March, 2015 Newsletter

Term 1
Wednesday 28th January, 2015
- Thursday 2nd April, 2015

Facebook

Please like our OLQP Preschool Facebook page. We will post up to date information on news and events. Please note that no photo’s of children’s faces will be posted on our page.

Sign in Sheets and Hall Pockets

Each day your child attends, please make sure that you sign them in/out, both in the morning and afternoon. Also, remember to check your hall pockets for any notes. At the sign in sheet, there is also a family page where the children can share their stories at group time. There will also be a sign in sheet for your child to practice writing their name each day they come to preschool.

Pre-School Staff

Narelle Bolton       Monday – Friday
Lucy Muscat          Tuesday – Friday
Carmel DeBono        On leave
Louise Woelfl         Monday – Friday
Julie-Ann Mifsud     Monday (admin and fees)
Leanne Mifsud        Monday - Friday

Pre-School Hours

8.30am
- 4.00pm

School Terms for 2014

Term 1  Wednesday 28th January – Thursday 2nd April (10 weeks)
Term 2  Monday 20th April – Friday 26th June (10 weeks)
Term 3  Monday 13th July – Friday 18th September (10 weeks)
Term 4  Tuesday 6th October – (term 4 last day to be confirmed) (11 weeks)

Fees

Fees for Term 1 should now be completed – unless you are on an arranged payment plan. Orange receipts will be placed in your hall pockets the week after a payment has been made. Fees are processed on Monday of each week by Julie-Ann (between 9am – 3pm). Please contact her during these hours for any questions on 9631 8901.
**Sunscreen**

As the children will be playing outside, please make sure you apply sunscreen on your child before they arrive for Preschool. If they don’t have any on before they come, due to new policies, you will need to apply it when you get to pre-school.

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**Parking/Drop Off**

The driveway for the Pre-school is only to be used as a 5 minute drop off. If you need to speak to the teachers, please park on the road. The grass area is only for staff parking.

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**Health Food Policy**

At Pre-school we follow a health food policy. Please send fruit with your child for morning tea and for an extra snack (if they are still hungry). Some healthy suggestions are dried fruit, yoghurt, cheese, carrots, celery or other vegetables. A sandwich is recommended for lunch as we do not reheat food for the children. All food is kept in the fridge. Please note that bars such as LCM’s are not considered a healthy snack.

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**Uniform and Spare Clothes**

Please send your child to Preschool in sensible, sun safe clothing and footwear (thongs and strappy shirts are not allowed). Make sure they always have hat, as ‘NO HAT NO PLAY’. There is Pre-school clothing available if you have not already purchased some. Please remember to send spare clothes in your child’s bag in case of any accidents, water play or becoming dirty while playing.

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**P & F Committee & Policies Committee**

The Preschool has a P & F Committee and we are looking for some parent volunteers to help us out. The committee only meets once a term. We are looking for parents to take up the following positions: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer. If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions, please contact Narelle. If you would like to attend the meetings as an interested parent and not an official position, all parents are still welcome.

**NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY 24TH MARCH, 2015 AT 7.30PM AT PRESCHOOL**

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**Newsletter**

The Preschool newsletter will be available on our website the last Thursday of each month. It will keep you up to date with everything going on at Preschool. If you would like to contribute anything that may be of interest to other families, please let us know.

If you do not receive the newsletter, please let Narelle or Julie-Ann know.
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**Medication**

No medication is to be left in the children’s bag. If your child needs to have medicine during the day, it must be given to staff and a form filled in, this includes asthma puffers and epipens. Medicine must be in it’s original packaging and the script in your child’s name. All epipens & asthma medication must have an action plan filled in by your doctor.

**Book Club**

During the year there will be various book club catalogues available for you to purchase books. You are not obliged to buy, however the Preschool does receive vouchers from Scholastic to purchase books for the Preschool. When making a payment and selecting the school, please select Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish. Please speak to Julie-Ann for any information.

**Fundraising**

During the year we will be holding various fundraising events. Funds from these events will go towards things such as incursions.

