



Important Dates

Dancify - Dance Lessons

Monday 28 November

Whole School Assembly

Wednesday 30 November

Mr Abela's Greatest Shave Event

Wednesday 30 November

Instrumental Music Evening

Thursday 1 December

Little Peacemakers Parent Info Morning

Friday 2 December

Skate Boarding Incursion

Monday 5 December

Nazareth Orientation Day

Tuesday 6 December

Skate Boarding Incursion

Thursday 8 December

Carols Night

Friday 9 December

Year 6 Retreat Day and Dinner

Monday 12 December

Reception Bowling Excursion

Monday 12 December

School Mass

Tuesday 13 December

Year 6 Graduation Liturgy

Wednesday 14 December

Assembly

Thursday 15 December



Term 4 Week 4 Newsletter

From the Principal

Great News

It is with absolute excitement that I can announce we have received system approval (Catholic Education) to **move forward with our Nature Play project**. I was quick to inform *Climbing Tree* that we are able to move forward, so that we can get onto their booking sheet! I hope to have a start date as soon as possible.



School Improvement

We have clearly demonstrated this year that we are serious about school improvement – especially regarding learning, behaviour/regulation, and with our physical environment! Everything that we have done this year and continue to do moving forward is **deliberate, intentional and child centred!** A lot of planning has gone into 2023 to ensure we are providing our students with the very best.

Not only am I very excited about the staffing team for 2023, we have also **reimagined our learning environments** and have ensured students are in the most ideal location around the school so that they are able to have **growth in their learning outcomes**. To achieve this, Our Lady Queen of Peace School will be a busy place over the holiday break.

Projects – Learning Precincts

In 2023, we will introduce and welcome an **Early Years Learning precinct** (Reception to Year 2). This will be located at the other side of the school. The Music Room will be transformed into the Reception classrooms. The Occasional Care and Play Group rooms will remain. The Year 5/6 classes will become the Year 1 classrooms (there will be two of them), and the Year 3/4 class will become the Year 2 classroom. I am hoping by early Term 1, we will have a mini Nature Play area in the vicinity of the stage.

The new **Primary Years precinct** (Years 3 to 6) will be located at the front of the school, as the Year 5/6 classrooms will move into the current Year 1/2S and Year 1/2MG rooms. The outside courtyard on Botting Street will be transformed into an **outdoor learning space** which will have **sun sails and furniture** to support student learning. The courtyard on the other side can also be used.

The Year 3/4 classes will move to the current Reception classrooms. Again, students will be able to access the outside courtyard on

Botting Street which will be transformed into an additional learning area.

Each of these precincts and learning spaces will allow teachers to support students increase their learning outcomes. A **significant amount of research** has gone into the relationship between learning and the learning environment.

Projects – Music Room

The Music Room will become the **Performing Arts Centre**. It will be relocated into the current Multipurpose Room. This space will be **soundproofed** so not to interrupt the learning in the adjacent classrooms. Two **instrumental lesson booths and a stage area** will be incorporated into this space as well.



My hope would be that these projects are ready to go for the start of 2023 but am mindful there might be some delay.

Moving Forward

There are numerous other projects in the wind which I will share with you in due course. It's important to know these transitions to student learning and school improvement have been discussed with staff, School Board, the Architects and various CESA Consultants. I am happy to discuss these with you if you have any questions.



It is truly an exciting time to be a part of Our Lady Queen of Peace! The feedback I received from new families to the school community is that they **love the direction the school is taking** and can see the growth and improvement. For existing families, they are **thankful that school improvement is finally happening** and want it to continue.

Thank you to the many families that were actively involved in Sports Day; it was an amazing community event. "Well done" to our students who participated and represented the school at the SACPSSA Athletics Carnival. Not only were they highly competitive and won the shield, our students were also respectful and polite.

Click on the images below to view enlarged versions.

You can also see more images of Sports Day and the SACPSSA Athletics Carnival on our Facebook page - follow this link: <https://www.facebook.com/olqpschoolsa>



Day 1 - 2023 School Year

One final note - **students will start the 2023 school year on Tuesday 31 January**. The School Board has approved a **student free day on Monday 30 January 2023** so that staff can engage in Day 2 of the Restorative Practices professional development. The professional development will underpin our Respectful Relationships Policy and Procedures.

Lee Abela
Principal

From the APRIM



Advent

Advent is the season that comes before Christmas. It uses the colour purple which is symbolic for preparation or waiting. The first Sunday of Advent begins on 27th November 2022. This is the time where we are preparing for the birth of Jesus.

Reconciliation

On Tuesday 15 November 2022, six OLQP students completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Congratulations to **Sophie** Pritchard, **Indiah** Sellers, **Poppy** McKenna, **Mateo** Sibal, **Ignacio** Abreu Carrillo, and **Charlie** Willoughby for beginning your Sacramental journey.

