

OLQP Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 2019



Dear Parents, students and teachers,

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY MONDAY 3rd JUNE.

I recognise that the discovery of asbestos fragments in the excavated soil of the building site has caused you concern. As I outlined in my recent letter to you, the safety of our students, staff and wider community will remain our singular priority. Construction was ceased immediately upon the discovery of the asbestos, and will not re-commence until the removal of the asbestos. This will be done on the weekends, whilst the students are not at school, and will be conducted in accordance with NSW standards. Air monitors have been set up to ensure that the air is clear and the area will continue to be monitored. Results to date show that the air is clear. I will continue to inform you all of our progress as the term unfolds.

Recently we had a beautiful celebration of Mother's Day as a school community. Our mums are such special people and it's wonderful that we can take the time to let them know just how much we appreciate all that they do. Thank you to Mrs Raffoul for organising a lovely liturgy and the teachers and children who participated in the event. Thank you also to the Mother's Day committee of mums: Haifa Gebran, Emma Powney, Alana Meilak, Monica Attard, Josephine Mallia, Rania Gebran, Peta Camilleri, Viv SImonovski, Jessica Bilokin, Alison Hammond, Cristine Ishak and Louise Fahy, who volunteered their time to organise the pre-ordered gifts and the Mother's Day stall. A big thank you also to the local businesses for all their support:

- Mario, Gianna & Ciarrocchi family
- iRenovate NSW (Zakharov family)
- Hair by Suz
- The Shed Café at Parramatta (Georges family)
- Jason Gebran from LJ Hooker Greystanes
- Starr Partners
- Katy Hannouch & family
- Mia Hansen of KoKedaMia plants
- Coronation Day/Night Pharmacy
- The Grazing Co (Onorato family)
- Jodi Geradis & family
- Hoyts Wetherill Park
- Powney & Powney Supreme Kitchens
- Elias Touma & family
- Grandmother of Billie Fox



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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Thursday 30th May

- Feast of the Ascension
- Year 4 Excursion to La Perouse

Monday 3rd June

- Staff development day.. pupil free day

Tuesday 4th June

- Feast of the Holy Trinity

Wednesday 5th June

- Stage 3 Boys Soccer Gala Day

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Congratulations to our Year 3 and Year 5 students who completed the first week of NAPLAN online assessments last week. It has been reported that some schools have experienced significant technical issues, which impacted on their ability to complete the tests. We experienced some technical issues prior to the tests, and had to delay its start, but since then we have been fortunate to only have experienced minor issues. Our final NAPLAN test was this week, and all catch up tests were also completed. Once again, well done to the students for navigating their way through these successfully.

In the coming weeks, the schools in our diocese will be involved in an online survey that provides feedback about their experiences of their schools. The survey, called Tell Them From Me (TTFM), is an important part of our whole school evaluation and planning process, and we will be inviting students, teachers and parents to participate. The information you provide will be used to maintain our commitment to working together in partnership to further improve student learning and wellbeing at Our Lady Queen of Peace School. More information about the surveys will be sent home soon.

The recent bombings of Churches and hotels in Sri Lanka have had a devastating impact on the communities in that country. Catholic communities have been terribly affected by these attacks. Fr Chris De Souza, Episcopal Vicar for Education and Formation in the Diocese of Parramatta, led a Requiem Mass for the victims of the attack last Sunday 19 May at St Nicholas of Myra Parish.

The PRC (Parent Representative Council - Diocese of Parramatta) are proud to present the second instalment of their Parent Engagement Wellness series. This term the guest speaker is Dr Michael Carr Gregg, adolescent and child psychologist. He will be speaking on June 3rd, from 7:00 pm, at John XXIII Catholic College, Stanhope. If you would like to attend, you will need to register through the PRC. Please contact our school office for further details if interested.

Our teachers are currently assessing students in preparation for the half yearly reports. Reading remains the most significant skill that your children will develop. Reading should be enjoyable and something the whole family is involved in. Try to ensure that your children get to hear you read to them or with them every night. Ascertain whether or not your children are gaining meaning from what they are reading by discussing what they have read. There is such a broad choice of outstanding literature to choose from now, and reading should be a real alternative to television and devices.

A reminder to ensure you are not sending your children to school if they are unwell. Cold and flu symptoms such as coughs and sneezes are contagious, and can in turn infect others. Quite often rest and fluids can ease these symptoms.

Our Kiss and Ride process is operating more smoothly as cars move more quickly through the circuit. Please ensure that the child's name/family name is clearly displayed on your dashboard and that it remains there until he/she is picked up. This gives the teachers on duty a chance to call the name if your child has not responded. Please make sure that you move right up to the end of the circuit so more cars can enter. We have put extra staff on duty at dismissal time to ensure things flow as smoothly as they can.

Recently we had a wonderful Children's Mass that was very well attended by parents, children and staff. These children's liturgies are held on the first Sunday of each month and are a wonderful opportunity to worship together as both a school and parish community. We invite you all to attend our next children's mass, on June 2nd, at 10:00 am.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God (Romans 8:14).

I hope you all have a wonderful week ,

Kym Romanous

Acting Principal