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## Important Dates

Community Prayer  
3/4MM

Wednesday 21 February  
2024

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3/4OM

Thursday 22 February 2024

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2NU

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2024

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Day

Friday 1 March 2024

SAPSASA Swim  
Carnival

Tuesday 5 March 2024

Community Prayer  
1SW

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Women's Day

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Holiday

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3/4MM

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Harmony Week

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Harmony Week

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SACPSSA Swim  
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Parent Teacher  
interviews

Wednesday 3 April 2024

Community Prayer  
1TM

Wednesday 3 April 2024

Swimming Week

Monday 8 April 2024

Swimming Week

Tuesday 9 April 2024

Community Prayer  
RJC

Wednesday 10 April 2024

Swimming Week

Wednesday 10 April 2024

Swimming Week

Thursday 11 April 2024

Assembly 2NU &  
5/6LT

Friday 12 April 2024

Last day of Term 1,  
2024

Friday 12 April 2024

Our Lady Queen of Peace School acknowledges the traditional owners of the land  
on which we work, the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains.  
We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.



## Term 1 Week 3 2024 Newsletter

### Useful Links

Download any of the following documents by clicking on the link.

## Playgroup & Occasional Care

- [Occasional Care flyer](#)
- [Playgroup flyer](#)
- [Playgroup term outline](#)
- [Playgroup session outline](#)



## Parents & Friends Committee

- Email: [PNF@olpq.catholic.edu.au](mailto:PNF@olpq.catholic.edu.au)

## Second-hand Uniform Shop

- [Second hand uniform consignment form](#)

## Enrolments

- [Application for Enrolment form](#)

## Canteen

- [Canteen menu and price list Feb 2024](#)
- [Qkr! instructions](#)
- [Help! I can't download the Qkr! app!](#)

## Term calendars

- [Term 1, 2024 calendar](#)
- [Term 2, 2024 calendar](#)
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- [Term 4, 2024 calendar](#)

## From the Principal

# From the Principal



## Our next chapter

Welcome to a brand new school year! Our Lady Queen of Peace School celebrates its 75 year anniversary this year. What makes the anniversary extra special for me is that the school now has an enrolment of over 200 students for the first time since 2018, the last year that Year 7 students were part of primary education.

We currently have 221 students enrolled (not including our mid year Reception students). We have not seen an enrolment of over 220 students since 2016. We welcomed 46 children to our beautiful school – that is at least one new child per class. Our school growth is the result of the positive feedback about the school from our community. Together we have changed the story of Our Lady Queen of Peace School. I am thankful for the amazing staff, School Board, Parents and Friends, and families. I also want to acknowledge and thank the students; they are meeting my expectation of being amazing.



A few people have asked, "How big do you want the school to grow?". There is no magic number in my mind. My focus has and always will be ensuring we provide quality teaching and learning, in conjunction with a loving, caring, and safe environment for our students. When we are no longer able to provide this, then the school has grown too large. As we grow, I am mindful that maintaining these two pillars is my focus.



## Live, Learn, Lead

Each year in Term 3, on behalf of Catholic Education South Australia, we conduct the *Live, Learn, Lead* survey. The survey was developed in 2020 and designed to help schools access the perceptions of staff, students and parents/carers. It focuses on:

1. Catholic Identity – Catholic Education
2. Curriculum and Co-constructed Learning and Assessment design – Learning Support
3. Student Agency, Identity, Learning and Leadership – Enjoyment of School and Autonomy and Independence
4. Community Engagement – Welcoming School, Parent-School Partnership and Safe School
5. Infrastructure

Comparing the 2023 parent data against the data from 2022, the school has shown significant growth in all the domains. This affirms for me that we are moving in the right direction. The data also supports the construction of the school's Annual Improvement Plan. This will be uploaded to the school's web page in the near future.

I will present more on the LLL survey at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). **The AGM will occur Tuesday 5 March 2024 (Week 6). All families are welcome to attend.** As part of the AGM, there will be a call for new membership to the School Board. If you would like to be part of the School Board, which meets twice a term, please complete a nomination slip – you can self-nominate or you can be nominated. Nomination slips can be collected from the front office, or accessed via a Seesaw message distributed to families on Friday 16 February 2024.

## My approach

Though the school's leadership structure has changed, I am still available to catch up with families, if needed.

