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Important Dates

Music Performance Evening

Thursday 30 November 2023

Sports Assembly

Friday 1 December 2023

Nazareth CC Orientation Day

Tuesday 5 December 2023

Reception R Fire Station excursion

Wednesday 6 December 2023

Whole school End of Year Mass

Thursday 7 December 2023

Carols Evening

Friday 8 December 2023

R-5 Transition 2024 11:30am-12:30pm

Friday 8 December 2023

Year 6 Retreat & Dinner

Monday 11 December 2023

Year 6 Liturgy

Wednesday 13 December 2023

School Choir @ Westfield West Lakes

Thursday 14 December 2023

Last day of 2023 school year

Friday 15 December 2023

Final whole school assembly

Friday 15 December 2023



Term 4 Week 6 2023 Newsletter

Useful Links

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

Playgroup & Occasional Care

- [Occasional Care flyer](#)
- [Playgroup flyer](#)
- [Playgroup Term 4 outline](#)

Parents & Friends Committee

- Email: 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 November 2023](#)

Vacation Care Program

- [Vacation Care Dec 2023 - Jan 2024](#)



From the Principal

Over the last few weeks, not only have I shown prospective families around the school, I have also had the pleasure to show staff from Catholic Education South Australia (CESA) as well as former staff of Our Lady Queen of Peace School.



Upon invitation, Ms Angela Morrison and Ms Pauline Kinsman of CESA visited the school for a tour. I proudly showed them through the school and highlighted the upgrades. They were impressed with the changes but were more impressed with how engaged, friendly and welcoming our students are.

Regardless of who it is, I love showing people through the school, celebrating the changes that have occurred as well as celebrating how amazing our students are!

Camps

In working with the School Board and planning for 2024, it was agreed that we would increase the opportunity for students to have a camp experience. The vision is that we have a:

- Year 5/6 Camp – 3 days and 2 nights,
- Year 3/4 Camp – 2 day and 1 night.

The camps are designed as learning experiences for students and consequently it is the school's expectation that all students to attend.

It is important that the camps are affordable for families, and this will be taken into account at the time of planning. More information will come out next year.

New Teachers

It was lovely to have both Diem (Ms Savy) and Michael (Mr Mastrangelo) visit the school to be involved in professional learning in preparation for 2024. All 2024 teachers have been working with Rosa CESA Numeracy System Coach in their learning teams. A focus for 2024 is to improve the learning outcomes of students in numeracy. Rosa's work with staff has included curriculum mapping as well as looking at all the learning spaces in the school; classrooms, nature play, Music Room, Food Technology, etc, and how teaching opportunities can be created in these spaces.



This process ensures that the teaching of numeracy is engaging, practical and relevant, and allows teachers to see all the spaces in the school as learning spaces. I look forward to seeing numeracy in action come 2024.

There will be an opportunity to meet both Diem and Michael later in the term as they will be part of our whole school "Moving on up:" transition program. During this program, every child will be with their 2024 teacher, with their 2024 class, and in their 2024 classroom.



Nature Play

Our new main playground area is almost complete. At this stage we will have the final sign off from Kidsafe on Tuesday 28 November 2023. Students will have the opportunity to walk through the play space, not only to see it up close but to also work out how best to use the space safely.

The space has exceeded all my expectations, and the play and learning opportunities are endless. We also worked with a local First Nations artist, Ross, who hand carved four totem poles that have been installed in the play space. Ross will record the story behind the carvings, which we will be sharing with the community and will be part of student learning.



There are also numerous well-sized garden beds. These will be a great opportunity for students to plant, grow, harvest, cook and eat a variety of edible plants, linking the nature play space with our Food Technology area.

Not long to go until the end of the school year. There will be some updates via Seesaw on what is happening in the last few weeks.

Lee Abela
Principal

Nature Play Progress Gallery



From the APRIM



Sacramental Program

The 2023-24 sacramental group participated in the sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 22 November 2023. It was wonderful to witness.