Click on the image below to view an enlarged version.



Have you ever wondered what happens in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

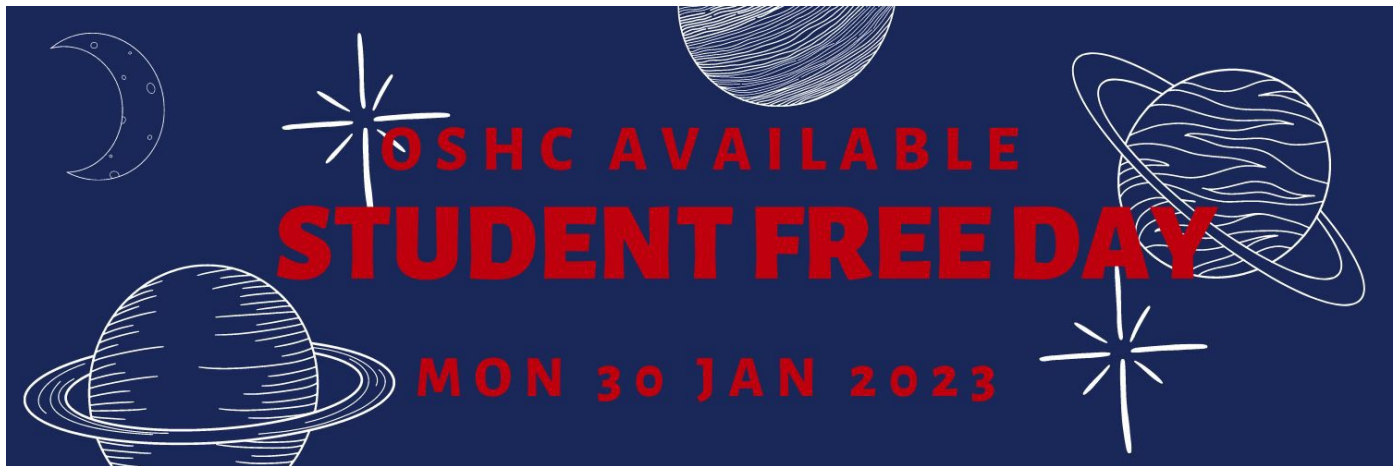
During this sacrament, a person:

- Reflects upon their life especially about their good and poor choices
- Speaks with a priest about areas of life they want to change
- Confess their sins and express sorrow
- Receives God's healing & forgiveness
- Makes up for their wrong-doing through penance

Marissa Redden

Assistant Principal - Religious Identity & Mission

IMPORTANT - Monday 30 January 2023



Student-free Day

As mentioned in Mr Abela's Principal article, students will start the school year on Tuesday 31 January 2023, as Monday 30 January is a student-free day.







If you require care for your child on Monday 30 January 2023, our OSHC is still available.


Please contact OSHC to secure your spot!

Jo Fahey - 0417 840 700

OSHC & Vacation Care Director

Vacation Care Dec 22 / Jan 23 Holidays

OLQP School – Vacation Care December 2022					
Friday 16 December 2022	Monday 19 December 2022	Tuesday 20 December 2022	Wednesday 21 December 2022	Thursday 22 December 2022	Friday 23 December 2022
Jumping Castle	Just Dance!!	Christmas Crafts	Coding Workshop	Christmas Cooking	Movie "Polar Express"
10.30am – 2.30pm Over 12m long, "Nuclear Meltdown" features more challenges than we can list!! 	Be active and show your best moves, all while you dance to "Just Dance" on the big screen in OLQP's Blyonendi Hall. 	Decorate wreaths, mugs and more in preparation for Christmas and gifting!! 	9.30am – 11.30am Program drones to help Santa deliver presents and save Christmas! 	Make an assortment of yummy treats to take home and share for Christmas! 	Decorate boxes to sit in, while viewing this classic movie! 
Bring recess & lunch from home	Bring recess & lunch from home	Bring recess & lunch from home	Bring recess & lunch from home	Bring recess & lunch from home	Bring recess & lunch from home

OLQP School – Vacation Care January 2023				
Monday 9 January 2023	Tuesday 10 January 2023	Wednesday 11 January 2023	Thursday 12 January 2023	Friday 13 January 2023
Martial Arts	Odeon Cinema Semaphore	"Bubbly Bel" Fiesta Show	ICA Stepney	Tie Dye Craft Day
10.30am – 11.30am Academy of Self Defence and Martial Arts This short self-defence course aims to empower children in dealing with real-life situations.  ASDMA Academy of Self Defence and Martial Arts	10am – 12noon Please arrive before 9.45am Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile G rating Candy Bar additional \$6 Billed to account, inform staff to opt out  Bus departs @ 9am Returns @ 12.30pm	11am – 11.45am Wear bright clothes for a splash of Spanish fun – dancing and music! 	10am – 2pm Includes cricket, soccer, dodgeball and more!! REFILLABLE DRINK BOTTLE MANDATORY!  Bus departs @ 9.20am Returns @ 2.30pm	Please indicate t-shirt size on the consent form Create your own unique tie-dyed t-shirt 
Bring recess & lunch from home	Bring red school hat, recess & lunch from home	Bring recess & lunch from home	Bring red school hat, recess & lunch from home	Bring recess & lunch from home

Program & Booking Information

The program for Vacation Care December 2022 / January 2023 is **NOW AVAILABLE!**

Book your child's spot in OLQP's Vacation Care program for the Summer 2022/2023 school holidays.