2024 Leadership team:

- **Lee Abela** - Principal
- **Marissa Redden** - Assistant Principal Religious Identity and Mission
- **Adriana Pilla** - Assistant Principal Learning, Engagement and Teaching
- **Olivia Mammone** - Key Teacher: Inclusive Education
- **Courtney Elliott** - Key Teacher: Data

My approach is that I would rather know than not know, and I can only do things when I have information. Please feel welcome to catch up with me if needed. I have absolutely enjoyed the positive feedback I have received over the last 12 months.

In addition to welcoming our new students to the school, we also welcomed some new staff to the school in 2024:

- **Diem Savy** – Reception teacher
- **Kim Whyte** – Year 1 teacher
- **Michael Mastrangelo** – Year 3/4 teacher
- **Andi Benzija** – ESO and Occasional Care facilitator
- **Ava Falkenberg** – ESO
- **Tanya Larsson** – ESO

Even though it has only been a few weeks, their impact on student learning has been significant. Click on their images that appear in the following gallery.

Take care.

**Lee Abela**  
**Principal**

## 2024 Staff Gallery



Lee Abela  
Principal



Marissa Redden  
Assistant Principal



Adriana Pilla  
Assistant Principal



Olivia Mamnone  
Key Teacher



Courtney Elliott  
Key Teacher



Diem Savy  
Receptionist



Kim Whyte  
Year 1



Michael Mastrangelo  
Year 2/4



Andi Benzija



Ava Falkenberg



Tanya Larsson

From the Assistant Principal Religious Identity & Mission

## From the APRIM



### Lent

This week marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a liturgical season of preparation, as we get ready for Easter. Lent is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving, and our classes will spend time reflecting on this over the coming weeks.

We began our week with Shrove Tuesday. It is the day before the followers of the Christian faith observe Lent, the 40-day period before Easter. Thank you to our wonderful P & F volunteers who prepared and served pancakes to the whole school.

The first day of Lent is always Ash Wednesday, in which we place ashes on our forehead in the shape of a cross to remember our own mortality and begin our journey of penance. 5/6SH lead the whole school liturgy where we reflected on Jesus' life and suffering, and the ways he continually showed compassion to those around him.



Project Compassion and the work of Caritas Australia is an important part of our Lenten journey. The oldest child in each family has been given a small Project Compassion money box, where they can ask family members and friends to make a small contribution. Each dollar raised by our school will help change the lives of the world's most vulnerable people. Project Compassion boxes can be brought back to school and given to classroom teachers to place inside the larger class boxes.

*God, may your light guide our days, and your spirit bring us peace.  
Amen.*

**Marissa Redden**  
**Assistant Principal Religious Identity & Mission**



## Shrove Tuesday & Ash Wednesday Gallery





From the Assistant Principal Learning, Engagement & Teaching

## From the APLET



### Welcome!

Hello and welcome to a new school year. I am excited to extend warm greetings as your newly appointed Assistant Principal at Our Lady Queen of Peace School. Having dedicated the past 10 years to the OLQP school community, it is an honour to step into this new role and continue our shared journey towards excellence.

Throughout my time here, I have witnessed the incredible potential within our students and the unwavering commitment of our staff. These experiences have shaped my educational philosophy, emphasising the importance of fostering a supportive learning environment that nurtures both academic and personal growth.

As we embark on this new year, my vision for the school is one of collaboration, innovation, and inclusivity. I am eager to work alongside our dedicated educators, staff, students, and parents to build upon our strengths and address challenges with creativity and resilience. Together we can ensure that OLQP remains a place where each student is empowered to reach their full potential.

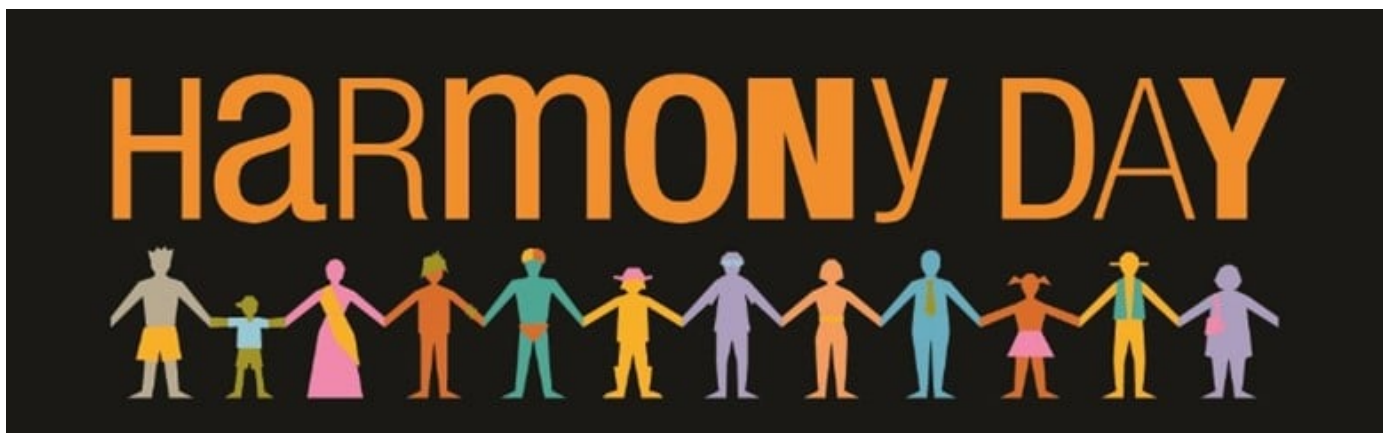
In the coming months, I look forward to implementing initiatives that enhance our educational programs, strengthen community engagement, and provide valuable resources for our students. I am open to feedback, ideas, and conversations with all members of our community. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