This sacrament is one of two sacraments of healing (the other being the Anointing of the Sick). Reconciliation is a sacrament of forgiveness and celebrates God's love and mercy towards us. It is about acknowledging and naming those times when we know we have done wrong, and then making peace and restoring the relationships with those who have been affected by our poor choices.

What happens during the sacrament?



Reconciliation involves acknowledging our sins and receiving the forgiveness of God through the ministry of the priest. Through this process, a person is reconciled with the Church, renews his/her baptism, and continues to live as a disciple of Jesus.

ReLAT (Religious Literacy Assessment Tool)

Last term all Year 4 students participated in an assessment in Religious Education. This assessment has been developed by the Catholic Education Office and is based on the learning outcomes identified in the Crossways Religious Education Framework. ReLAT is designed to assess some of the basic knowledge taught in Religious Education lessons. The assessment is not a measure of a child's faith or their participation in the broader life of the Catholic community. Recently we received our ReLAT results and while these provide only a 'snapshot' of children's overall religious knowledge, that data will be collated by our school to inform the learning needs of students and staff. Results will be sent home with end of year reports.



End of Year Mass

Our end of year Mass is a very special celebration in the life of our school. It is traditionally a celebration of thanksgiving for the wonderful year we enjoyed together, but also an opportunity for our current school captains to pass the reigns over to our 2024 captains.

The end of year Mass will be celebrated at the Our Lady Queen of Peace Church on Thursday 7 December 2023 at 10 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Marissa Redden

APRIM

From the Wellbeing Leader



The following information is taken from the eSafety Commissioner's "***A guide to help parents, carers and educators protect kids online***".

Kids are growing up in two worlds; the real world, and an online world. Just like we protect kids from dangers in the real world, it is important to keep them safe in their online world, too.



Unwanted contact and online grooming

Kids can communicate with people they do not know or have not met in real life.

Strangers can contact any account that is not set to private. People can easily pretend to be someone else because you cannot see the person who you are chatting with online. For example, someone who says they are a 10 year old girl could actually be a 40 year old man.

This can be unsafe for a child who might trust that someone is who they say they are. Kids may also welcome the online friendship at the start.

Sometimes unwanted contact may be from someone they know, but it is still important that they raise unwanted contact with you or another trusted adult if they feel uncomfortable.

It is illegal for an adult to make online contact with a child under the age of 16 for a sexual purpose. This is called "online grooming".

Sometimes groomers will try to relate to the person they are targeting by liking the same things or pretending to have a

shared interest. Kids can be led into a false sense of trust with someone who may cause them harm.

What can I do?

Start the chat

- Talk with kids about being careful with people they chat and message with online, as well as not meeting 'online friends' in person.
- Encourage kids to tell you or another adult if they feel unsafe.
- Reassure them that they won't be in trouble if they tell you.

Check settings

- Help kids report and block the contact or remove unwanted people from their account or friends list. You should also check the account settings and make sure they are set to private.
- If a stranger has been able to contact the child, their account may not be private.

Report it

- You can report abuse to your local police. It is also a good idea to take a screen shot or photo to assist in tracking the person.
- If you believe a child is in immediate danger, contact your local police station or call Triple Zero (000).

Tina Napier

Wellbeing Leader

Vacation Care Program



Our ever-popular vacation care program is **NOW AVAILABLE** and bookings are **NOW OPEN!**

You can grab a paper copy from either OSHC or the front office, or download a copy - you can find the link in the "Useful Links" section at the top of this newsletter.

Most sessions are exceptionally popular, and spaces are limited, so please submit applications in by the **due date - Thursday 7 December 2023**.

Class update - 5/6 T

In Mathematics students were learning about fractions and their decimal and percentage equivalent.

As a part of this unit students researched various flags and their features. Aspects they researched included the:

- most common colours in flags, (red, white and blue) along with the
- most common number of colours found in flags (3 and 4).

Students would then convert the data collected into percentages, fractions and decimals.

Students were then given a new country (which they could name) and then create a flag for their country. When designing their flag,



students needed to take into consideration the data collected in previous lessons. They then put in a submission to the World Flag President (me) and, if approved, they could then create their own flag.