Exciting and fun sessions are likely to fill up fast, so book now to avoid the disappointment of missing out.

You can collect a hard copy of the program from the OSHC room or **download the Vacation Care December 2022 / January 2023 program here.**

Jo Fahey

OSHC & Vacation Care Director

Our Lady Queen of Peace School
Catholic Primary School
OSHC address is via South Street

**Vacation Care Program
Dec 22 / Jan 23**

Friday 16 December – Friday 23 December 2022
Monday 9 January – Wednesday 25 January 2023

OSHC mobile: 0417 840 700
Email: fb@olqp-oshc.edu.au

Bookings close on Thursday 8 December 2022

Connect | Learn | Grow

Playgroup Occasional Care Update

OLQP Playgroup and Occasional Care at the Playground

This week we have enjoyed having Playgroup at the playground. We had a lot of fun playing on the playground, we also enjoyed singing, juggling and blowing and catching bubbles while we were there. During Occasional Care this week, we went on an excursion to the playground. We walked safely as a group to and from the playground and we had a lot of fun swinging, sliding, juggling and spinning on the playground.

Play is important in the development of children's fine and gross motor skills. Through play, children practise the control and coordination of large body movements (gross motor skills), as well as the coordination of small muscle movements (fine motor skills).

Some of the **gross motor skills** that we used at the playground included walking, swinging, sliding, climbing, running, jumping and these skills all help to develop balance, coordination and core strength.

Some examples of **fine motor skills** that we used at the playground includes climbing ladders or ropes or slides, hanging on bars, using our hands to grasp playground equipment or bubble containers and wands, playing with the small moveable puzzles on the playground. Doing these activities help children to develop the muscles in their hands to grasp, develop postural control and stability. The development of fine motor skills also helps children to perform self-care tasks such as brushing their teeth, getting dressed, feeding themselves, as well as drawing and writing.

Children also can learn a lot of other skills while playing at the playground such as balance, social skills – getting along, taking turns, problem solving, spatial awareness, persistence and learning about the capabilities of their own bodies. Playgrounds also allow children to participate in some risky play which allows children to recognise their limits and how to deal with risk in the future.

Developing our Gross Motor and Fine Motor skills is an important part of the play and learning that we do at OLQP Occasional Care and Playgroup each week.

Look at how much fun we had!

If you would like to join in the fun with us!

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

For more information see flyers below regarding Playgroup and Occasional Care or contact Michael on michael@olqp-catholic.edu.au

Why is PLAY important?

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This week's highlights

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Click [HERE for the Playgroup/Occasional Care newsletter](#), and learn more about what we got up to during our sessions, as well as more photos!

Rachael Stathis
Playgroup and Occasional Care Coordinator



OSHC STILL needs your HELP!!

Thanks to the families that have helped out so far, but we still need more!

A shout out for large boxes please!

We are still in need of large boxes for an activity during December 2022 Vacation Care.

If you have any cardboard boxes large enough for a child to sit in, please drop off your donations to OSHC or via the front office.



We require Christmas decorations!

OSHC also welcomes the donation of any unwanted Christmas decorations, in particular tinsel. No glass ornaments please.

If you can help, please drop off your donations to OSHC.

Thanks, in anticipation.

Jo Fahey
OSHC Director



Early Learning @ OLQP!



The graphic features a dark blue background with a hexagonal pattern. On the left, text details 'Occasional Care (3-5 years)' on Tuesdays (9am-12noon) and 'Playgroup (0-5 years)' on Wednesdays (9am-10.30am). Contact information includes phone number 8279 8800 and email info@olqp.catholic.edu.au. A central red hexagon contains the text 'Connect Learn Grow'. The right side shows three hexagonal photo cutouts of children engaged in activities like pouring cereal and painting. The OLQP logo is in the bottom right corner.

Playgroup

During Term 4, 2022, Playgroup is scheduled on Wednesdays from 9am to 10.30am.

Come along for play-based learning and fun, and make new friends!

