

OLQP Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 2019



Dear parents, students and teachers,

Our first term of school is traveling fast as we move into week 7. The last day of term is Friday 12th April and school begins for second term on Monday 29th April. During term two, I will be taking Long Service Leave and Mrs Romanous has been appointed Acting Principal for the term. Next week, we will be appointing an Acting Assistant Principal. Congratulations to Mrs Romanous on this appointment.

The enrolment period of Kindergarten 2020 has begun, and we had a very strong response to our Open Day for new families. If you have a child of school age or know of someone who does, please download an enrolment form from our website or visit the school office.

Thank you to all the families that attended our Children's Mass last Sunday. It was great to see some many of our families celebrating Mass together. The children were outstanding, and we were fortunate to have our new Assistant Priest, Fr. Joseph, celebrate with us.

Our Catholic Schools Week celebrations included COOL School and the two liturgies held during the week. We have had a great celebration of Catholic Education.

On Wednesday we celebrated Ash Wednesday and Stage 3 went to our Parish Mass. Kinder to Year 4 were involved in the distribution of Ashes involving Year 11 students from St. Paul's. We then had a surprise visit from Bishop Vincent Long who stayed for the liturgy with Year 4K and 4AD. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to talk to our Bishop and receive his blessing.

We have received information from CEDP that there has been a technical problem with generating school fee invoices and that they will be sent home soon.

I must remind everyone of some serious safety considerations. The staff car park is for **staff only**, with the exception of some disabled car spaces for parents who have a school pass.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Mobile Dentist from
Monday 11th to Friday
15th March

Year 5 Excursion to
Riverside Theatre
Thursday 14th March

Cross Country Friday
15th March

School Photos Thursday
21st and Friday 22nd
March

Kindergarten 2020
Enrolments now open.

Enrolments close
Friday 24th May.

Please **do not walk through the car park** as cars are moving in and out and this presents a real risk to children. We have had several complaints from our neighbours, about parents parking in people's driveways in Lloyd Street. My advice to the neighbours is to make note of the licence plate and notify Merrylands Police. Please be aware of this traffic condition around the school.

Over the course of this term some of our families have dealt with the passing of loved ones, serious operations for children and some serious emotional and financial hardships. As a community I know you will join with me in keeping our families in your prayers.

"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts."

Mother Teresa

Have a great weekend

Michael Hopley

Principal

REC NEWS

The students at OLQP began the Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday Liturgies in the learning spaces for Kinder to Year 4 and Years 5 & 6 attending the 9.15 am Parish Mass.

Two Year 4 classes were surprised with a visit from Bishop Vincent, who together with Fr Paul presided over the class liturgy and administered ashes on the foreheads of the children.

We were also fortunate to have the Year 12 students from St Paul's College administer the ashes to students as part of the classroom liturgies.

As we journey through the 40 days of Lent (mirroring the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness before starting his ministry), we are asked to participate in the three principles of Lent- pray, do penance and almsgiving.

Each class has a Project Compassion Box in which they are asked to place money in to support Caritas Australia. This year's theme is 100% Hope-Lives Change when we all give 100%



***The
Season
of
Lent***



Lenten Prayer

Loving Father,

I invite you into my life today

and make myself available to you.

*Help me to become
the-best-version-of-myself*

*by seeking your will and becoming
a living example*

of your love in the world.

*Open my heart to the areas of my
life that need to change*

*in order for me to carry out the
mission*

*and experience the joy you have
imagined for my life.*

Inspire me to live the Catholic faith

*in ways that are dynamic and
engaging.*

*Show me how to best get involved
in the life of my parish.*

*Make our community hungry for
best practices*

and continuous learning.

Give me courage when I am afraid,

hope when I am discouraged,

and clarity in times of decision.

*Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and
lead your Church*

*to become all you imagined it
would be*

for the people of our times.

Amen