Students needed to work out the perimeter and area of the flag, along with the fraction, percentage and decimal representation of each section.

Using our *7 Steps of Writing program* students also created a persuasive text on why you should visit their new country.

Leigh Turbill

5/6 T teacher

5/6T Class Update Gallery

Flags

Blue - 7/10, 0.7
 White - 1/10, 0.1
 Yellow - 1/10, 0.1
 Red - 1/10, 0.1
 Green - 1/10, 0.1
 Orange - 1/10, 0.1
 Black - 1/10, 0.1

Blue - $\frac{7}{10}$, 70%, 0.7
 White - $\frac{1}{10}$, 10%, 0.1
 Yellow - $\frac{1}{10}$, 10%, 0.1
 Red - $\frac{1}{10}$, 10%, 0.1
 Green - $\frac{1}{10}$, 10%, 0.1
 Orange - $\frac{1}{10}$, 10%, 0.1
 Black - $\frac{1}{10}$, 10%, 0.1

There are only 1 flags that n ordnag and most of the

Yellow: beach, sand, sun, etc
 Green: land, scenery, blue
 $5cm = 2.5cm \times 2 = 5cm$

Blue: ocean, sky, etc
 Red: our people, passion, etc

I the resident of.....
 Have decided with my advisor
 (Mr. T) to put a bit of each
 colour in each section of
 the flag + show that our country is together

Stathidonia!

Flag Measurements

Length: 20cm₂
 Height: 10cm₂
 Area: 20cm₂ x 10cm₂ = 200cm₂

Green: 51cm₂, $\frac{51}{200} = 25.5/100$, 25.5%, 0.255
 Red: 51cm₂, $\frac{51}{200} = 25.5/100$, 25.5%, 0.255
 Blue: 51cm₂, $\frac{51}{200} = 25.5/100$, 25.5%, 0.255
 White: 47cm₂, $\frac{47}{200} = 23.5/100$, 23.5%, 0.235

Why you should come to Burch.

Do you want an amazing holiday well Burch is for you, at our wonderful country Burch we have all your holiday needs. Tasting these parks, delicious food and top of the line views with amazing scenery in a beautiful hotel.

There parks, we have multiple theme parks here at Burch Islands, our most popular park is Spinn Wheel has lots of different sports, there is a place where you can meet the basketball players, soccer players, hockey players and much more. Our other theme parks consist of a water park called Wet Life where you will experience the thrill of going down amazing water slides and waterfalls in our water park. Lastly my favourite theme park we have here is called DC LAND you experience what the DC superheroes and villains of the DC world characters go through. They also have rides that are based on what the characters go through. We have had 5 star views for visitors staying it was the most surreal thing they have done.

Food, this food is so crispy, juicy and delicious it melts your taste buds when you get it in your mouth it literally melts your taste buds. The most famous dish is called color, color is a crispy piece of chicken in a red bread with lettuce, tomato, cucumber, burger sauce and mayonnaise. You know you will love this meal when its scrumptious, delectable and delightful.

Weather, the weather here at Burch is top tier for a holiday we don't have winter at Burch we only have summer, autumn and spring the temperature go from 20°-32° not too hot but not too cold which is perfect and this all year around as well.

Lastly, scenery and views, the scenery and views here are amazing when you're in your hotel you get 360 views of the shining blue water and golden fishy sand, clear blue sky and you will see the amazing view from Burch up from the ground you can even get hotels on the water which provide the amazing view of dolphins and seals. David Attenborough even said "these views are

Why to visit Stathidonia

Hey! Are you looking for a delightful vacation at a country overflowing with breathtaking scenery, fascinating wildlife, and exhilarating activities! Then you should come to... Stathidonia!

1. Firstly, I'm going to talk about the magnificent scenery. This country is filled with stunning beaches that have purist white sand and clearest turquoise water you'll ever see. We also have tons of snowy mountains. It has been proven that these mountains have the softest snow in the entire world! Then we have my personal favourite The Crystal Caves! These caves when you enter are dark caves, but the further you go into the cave you will start to see bright glowing crystals.