An UPDATED TERM 4 OUTLINE & PROGRAM are available at the following links:

- [Download Term 4 2022 Playgroup Outline here](#)
- [Download Term 4 2022 Playgroup Term Program here](#)



More information, including times, scheduled activities AND contact details can be found in the downloadable flyer via the following link:

- [Download Playgroup flyer](#)

Occasional Care

OLQP Occasional Care is an accredited program for 3-5 years olds, and is delivered by qualified educators.

Occasional Care is on Tuesdays 9am to 12noon during school terms.

Cost is \$10 per session.

Further information and details can be found via the link to the UPDATED downloadable flyer:

- [Download Occasional Care flyer](#)

More questions?

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

Rachael Stathis

Occasional Care & Playgroup Coordinator

OLQP People's Choice Community Lottery

People's Choice Community Lottery

People's Choice facilitate the Community Lottery's administration, advertising, prizes and tickets so that OLQP will pocket 100% of every \$2 ticket sold!

There are 43 prizes worth over \$300,000 to be won!

And the biggest prize is that 100% of every ticket you buy benefits OLQP students!

Click on the following link or adjacent poster to purchase your tickets.

<https://tinyurl.com/2p845y6m>

Kind regards

OLQP P & F Committee



Goodstart Early Learning Child Care - Cheltenham



Goodstart Early Learning Child Care Centre, located on Port Road, opened in 2018.

Their environments have been specifically designed to engage, challenge and excite the children throughout all of their developmental stages.

With a strong commitment and focus to create a warm and welcoming community focused centre, they look forward to building and maintaining meaningful and true relationships with all our families and children.

[Click here to download Goodstart - Cheltenham's flyer](#) for more information and contact details. You can also click on the image to enlarge!





Online bookings

A reminder to families that **the new booking app is up and running**, please speak to Jo if you are having difficulties accessing it.

Please **continue to call or text if you are unable to secure your required spot** as spaces are blocked to allow for the correct staff : child ratio, spots may be available on request.

To be able access the website app, families must have an email address that is recorded on their Spike account. Families use their email address and PIN code to sign in. Families will be able to see their children's current and upcoming bookings, invoices and current balance owing.

The parent's child care app, Spike Childcare, can be saved to your mobile phone's homepage. Follow this link: [Spike Childcare Booking App](#)



New families and permanent bookings:

All new family bookings and permanent bookings still 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

OLQP Enrolments 2023-2025

Sibling enrolments

Do you have a toddler or child at kindergarten? Have you enrolled them at OLQP yet?

While priority is given to siblings of children already attending OLQP, we still require a completed "Application for Enrolment" for each and every child.

All families wishing to enrol their children in Reception for 2023-2025 must lodge a completed "Application for Enrolment" as soon as possible.

Please note: If your child was born between 1 May and 31 October, they are eligible for our Semester 2 intake. Application for Enrolment forms are available from the school office or via the downloadable link below:



Our Lady Queen of Peace School
100 GARDNER STREET
MORNINGTON VIC 3568
03 5962 8800
www.ourladyqueenofpeace.vic.edu.au

Application for Enrolment

Student Name: _____ Surname: _____ Date of Birth: _____

to Enrol For: Year _____ Year Level _____

Thank you for your interest in Our Lady Queen of Peace School.
Please complete the following form and return to the school with payment of the \$50 enrolment fee.
We will then contact you regarding an invitation to enrolment interview.

Enrolment _____ Enrolment _____ Enrolment _____

Download an **Application for Enrolment** form [here](#).

Contact Maureen on 8279 8800 for more information.

Maureen Wilkinson
Enrolment Officer

Second-hand uniform shop



The OLQP Second-hand Uniform Shop service, facilitated by a dedicated group of parents, supports the community access quality and affordable second-hand uniforms for their children.

Please note **CURRENT** opening times:

MONDAYS - P & F Room (adjacent the Canteen)

- 8.40am – 9am
- 2.45pm – 3.10pm

Do you have any OLQP uniform items that are washed and in good condition, that your child no longer wears?

If so, please consider passing them onto the Second-hand Uniform Shop.

The staff in the front office are happy to accept and pass on your donation (or consignment items) to the Second-hand Uniform Shop volunteers.

Call 8279 8800 if you require more information.

Louisa Scopacasa
Second-hand Uniform Shop Coordinator
P & F Committee

Canteen News



The school canteen is open **EVERY Friday**.

Orders can be placed via the **QKR! App** by **8am Friday mornings**.

Alternatively, you can place your order in a brown paper bag with money enclosed and place it in the box provided in your child's classroom.

The updated canteen menu can be accessed and downloaded via the link below.

[Download the **canteen menu** here](#)

Wendy Koegler
Canteen Manager



SACA Cricket Holiday Clinics



South Australian Cricket Association (SACA) Holiday Clinics

Click on the image to follow the QR code link.

Scan the QR code to access more information regarding SACA Holiday Clinics for the upcoming school holidays.

Hayden Wooldridge

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