We look forward to a year of shared accomplishments, continuous learning, and the collective success.



**Adriana Pilla**  
**Assistant Principal**  
**Learning, Engagement and Teaching**

## Harmony Day 2024



Our Lady Queen of Peace School will once again be celebrating Harmony Week this year — a special occasion dedicated to embracing our rich cultural diversity and fostering a sense of unity within our school community.



### When

Harmony Week, which will take place from **20-26 March 2024**, is an opportunity for us to come together, appreciate our differences, and celebrate the unique cultural backgrounds that make our school so vibrant.

Throughout the week, various activities and events will be organised to promote cultural understanding, inclusivity, and the importance of harmony within our diverse community.

### Highlight

One of the highlights of our Harmony Week celebrations will be cultural cooking sessions with classes. We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who are willing to share their culinary expertise and cultural recipes with our students. If you have a passion for cooking and would like to contribute to this exciting initiative, we invite you to join us in making Harmony Week a memorable and delicious experience for our students.



### Volunteers needed

Volunteers will have the opportunity to engage with students, teach them about different cuisines, and share the joy of preparing and enjoying diverse foods together. It is a fantastic way to not only celebrate cultural diversity but also create lasting memories for our students.

All volunteers are required to have a current:

- Working With Children Check / Catholic Clearance AND
- RRHAN-EC (volunteers) certificate of completion.

Please contact front office staff who can assist initiate these processes for you.

If you are interested in volunteering for the cultural cooking sessions or have any questions, please contact Adriana Pilla at [APilla@olqp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:APilla@olqp.catholic.edu.au).

We look forward to coming together as a community during Harmony Week, celebrating the beauty of our diversity at OLQP, a truly special place.

Thank you for your continued support.

**Adriana Pilla**  
**Assistant Principal Learning, Engagement and Teaching**





## Seeking P & F Volunteers!

# P & F Committee



The Parents and Friends Committee plays a vital role in enhancing the overall school experience for both students and families. We are currently seeking enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about contributing to the wellbeing and success of our school community. Whether you are a seasoned volunteer or considering getting involved for the first time, we welcome your unique perspectives and ideas.

Whether you have a specific skill set, a passion for event planning, or simply a desire to contribute your time, we welcome individuals with diverse backgrounds and perspectives. Your commitment, no matter how big or small, is what makes our school community stronger.

Let us all work together to make this school year memorable and enriching for our students. Your involvement is key to the success of our community, and we look forward to welcoming you to the Parents and Friends Committee!

Click [HERE](#) or on the image of the flyer to access more information!

P & F email: [PnF@olqp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:PnF@olqp.catholic.edu.au)



## Specialist update - Visual Art

# Visual Art



We have started our 2024 Visual Art program with a whole school, collaborative art project: we are creating a large-scale dragon. The inspiration for this project comes from the Lunar New Year, this year being the Year of the Dragon. The Year of the Dragon is believed to embody power, strength, luck, and wisdom.

Students are tracing their hands numerous times and using a variety of media to embellish them. The students will cut out their completed hand artworks and they will become the dragon's scales. Each class is focusing on different media and colour combinations so that our dragon will be bright and colourful in keeping with this vibrant festival.

Here are a few photos of the students working on their pieces for the dragon. I will share some photos of the completed dragon in next newsletter.



