Last week the year 6/7’s, along with their teachers and invited parents, went on a 3 day aquatic camp experience to the Murray Lands. The students engaged in a variety of aquatic activities on the river – kneeboarding, skiing, catamaran, canoeing, small boat handling, kayaking – in small groups lead by very experienced instructors. The huge smiles and hearing “that was awesome!!” always makes the sleepless nights very much worth it!

Many new friendships were formed, forged in the shared experiences and old ones strengthened. We all faced new and sometimes daunting experiences but with the support and encouragement of each other we were able to take on any challenges – from finding our own tea towel to knee boarding - with confidence and a real sense of satisfaction and personal achievement.

All the Keys to Success were evident as we took on each challenge and made the most of what we were doing and who we were with. A HUGE thankyou to our invited parents who helped out in so many different ways and aided in supporting and encouraging the students in the many aquatic and fun activities. These extra curricula activities could not happen without their very much appreciated and valued support.

GETTING ALONG is an important aspect of the camp as we spend so much time together in many different circumstances. Here are some of our thoughts and memories of how we managed to get along with each other.

- Helping others: encouraging others when they needed support
- Taking turns: with the equipment and water activities
- Being a friend: when someone was feeling homesick
- Assisting other people: the year 6’s because this was their first time
- Being patient: waiting for your turn with the activities and eating times
- Following directions: listening to the instructors, parents and teachers
- Respect: Being polite and courteous to each other!!!
- Winning and losing: fairly!!!
- Working cooperatively/cooperating: with activities, fun games, meal times
Sports News…

SOCCER
A reminder that notes for an expression of interest were distributed last week. If you did not receive a note and your child/ren would like to play, forms are available from the school office.

SWIMMING TRIALS
Also another reminder that the next swimming trial will be held tomorrow, Thursday 1 March, at the Seaton Swimming Centre from 7.30 – 8.15am. All students aged between 9 – 13 are welcome to try out.

SPORTS RESULTS:

BASKETBALL - U/12 Vs Fulham Blue: lost 30 – 16

U/10 BLUE BASKETBALL TRAINING - trainings will be every Monday from 3.10 – 3.45pm. Leanne Coles (Coach)

Leigh Turbill (Sports Coordinator)

Music Tutors for:

GUITAR – VOCALS – *PIANO – DRUMS
If your child is interested please contact:

Geoarge Klironomos (Guitar) – George comes highly recommended by the music coordinator at St Peter’s Woodlands where he tutors 3 days a week. Please call George on 0405191199.

Daniela Adami (Vocals) - forms are available from the school office or phone mobile 0401218360.

Julie Candido (Piano) – mobile: 0412979081 (*Please note that there are no available places at this time for piano lessons but if you would like your child to be placed on a waiting list, contact Julie.

Michelangelo Micelli (Drums) – still have a few places available, phone mobile 0421373314

CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR A YOGA/PILATES TYPE OF CLASS…

Are you interested in reducing your stress levels and create more energy? Are you able to attend 1 or 2 sessions a week on a Wednesday and/or Friday at Our Lady Queen of Peace school with a group of like-minded people? Are you prepared to have a giggle? Would you like to do this directly after dropping the kids to school in Bilyonendi? Would you like a crèche service for the little kids you may still have with you? Are you prepared to pay a small fee for this opportunity?

Then please return the attached form below to the school with your response ASAP OR email info@olqp.catholic.edu.au

Kind regards, Sue-Anne Lapko

From the Bursar
Thank you to those families who have commenced payment of their account. The first of the four instalment payments for 2012 school is now overdue. I will be contacting those families who have not made payment within the next day or two.

If you are unable to make payment please contact me at the school.

Thank you, Mike Lower

Dates for the Diary…

29/2  AGM 7PM
6/3  Assembly 6/7LB, 9-9.30am
6/3  Year 5/6/7 CSIRO
20/3  First Orientation for new students starting term 2

Canteen Roster – Term 1
Mon 5/3  Robyn Owen
Tue 6/3  Tracey Edwards
Wed 7/3  Sue-Anne Lapko
Thurs 8/3  Paul Watts
Fri 9/3  Gloria Cruz

2012 Term Dates…
Term 1:………..30/1 – 5/4
Term 2:………..23/4 – 29/6
Term 3:………..16/7 – 21/9
Term 3:………..8/10 – 14/12

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Expressions of Interest for Yoga/Pilates

YES I AM VERY INTERESTED IN A CLASS TO REDUCE MY STRESS LEVELS AND CREATE MORE ENERGY!

NAME: …………………………………………………………………………………………………………

CONTACT NUMBER: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

CHILD’S CLASS: …………………………………………………………………………………………………

CRECHE NEEDED: YES NO (Please circle)
Parents & Friends

HOT CROSS BUNS
FIRST FUNDRAISER FOR 2012
You can order Bakers Delights’ scrumptious hot cross buns for Easter - Traditional, Fruitless, Choc Chip and Mocha.

The price remains the same $6.50 for a 6 pack. Ian and Michelle Faneco at Bakers Delight Welland have very kindly offered OLQP this special price. Order forms will be sent home next week. Orders and all monies must be in by Monday 26 March and collection from school will be Tuesday 6 April via your child. If you have bulk orders they can be collected from the Parent Room after school of that day. Thank you for your continued support.

