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Welcome to Week 2 Term 1.

Dear Families and Friends of OLOF,

THE JOURNEY BEGINS

"The Glory of God is a human being fully alive” (St. Iranaeus 170 CE)

This is one of my favourite quotes as it sums up both my philosophy of life and the approach that I take towards education.

Towards the end of last year, while I was contentedly preparing for a new year at my previous school and thinking about what I was going to do during the Christmas holidays, the Principal’s Job at Our Lady of Fatima was advertised. I had always said to my wife that I would love to work in one of my parish’s schools. Therefore, I applied for the job and it was not long before I was offered the job and I packed up my school belongings and farewelled my old school.

After a great holiday with my family I am now here at Our Lady of Fatima, ready to face all the challenges and adventures that the new job entails. I am so pleased that the school year has finally begun. For the past couple of weeks I felt how a new Prep student must feel, looking forward to what I was going to be doing but, at the same time, not really sure how everything worked and how I would fit into Our Lady of Fatima. Happily, these fears have been quickly allayed upon meeting all the friendly staff and the very welcoming students and parents.

A very warm welcome is also extended towards Miss Gemma Marshall, our acting APRE. I look forward to journeying with you all this year - staff, students, parents and families alike. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

May 2016 be a rewarding year for us all.

Damian Gambley (Principal)

WELCOME BACK BBQ

On Monday 8th February 2016 at 5.30 p.m. a welcome back B-B-Q will be held at our school for all parents,friends, students. Would you be kind enough to complete the attached form, for catering purposes, and return to the office as soon as possible, but definitely before Friday 5th February.

Welcome Back BBQ 2016

We will be attending the welcome BBQ: ___________________________ (Family name)

Number of people attending (Including students): ___________

Please return this to the office for catering purposes ASAP
A WORD FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (APRE)

Welcome back to a new school year. This term is a short one, only 9 weeks long with now only 8 to go, so don’t blink or you’ll miss all the exciting things happening around the school!! Over the past week I have been welcomed with warm, open arms from the students, staff and school community and I thank you for taking me in. I can not wait to see more of what this beautiful community has to offer.

Below is a brief overview of what will be happening over term 1. This year we are inviting all classes to attend Thursday Mass at 9am. Each year level will be part-taking or hosting a Mass each week (see the below timetable for your classes allocated week).

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CURRICULUM CORNER

Each week we will be getting an insight into what each year level is learning about in class in the ‘Curriculum Corner’. There is always plenty of great teaching and learning happening within each and every class.

Students learn at individual rates and as a rule of thumb, remember, ‘one year’s growth for one years learning’. Each student is their own independent learner and will learn at their own rate.

Best wishes for the week ahead.

Gemma Marshall (Acting APRE)

A WORD FROM SR BERNADETTE

As we commence another year at OLOF school it is interesting to think of the School motto “Strive to Achieve”. This is what all staff hope for and encourage in every student from Prep to Year 6. My particular role here is as School Pastoral Worker, a general support to students, parents and staff. For those of you who are at the school for the first time please come and introduce yourselves if we have not already met. Within this role it is my privilege to work with the students on an individual, small group or sometimes whole group with the class teacher. In Term 2 we will be offering “Seasons for Growth”, a grief and loss program for students…..more about this later.

Do drop into the Pastoral Care Room or contact me on the school number.

May we all have an enriching year together as we all “Strive to Achieve”.

Peace
Sr Bernadette

FACEBOOK

Our Lady of Fatima Acacia Ridge has a Facebook page www.facebook.com/acaciaridgeolof. Stay up to date with all that is happening via your technology device.

PARKING SAFETY

Parents please be aware that there is NO PARENT PARKING IN THE STAFF CAR PARK (mornings/afternoons) for the safety of the children who may be entering or leaving our school grounds. Please use the drop off/pick up zone or the parent car park at the back of the church.

UNIFORM SHOP/BANKING

Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday from 8am-9am and School banking will also be on Wednesday morning.

SIGN IN

For the safety of all children we require that all persons who are visiting the school need to come to the office and sign in. No parent is to go directly to the classroom, please. If there is a need to enter our school then a visitor must be in possession of a Visitors Pass which they have completed in the office. If you have lunch to drop off or any note etc., please come to the office and we will arrange for the item to be sent to the child or teacher. If this school rule is followed at all times then we can be assured that all persons can be accredited as ‘safe’ visitors. Also, if your child is going to arrive at school after 8.45a.m. Then the parent is requested to sign the student in on a late slip at the office. This is for the safety of the children to ensure that they have arrived at school at the time that the parents are aware of.

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.

HOMEWORK CLUB

From Week 3, we will be starting up Homework Club again. This year it will be on Tuesday mornings, from 8.00-8.30am. We hold Homework Club in the ESL / Learning Support Room. If you need any help with your homework, then come and join us.

Ms Connors (ESL teacher).