2. Secondly, the captivating creatures that live here. There are many different animals, but if I talk about all of them, we'll be here all day, so today I am only going to talk about one. The one I am going to talk about is... the Glowing Rainbow Fish! Glowing Rainbow Fish only exist in Stathidonia! These fish glow in the dark and change colour!

3. Lastly, the sensational activities. Do you remember how I said The Crystal Caves are my favourite thing about Stathidonia, well you can get a boat ride through The Crystal Caves! This is where the Glowing Rainbow Fish live, and you can see them jumping in and out of the water.

So, a country filled with mountains that have the softest snow, Glowing Rainbow Fish and boat rides through Crystal Caves.

Specialist update - Performing Arts

Throughout Term 4, students have been exploring their theatrical skills in weekly drama lessons, as a part of the Performing Arts requirement of the Australian Curriculum. This has been a great opportunity to test out the stage in the Performing Arts space, and has also allowed students to express themselves creatively, in a way that they might not usually have the chance to.

Reception students have started by focusing on using actions and movements to represent items – a favourite activity of theirs so far has been “Fruit Salad”.

The Year 1 students have been delving into the world of creating characters through the manipulation of body language and voices, while the Year 2 students have explored the concepts of improvisation as well as how to read from scripts.

The Year 3 and Year 4 students have been learning a class play – 3/4 M will be performing “The Pied Piper”, while 3/4 C has been working on a sequel to Cinderella, “Cinderella’s Second Chance”. Students have enjoyed the opportunity to improve their acting skills by reacting to the drama on stage, projecting their voices and moving with intent.

Finally, the Year 5/6 students have been working in small groups on “Monologues”. While typically dramatic readings performed by a single person, the students have divided up their scripts and creatively directed how they will perform the scenarios, including deciding on appropriate costumes and props to accentuate the drama on stage. It has been great fun!

Andrew Heuzenroeder



Performing Arts Drama Gallery



Specialist update - PE & Sport

SACPSSA Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday 8 November 2023, the school's athletics team paraded their skills at the annual SACPSSA Athletics Carnival at SA Athletics Stadium, Mile End.

Our school competed in Section 6 against other metropolitan schools, promoted from Section 9 last year. In all, 40 students represented our school in various track and field events throughout the day.

We had many students come home with a range of ribbons, however the most pleasing aspect was that each student tried their best and represented our school proudly.

A special mention goes to Sophie P and Henry S who were each awarded Year 3 Individual Age champions. In addition, congratulations are extended to the Year 3 Boys team who were the winning school overall for their age group.

Finally, a massive thank you to our parent volunteers who gave up their time to come out and assist in various roles at the carnival:

- Justine Stoddard
- Louisa Scopacasa
- Anne Pudney
- Luisa Carrillo-Correa



Wonder Recycling Rewards

This year, the school participated in the Wonder Recycling Rewards program, where the P & F Committee collected bread bags donated by the school community.

We recently received our reward, which included dodge balls and tennis balls.

Matthew Annetta

PE teacher



Playgroup Occasional Care Update

Week 10 of Term 3 was certainly something to celebrate at Occasional Care and Playgroup!

One of our Playgroup children asked, "Where is our egg?", to which I replied, "The egg is reading the 'Chicks don't say quack' book". She looked behind the oversized large book and realised, to her and everyone's amazement, that "The Unexpected Arrival of the Golden Speckled Egg" finally hatched after weeks of anticipation.

Our mascot is finally here to stay; it sends us all a message to help children's brains grow by reading, singing, playing, rhyming and talking to them every day.

Our mascot is a beautiful Australian magpie.

The children fell in love with the magpie straight away, giving it lots of cuddles and pats.

The children from Occasional Care decided to call the magpie "Mr Balloonsy" for the time being; at the end of Term 4 there will be a proper name announced once all votes are considered from across all SPICE Playgroups. If you would like to contribute, you can scan the QR code that appears in the image gallery, select Our Lady Queen of Peace Playgroup, and then enter the name you have chosen.