**Suzanne Healey**  
Visual Art teacher

# Visual Art Gallery



Class update - 1SW

# Class update - 1SW



# Good Beginnings in 1SW

To begin this year, students in 1SW took part in the Good Beginnings program. Students enjoyed learning about one another through games and Circle Time.

A classroom agreement has been created and members of 1SW helped to make a visual timetable for the learning environment.



**Sarah Willetts / Kim Whyte**

**1SW teachers**

## 1SW Gallery



# Class update - 5/6SH



## Good Beginnings

The Good Beginnings program is over and we now launch into the curriculum full steam ahead. We enjoyed getting to know each other and discovering how we can be part of the team that is 5/6SH.

Our class shared experiences, hopes, and goals for the year ahead and we were particularly inspired with some quotes from a short film: *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox, and the Horse*. Based on the wonderfully written book by Charlie Mackesy, the short film follows a boy, a mole, a fox, and a horse, as they create a beautiful friendship while travelling together in the boy's search for home. The group continues their journey together, imparting wisdom and learning from each other along the way. Their thoughtful words on life, friendships, challenges, hopes, and above all love, will inspire us as we journey through the year ahead.







After viewing the film, students were asked to choose one character to reflect upon and to also include a favourite quote spoken by the character. There were many special words and it was hard to choose one!

**Sue Hackett**

**5/6SH teacher**



## 5/6SH Gallery

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse	The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse	The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse	The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse
<p>Names: <u>Isabelle</u> Part 2   2</p> <p>CHARACTERS</p> <p>Choose a character from the film to write about. First choose and outline the character, then draw and write about them below:</p> <p>The Boy <input type="checkbox"/> The Mole <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Fox <input type="checkbox"/> The Horse <input type="checkbox"/></p>  <p>What does your character look like? Describe them here: The mole is small a dark grey blue with a white long round nose he has a small patch on his nose as well as a patch on his arm.</p> <p>What do you like most about your character? <u>I really liked how the mole was kind to everyone even if they weren't nice to him. He was very wise and always tried to help using his wisdom or his wisdom.</u></p> <p>Was there anything you didn't like about your character? If not, why? <u>There was nothing I didn't like about the mole. He was very kind, wise, nice and had a great personality.</u></p> <p>If you could change one thing about your character, what would it be? <u>I would change the mole's relationship with the fox to be better.</u></p>	<p>Names: <u>Kuljat</u> Part 2   2</p> <p>CHARACTERS</p> <p>Choose a character from the film to write about. First choose and outline the character, then draw and write about them below:</p> <p>The Boy <input type="checkbox"/> The Mole <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Fox <input type="checkbox"/> The Horse <input type="checkbox"/></p>  <p>What does your character look like? Describe them here: <u>My character looks like "my mole made a drawing to his world I never came."</u></p> <p>What do you like most about your character? <u>That he doesn't beat people. He was nice a few "my mole" was nice.</u></p> <p>Was there anything you didn't like about your character? If not, why? <u>I didn't like that the mole was slow but he could do more on his own. I wish he was like the horse and could fly like the horse.</u></p> <p>If you could change one thing about your character, what would it be? <u>I would change the height of the mole and I would change the title so he could fly in.</u></p>	<p>Names: <u>Aspizalotina</u> Part 2   2</p> <p>CHARACTERS</p> <p>Choose a character from the film to write about. First choose and outline the character, then draw and write about them below:</p> <p>The Boy <input type="checkbox"/> The Mole <input type="checkbox"/> The Fox <input type="checkbox"/> The Horse <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>  <p>What does your character look like? Describe them here: <u>My character is a horse. It has white hair and it is playing with the mole and the fox. He is very and a caring person but when he is confused with you he goes up about himself. He always is a bit like me.</u></p> <p>What do you like most about your character? <u>I like that he is helpful and always kind. He has a trustworthy personality. He has his best friends people. He thinks about others and himself. He's a nice, caring, being and a companion. He's someone I relate to. I think we're all in connection.</u></p> <p>Was there anything you didn't like about your character? If not, why? <u>I had the horse. I don't think there's anything I don't like about him.</u></p> <p>If you could change one thing about your character, what would it be? <u>If I could, it would be his self-worth cause in the wild he only cared about others. I would like to be kind, kind, kind.</u></p>	<p>Names: <u>Zora Amos</u> Part 2   2</p> <p>CHARACTERS</p> <p>Choose a character from the film to write about. First choose and outline the character, then draw and write about them below:</p> <p>The Boy <input type="checkbox"/> The Mole <input type="checkbox"/> The Fox <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Horse <input type="checkbox"/></p>  <p>What does your character look like? Describe them here: <u>The fox is very smart but the mole is a bit stupid. She has long showing love and kind. The fox may have a small mouth but she is very kind. She would help up all the things that she can.</u></p> <p>What do you like most about your character? <u>She follows along long and supporting the journey as he leads his relationship with the three characters.</u></p> <p>Was there anything you didn't like about your character? If not, why? <u>He was very nice and he was kind to the mole and the horse. He was kind to kill him.</u></p> <p>If you could change one thing about your character, what would it be? <u>How he treated himself to the mole. How he showed and tried to kill the boy.</u></p>

# Student free day



A reminder to families that our next student free day will be on **Tuesday 12 March 2024**.