**Prayer Tea Towel**

The Pre-school prayer tea towel is available for purchase for $10.

**Donations**

The Pre-school is always in need of various supplies, especially toilet paper & tissues. If you would like to make a donation, that would be very much appreciated.

**Website**

On the last Thursday of every month, you will receive an email from our website which will include various information about upcoming events (including notes) and our newsletter. Keep an eye out for it in your inbox.

**Birthdays**

March, 2015

19th - Finley A
27th - Narelle B
28th - Adrian R
Special Events

What’s happening this month March, 2015

Peter Wood Magician
Tuesday 24th March, 2015
Time: 10.00am
(See note in the Parent Notes tab on website)

Parent Committee Meeting - AGM
Tuesday 24th March, 2015
Time: 7.30pm

Living Eggs – Eggs Hatching at Preschool
Monday 23rd March, 2015 – Thursday 2nd April, 2015
Time: All day

Security Gate

As you’ve seen we have a security gate which allows us to have control of who enters the premises during the day – better for the children. As parents this will only affect you at certain times during the day. The gate will be opened and accessible in the mornings from 8.30am – 9.45am and again in the afternoon from 2.30pm – 4.00pm. During these times, all you need to do is turn the top black handle and enter.

Between the hours of 9.30am and 2.30pm, the gate will be locked and only accessible by using the buzzer and intercom on the wall. If you are arriving at preschool during this time, press the buzzer and wait for staff to answer, let us know who you are and that you are at the gate wanting to enter, and we will unlock the gate electronically for you to turn the top handle for access.

Please make sure the gate is pulled shut securely behind you.

Siblings

Please be aware that siblings are not permitted to be on the Preschool premises without parent supervision. Please keep siblings off the equipment as it is not made for older children.

Child Reflections:

As a part of our newsletter, we are wanting to publish some of the wonderful stories that our children share with you at home about their experiences at preschool. If you have any of these stories that you would like us to include in the newsletter, please email them to us before the end of each month, so they can go in the next newsletter.

Special Events

What’s happening next month April, 2015

Easter Hat Parade
Thursday 2nd April, 2015
Time: 9.00am

Last Day of Term 1
Thursday 2nd April, 2015

First Day of Term 2
Monday 20th April, 2015

Kindifarm
Thursday 23rd April, 2015
Time: 11.00am – 1pm
### Email
When you receive an email, please send a reply to acknowledge that you have been able to open and read each one. When notes are attached to the emails, there is no need to print out the notes and send them back, just RSVP by email.

### Web & App Lookout
Do you have any useful websites or apps that our families may find of interest and would like to share with them? For example: Healthy Foods, Craft ideas, etc. Please let us know and we can pass them on in this section of the newsletter. Please note that we are not endorsing any websites that we include in this newsletter.

### Water Bottles
Could you please make sure that you send your child to preschool with a water bottle. We have water at the preschool to refill them if they drink their whole bottle.

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**Although I’m not their mother,**
I care for them each day.
I cuddle, sing and read to them,
And watch them as they play.
I see each new accomplishment,
And help them grow and learn,
I understand their language,
And I listen with concern.

They come to me for comfort,
And kiss away their tears.
They proudly show their work to me,
I give the loudest cheers!

No, I am not their mother,
But my role is just as strong.
I nurture them and keep them safe,
Though maybe not for long.

I know someday the time may come,
When we will have to part,
But I know each child I’ve cared for,
Is forever in my heart!
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

FREE OUTDOOR CINEMA
Saturday 28th February
Outside Camilleri Hall,
Old Prospect Road, Greystanes
Gates open 7pm.
(Entrance from Church carpark)
Movie starts at dark.
Buy your BBQ Sausage Sizzle for dinner
or BYO picnic and snacks.
Don’t forget your Picnic Blanket &
invite your family and friends!

Please note this is an outdoor event so please prepare accordingly.
Visit the OLQP Parish Facebook page
https://www.facebook.com/OLQPGreystanes

An initiative of Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Parish, Greystanes
We strive to Grow as a Community in the Likeness of Christ.
Please visit www.olqp.org.au for more information.

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