for maths assessments. **Booking information will open this Friday 14th December** (a letter from the office will go home this week to inform you of the details). Not everyone will be able to attend on these days, but the assessments will continue over the course of the first few weeks of school.

It is very important that from the beginning of the year, the children are attired in the correct school uniform, including predominantly white sport shoes, ankle length socks, appropriate haircuts and no nail polish or jewellery. Your attention to this matter helps children understand the importance of work time at school.

The following page shows a list of our staff for 2019. Next week we will farewell Mr Knight who has accepted a position as Co-ordinator in Sydney Diocese; Mr Van der Walle who has accepted a position at Katoomba for next year; Mrs Haddad who has accepted a position as co-ordinator at Wentworthville; Mrs Hogan and Mrs Hook who will be taking maternity leave and Mrs Mifsud who will be Acting Principal at Sacred Heart Westmead for 2019. In turn we will welcome Ms Rodrigues, Ms Mitrovic, Mrs McDonald, Ms Cook, Ms Chivers, Miss Buttigieg and Mrs Franulovic. We also congratulate Mrs Matthews, who will take on a full-time classroom position in 2019. I know you will join with me in welcoming these new members of staff.

Finally, I'd like to thank our wonderful children who continue to amaze and inspire us. For us, teaching is not a job but a call to care and nurture. The decisions we make to change, improve or develop our school are all made with our children as the focus. They work hard in their classrooms and they interact so well with each other and with their teachers. I hope all our children experience the essence of peace and love that comes from the celebration of Christmas – a time when families come together and recognise the real presence of God among us.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Have a Happy and Holy Christmas and a safe New Year

Michael Hopley



Staff for 2019

Position	Teacher
Kinder KG	Rachel Gould
Kinder KL	Karen <u>Lamerton</u>
Kinder KB	Luisa <u>Baldi</u>
Kinder KM	Patrizia <u>Morabito</u>
Year 1 1N	Kayla <u>Nahlous</u>
Year 1 1M	Irena Mitrovic
Year 1 1K	Charlene <u>Khoudair</u>
Year 1 1G	Alyssa Galvez- <u>Salonga</u>
Year 2 2O	<u>Kerrilyn</u> O'Brien
Year 2 2C	Tiana Cook
Year 2 2DB	Demi Bartolome
Year 2 2CB	Cherie <u>Buhagiar</u>
Year 3 3M	Michaela Marshall
Year 3 3D	Daniel Delaney
Year 3 3R	Danielle <u>Raffoul</u>
Year 3 3A	Gorga <u>Arida</u>
Year 4 4M	Josie Matthews
Year 4 4AD	Marie <u>Anastopolous</u>
Year 4 4AD	Emily <u>Deahm</u>
Year 4 4K	Jenny <u>Kuchta</u>
Year 4 4A	Mark <u>Aggar</u>
Year 5 5LG	Karen Lee/Lisa Galea
Year 5 5DF	Sue Dwyer/Catherine <u>Fenech</u>
Year 5 5C	Lauren <u>Chivers</u>
Year 5 5F	Sharlene Fenech
Year 6 6R	Adelle Rodriguez
Year 6 6Mc	Michelle McDonald
Year 6 6C	Amanda <u>Cassar</u>
Year 6 6M	Cathy Moses
Principal	Michael Hopley
Assistant Principal	Kym <u>Romanous</u>
Learning Support	Cheryl Gunter
Learning Support	Marianne <u>Holohan</u>
Learning Support	Rebecca Mann
Learning Support	Justine Rankin
Japanese	George Cheung

Position	Teacher
Music teacher	Veronica Mahony
Music teacher	Vera <u>Grella</u>
Release teacher	Karen Senior
Release teacher	Angela <u>Fanulovic</u>
Release teacher	Catherine Fenech
Release teacher	Lorena <u>Pessotto</u>
Release teacher	Melinda Parker
Release Teacher	Anne <u>Buttigeg</u>
Release teacher	Kimberley Robinson
Release teacher	Candice Shaw
Release teacher	Amanda Preston.
Release teacher	Jane <u>Lavercombe</u>

Library Assistant	Anita <u>Borovic</u>
Teacher Assistant	Mary <u>Jiggins</u>
Teacher Assistant	Julie <u>Boidon</u>
Teacher Assistant	Julie Murray
Teacher Assistant	Lisa Isaac
Teacher Assistant	Colleen Maunder
Teacher Assistant	Melissa <u>Cini</u>
Teacher Assistant	<u>Jeslyn</u> Elmargi
Teacher Assistant	Faye Abdel- <u>Ahad</u>
Finance Officer	Nicole <u>Buhagiar</u>
Office Administrator	Janette <u>AbiArrage</u>
Office Administrator	Georgina Elias
Office Administrator	Alana <u>AbiArrage</u>
Maintenance	Tony <u>Merlino</u>
Maintenance	Paul Hossack
Canteen	Kim <u>Farrugia</u>
Cleaning	Paul <u>Mangion</u>
Cleaning	Roberto and Ada <u>Melgar</u>

Canteen News

Please remember to keep your QKR! password handy over the break ready for use in 2019. This is extremely important as without it you can not make any lunch orders.

The QKR! app will force you to do a Student Profile update in 2019 the 1st time you log in. This is necessary to ensure parents update their Child's new class for 2019.

The Canteen's last day for Lunch Orders for 2018 will be Tuesday 18th December 2018. The QKR! app will then close for the Christmas holidays. QKR! will re-open Monday 28th of January 2019. The canteen will not open however until Monday the 4th February 2019.

Birthday Buckets are not available to order the last week of this term (WK 10), the Birthday Menu will re-open for ordering from Tuesday 5th February. A reminder that Birthday Buckets are not offered on Friday's due to lack of parent volunteers and the high volume of lunch orders.

The Canteen will be Closed for stocktake and cleaning Wednesday 19th December

NO LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED on this day. Please ensure your child has both recess and lunch supplied from home.

As stock now depletes in the canteen, products will disappear from the QKR! app lunch menu, this will allow only ordering for the options that are available.

Volunteers are still desperately needed for 2019. If you can spare anytime, please contact me.

I would like to wish you and all your loved ones a Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.

Kim Farrugia
Canteen Manager