Occasional Care children invited their eldest siblings from school to celebrate and to partake in a magpie craft activity where we could hang the magpies on our classroom's tree.

The children enjoyed listening to the book "Waddle Giggle Gargle" by Pamela Allen, and we celebrated with lots of play, and ate cupcakes and fairy bread.

What a busy and great time we all had!

Alison Ferguson

Occasional Care / Playgroup facilitator



Occasional Care Playgroup Update



Seeking Library Volunteers



Calling All library enthusiasts! Volunteer with us!

We hope you are as excited about the world of books and knowledge as we are. At Our Lady Queen of Peace School, we believe that library is a hub of learning and community engagement.

We are excited to invite all passionate individuals to join our mission and become a part of our dedicated team of library volunteers.

Why volunteer?

- **Connect with our community:** Volunteers are at the heart of our library's community engagement. You will get to interact with people of all ages and backgrounds.
- **Give back:** By volunteering, you'll be contributing to the enrichment of your community and helping us provide invaluable resources to all.
- **Commitment and flexibility:** We understand that everyone's schedule is different. That is why we offer flexible volunteering hours to accommodate your availability. Whether you have a few hours a week or a few hours a month, every bit of your time is valuable.

How to Get Involved?

Interested in joining our dedicated team of library volunteers? Please email info@olqp.catholic.edu.au.

Please note, that **all volunteers** are required to have a **current Catholic clearance** and **current RRHAN-EC certificate of completion** before commencing. Front office staff can assist you with these processes.

Join us in promoting literacy, knowledge, and the joy of reading. Together, we can create a more vibrant and informed community.

Thank you for considering volunteering at Our Lady Queen of Peace School.

Early Learning @ OLQP!

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Occasional Care (3-5 years)
📅 Tuesday (school term time)
🕒 9am - 12noon

Playgroup (0-5 years)
📅 Wednesday (school term time)
🕒 9am - 10.30am

☎ 8279 8800
✉ info@olqp.catholic.edu.au

**Connect
Learn
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Come and join the fun!

- Playgroup is on Wednesdays 9-10.30am.
- Occasional Care is on Tuesdays 9-12pm for children 3-5yrs.

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?

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

Alison Ferguson

Occasional Care and Playgroup Faciliator



Parents and Friends Committee contact details

P & F Committee

Everyone is welcome to join!

Parents, grandparents, staff ...
We look forward to new members
joining in on the fun!

Please contact us via our email
address or say "Hello!" at our next
event!

✉ PNF@olqp.catholic.edu.au

**Connect
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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.



Louisa Scopacasa

Second-hand Uniform Shop Coordinator

P & F Committee

Before & After School Care

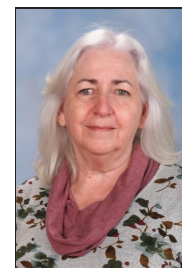
New families and permanent bookings:

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



Woodville Little Learners

Woodville Little Learners is a purpose built child care facility and kindergarten located in Woodville.

Woodville Little Learners provides care to children from aged 6 weeks to 5 years old.

Click on the image of the flyer to download and access more information.

Emily Matthews

Centre Director

P: 8244 7717



SMOSHWL Football Club

The SMOSH West Lakes Football Club was formed in 1996 following the merger of the St Michael's Old Scholars and Hindmarsh (SMOSH) and West Lakes Football Clubs.

SMOSH West Lakes Junior Football Club has been an integral part of our community, providing a positive and engaging environment for young people to develop their skills and build lasting friendships. Our coaches are all accredited and have the interests of ensuring all children and their families have enjoyable experiences at the club. With registrations now open for the upcoming season, we are eager to welcome new players to our team.

Click on the image of the flyer for more information.

Brett Hidson

Junior Football Director (U7 - U11)

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Seaton Ramblers Football Club

The Seaton Ramblers Football Club is seeking boy and girl players 7-17 years of age.

Click on the image of the flyer to download and access more information.



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