This information is recorded in the term calendar that was Seesawed to parents/caregivers.

The term calendars can also be found in the **Useful Links section** at the top of this newsletter.

## Early Learning @ OLQP!

# Playgroup & Occasional Care



## Come and join the fun!

- Playgroup is on Wednesdays 9am-10.30am for children 0-5 years.
- Occasional Care is on Tuesdays 9am-12noon for children 3-5 years.

For more information, please access the flyers regarding Playgroup and Occasional Care from the **Useful Links section at the beginning of this newsletter**.

## More questions?

### Playgroup - Rachael Stathis

- **Phone:** 8279 8800
- **Email:** RStathis@olqp.catholic.edu.au



### Occasional Care - Andi Benzija

- **Phone:** 8279 8800
- **Email:** Andi.Benzija@olqp.catholic.edu.au



# Second hand uniform shop



## Current opening times:

MONDAY

- 8.40am – 9am
- 2.45pm – 3.10pm

The second hand uniform shop service, facilitated by a dedicated group of parents, supports the community to access quality and affordable second-hand uniforms for their children.



## Location:

**Located in the P & F Room** (near the girls' toilets, adjacent the basketball courts).

Call 8279 8800 if you require more information, or alternatively, you can email the P & F Committee using this email: [PNF@olqp.catholic.edu.au](mailto:PNF@olqp.catholic.edu.au).



**P & F Committee**

## Before & After School Care

# Before & after school care



## New families and permanent bookings:

All new family bookings and permanent bookings need to be made through the OSHC office.

Please contact Jo on **0417 840 700**, or pop into either the OSHC office or front office for an information pack.

**Jo Fahey**  
OSHC Director



# Community news



## Australian Sports Camps

Australian Sports Camps are back running 3-day school sports camps for primary aged children in the school holidays.

It is a great opportunity for children from your school to improve their skills or learn a new sport with friends.

Click on the image or [HERE](#) to access the flyer and more information.

We look forward to seeing plenty of children from your school in the programs. If you have any further questions don't hesitate to get in contact.

Kind regards

**Lachlan Milligan**

**Phone:** 1300 914 368

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and follow [@austsportscamps](https://twitter.com/austsportscamps) on Twitter to keep up to date with the latest news, promos and camp photos!



## SMOSH West Lakes Football Club

The SMOSH West Lakes Football Club are preparing to launch their Term 1 training sessions for the upcoming season.

They are seeking U7-U11 boys and girls of all abilities to participate.

Click [HERE](#) or on the image of the flyer for more details.

Regards

**Brett Hidson**

**Junior Football Director (U7 - U11)**

**SMOSH West Lakes Junior Football Club Inc.**

**Phone:** 0418 859 723

**Email:** [smoshjfd@gmail.com](mailto:smoshjfd@gmail.com)

West Lakes Shore Oval, Bartley Terrace, West Lakes Shore SA 5020

**Web:** [www.smoshwljuniors.com.au](http://www.smoshwljuniors.com.au)

[facebook.com/smoshjfc](https://facebook.com/smoshjfc)

[instagram.com/smosh\\_the\\_lions\\_den/](https://instagram.com/smosh_the_lions_den/)



# Woodville South Football Club

## 2024 Junior registrations are now open!

Get onboard with the mighty Red and White for Season 2024, and join a community that supports and values each and every player!

Registrations are open to girls and boys in U7-U17.5 age groups.

Click [HERE](#) or on the flyer to access more information and to register.

**Zoe Brotherton**

**Executive Committee**

**Woodville South Junior Football Club**

Ledger Oval - 108 Ledger Rd Woodville South SA 5011

PO Box 18 - Woodville SA 5011

**Email:** [zoe@wsjfc.com.au](mailto:zoe@wsjfc.com.au)

**Phone:** 0412 301 429



# Seaton Ramblers Football & Sports Club