16th February 2016
Welcome to Week 4 Term 1.

Dear Families and Friends of OLOF,

RECOGNISE REACT REPORT TOUR 2016
This Wednesday, at 9.00am in the undercover area, Bruce and Denise Morcombe will be at Our Lady of Fatima School to talk to all our students about “Keeping Kids Safe”. We are truly honoured to have them visit them our school and we look forward to listening to their message. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS’ CHILD PROTECTION WORKSHOP
Firstly, I’d like to say a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who help out in the uniform shop, library, tuckshop, classrooms etc. each week. Their generosity of time and talents is greatly appreciated!

On Friday 19th February, at 9.00am and again at 2.30pm, we will be hosting a small workshop so that we are compliant with essential child protection policies developed by Brisbane Catholic Education. We therefore ask that anyone who volunteers in the school in any capacity to please attend one of these workshops.

SCHOOL PLANNING 2016
Last Thursday and Friday, Gemma, Therese and I spent two days setting goals for our school community for 2016. Over the next 4 weeks, I will outline the goals that have been set under each of the 4 key areas. This week, we begin with:

Mission and Religious Education
Throughout 2016,
➢ there will be a continued implementation of the Religious Education program and key religious celebrations of the church year;
➢ staff and students will continue to be supported in their professional and spiritual journey;
➢ we will explore ways to enhance our Catholic Identity;
➢ we will explore and celebrate the religious diversity within our local community;
➢ each class will attend Mass with the parish community at least once a term;
➢ we will promote key celebrations in the school newsletter and invite the parent body and the wider community; and
➢ OLOF will continue to support the relationship fostered with the Romero Centre.

A LENTEN CHALLENGE FOR EACH OF YOU
Make a list of all the excuses you use in your life. Think about the ones that you could stop using.

I hope that you all have a fantastic week.

Damian
A WORD FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (APRE)

APRE CORNER

Lent is a time of penance, it is a time for holiness, removing distractions so that we can focus and share our faith. Lent is a time to prepare for Easter. It is about making a promise to give up ‘something’ for 40 days. For the children, we ask them to give up something that is meaningful to them or that they love to eat e.g. chocolate, another way, is asking them work on doing something ‘more’ for 40 days e.g. helping around the house. For us, we can actually try to give us ‘Sin’. Once the 40 days of fasting is complete, at Easter, we then have 50 days of feasting!

Caritas: Project Compassion
‘Learning More, Creating Change...’
Remember to keep collecting small change for our Caritas Project Compassion appeal.
Next week we will explore week 2 of the program and see how our fundraising helps those in need around the world.

Within our school community for the period of Lent we are going to attempt to reduce our carbon footprint also. Week 1 of Lent, around the school, we are removing a light bulb from our home or office or turning off the lights in a room that you are working in. Each week there will be something different to work on to reduce our carbon footprint in our immediate world.

CURRICULUM CORNER

This week we are looking into the excellent teaching and learning happening in Year 4. This term, students are learning the types of prayer in Religion along with past Jewish communities and information texts in English. As we saw at yesterday’s assembly in Science, learning the different science properties and chemical materials and in H.S.S. the Aboriginal connection to the land. In Mathematics, place value, graphs, time, number facts and word problems.

Have a wonderful week

Gemma Marshall (Acting APRE)

A WORD FROM SR BERNADETTE

“What are your thoughts on disciplining children?” was asked of Brisbane expert, Professor Matt Sanders, founder of the Triple P- Positive Parenting Program. Part of his response is worth sharing.

Good discipline isn’t about punishment. It’s about helping children learn that their behaviour leads to consistent consequences. His advice is to remain calm and don’t let a single disobedient act escalate into a full scale battle of wills. When your child breaks a rule they know about, choose a logical and effective consequence. Removing a favourite toy or turning off the television are viable consequences of misbehaviour. Consequences work best if they are brief – between five to 30 minutes.

CUPPA: Come in for a cuppa on Monday 22 February @ 2.00pm. On your way to Assembly.

Peace Sr Bernadette

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

Library borrowing day is now THURSDAY
Parents / Carers please ensure your child has their library book and library bag at school every Thursday.

Thankyou Mrs Beard

REMINDER MEDICATION
If your child needs medication, please come to the office and fill out a form so that we can give your child their medication as needed.

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES
Parents, family & friends are most welcome to attend the school assemblies, which are held on Monday afternoon at 2.20pm.

PARKING SAFETY
Parents please be aware that there is NO PARENT PARKING IN THE STAFF CAR Park for the safety of the children who may be entering or leaving our grounds. Please park in the carpark near the church or use the drop off/pick up zone.

NO SMOKING ZONE
Parents and carers are reminded that it is illegal to smoke on our grounds including the pick up / drop off area and school car park.

OUR UNIFORM SHOP
The uniform shop is open from 8 am and it closes at 9 am, every Wednesday. All your uniform needs may be purchased during this time.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES
It has been noticed that many children are arriving at school before 8 a.m. For the safety of your child/children please do not send them to school at this time.