PARENT ROOM
The Parent Room is located beside the canteen in the Junior Primary courtyard. After you have taken your little angels to class, feel free to drop in for a ‘cuppa’ and say hi.

There is a notice board on the wall as you enter the room where you will find various information ie P&F meeting dates; canteen price list; 2012 fundraisers & social events, OLQP Newsletter and much more.

P&F MEETING
Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month - 7.15 for a 7.30pm start, in the meeting room in the admin building. If you would like to know more about the P&F meetings call Sue-Anne on 0402470029, who would be happy to have a chat with you.

Scheduled dates for the P&F meetings are:

**TERM 1**: 6 March; 3 April  
**TERM 2**: 1 May; 5 June  
**TERM 3**: 9 October; meetings are not held in November as we have our legendary Christmas & 2013 planning party (date TBA)

Brief layout of Fundraisers and social events for 2012

- Hot Cross Buns (Bakers Delight)
- Entertainment Books
- People's Choice Community Lottery
- Mothers Day Gift stall / Mothers Day special event
- Fathers Day Breakfast / Fathers Day Gift Stall
- School Disco
- Sports Day Coffee Van

... We are also planning a guest speaker night, who, is yet to be decided and social event for parents only.

Sue-Anne P&F Chairperson

Uniform Committee

If you have any queries with regard to the school uniform or policy, please contact Wendy Behrendt, Uniform Coordinator, on mobile 0402298941 or by email gwbehrendt@adam.com.au

Second-hand Uniform Shop

(Located in Parent Room)

TERM 1 - OPENING DAYS & TIMES
The 2nd hand uniform shop will open every Thursday 8:50am – 9.15am and 3:00pm -3:25pm unless otherwise advised via the newsletter.

OLQP NAVY JACKETS and SUMMER DRESSES - OLD STYLE
JACKET Secondhand - $5.00
Jackets NEW -(sizes 8, & 18) - $10.00
Summer dress (new) Sizes 8, 10 - $50.00
Summer dress Sizes 18, 20 – $20 (fabric could be used for repairs etc)

These jackets and dresses can be worn until the end of 2012.

CASH SALES ONLY WILL BE ACCEPTED

NOTE 1: When you wish to use the second-hand shop to sell your uniforms please ensure you collect a ‘Uniform Detail’ form from the parent room notice board or the school office.

IMPORTANT: The following items are no longer accepted for sale in the 2nd hand uniform shop:
- Summer Dress; OLQP Navy Jacket (old style); OLQP Red Rugby Jumper; Navy & Red Sports Polo

Please direct enquiries to Kylie by email: pbrock@internode.on.net or mobile: 0402629029.

Kylie Brock (Second-hand Uniform Coordinator)

OSH C (Out of School Hours Care) - Quality care for school aged children. Mornings 7am – 8.30 (breakfast provided) & Afternoons 3.10 – 6.10pm (afternoon tea provided). OSHC facility is located in Bilyondendi Hall. Enrolment forms are available from OSHC or the school office. You may also be eligible for a rebate through Centrelink.

APRIL VACATION CARE PROGRAM AVAILABLE ON OLQP WEBSITE, click on:


PLAYGROUP is a great way for the younger children in our community to interact with each other before commencing school. The children have an opportunity to engage their energy in art and craft, music and dance, physical exercise, books and much more. For parents, playgroup offers community support and involvement. Playgroup is on every Thursday morning from 9:15 – 10:45 in Bilyondendi Hall. So please come along to a very fun, energetic and playful playgroup.

For all OSHC & PLAYGROUP enquiries please phone Jo Welcome on 0417840700
HAPPY ‘MARCH’ BIRTHDAY to...

Giovanni (1/2AM) 1
Zoe (R/1DM) 1
Claire (R/1DB) 3
Dario (6/7LB) 3
Tia (6/7LB) 4
Andrea (5/6JB) 5
Georgia (5/6JB) 7

Community News & Events...

Singing and Dancing Opportunities in 2012

The Australian Youth Choir and the Australian Youth Dance Theatre have commenced rehearsals for 2012.

The Australian Youth Choir and the Australian Youth Dance Theatre not only give young people the opportunity to develop their skills within the Performing arts under expert guidance, but the chance to make new friends and perform in exciting concerts. Our kids work as a team, develop life-long friendships and have great fun. Visit our website to find out more about our programs www.niypaa.com.au

Gonski Report

The Gonski Report was released by the government and provides information about future funding for all education. If you would like more information please click on the following link: http://cesg.webtemplate.com.au/sites/2727/files/f/1740/Gonski%20Report%20&%20Q%20%20A.pdf

Alternatively, go to the website and click on ‘News & Events’, then ‘Newsletters’.

Cecilia and Mike are going to the CEO (Catholic Education Office) this afternoon to learn more information on this report and the subsequent impact on our school.

Cecilia

"Married Couples – Your Kids will thank you for going on a Marriage Encounter Weekend"

Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy. If you’d like greater depth, growth and enrichment in your relationship, you’ll like the difference a Marriage Encounter Weekend can make. The next Weekend is on 16th to 18th March 2012 at Star of the Sea School Henley Beach. For more information contact Malachy and Geraldine O’Reilly on 0437 388 513.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter go to www.wwme.org.au