8th February 2016

Welcome to Week 3 Term 1.

Dear Families and Friends of OLOF,

School is well under way with lots of things happening.

LENT BEGINS
This Wednesday begins the season of Lent in the Catholic tradition. Lent is a time where we make a special effort to reflect on our lives and we work out various ways (Lenten promises) that we can help ourselves remember the importance of the season and help us to turn back to God. As a school community, we will all be attending Eucharist on Ash Wednesday (this Wednesday) at 9.00am in the church. The tuckshop will NOT BE SELLING ANY MEAT PRODUCTS this Wednesday.

STAFF NEWS
We welcome to the Our Lady of Fatima community Maria Vega, Kerri Halpin and James Green, all who will be working with the teachers to deliver great quality education. On Thursday and Friday of this week Miss Marshall, Mrs Evans and I will be going to a leadership cluster to develop the goals for the community for 2016. While we are away, Miss Galvin and Mrs Butterfield, with the assistance of Sr Bernadette, will be overseeing the school. Finally, a massive THANK YOU to Rino Orazio and Simon Pritchard for doing such a great job with the school grounds.

VOLUNTEERS MEETING
Firstly, a big thank you to all the volunteers who help out in the uniform shop, library, tuckshop, classrooms etc. On Friday 19th February at 9.00am and 2.30pm we will be hosting a small workshop for those volunteering in the school so that we are compliant with essential child protection policies developed by Brisbane Catholic Education.

PARENTS/CARERS HOUSEKEEPING
Just a reminder that the supervision of children begins at 8.20am and concludes at 3.15pm. It would be very much appreciated if children remain in your care outside of these times please. I’d also like to remind you all that the police are very active around school areas so please follow all road rules. Finally, thank you for ensuring that your child (ren) is wearing the correct uniform each day. For me, having your child in the correct uniform highlights the pride that you have in our school community. Please continue to encourage your child (ren) to wear their school uniform with pride.

I hope that you all have a wonderful week.

Damian
A WORD FROM THE ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (APRE)

APRE CORNER

Today is Shrove Tuesday. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of LENT. Lent is a time of abstinence, a time to give things up. On Shrove Tuesday we eat all those foods that are left in the pantry, that shouldn’t be eaten through Lent. Pancakes are one of those foods that are made because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were not allowed during Lent. Lent is a 40-day period of preparation to Easter Sunday, it is the time for giving up things. This represents one way of remembering the time Jesus fasted in the desert and a test of self-discipline.

Caritas Project Compassion

‘Learning More, Creating Change...’

Caritas Australia’s is an organization who raises awareness and funds to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Caritas works with local partners around the world to provide renewed hope to children, women and men most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Each child in the school will come home with a project compassion box to collect any money over the 6 weeks of Lent.

Week 1: Lent - Caritas Appeal

Doney is a quiet and humble woman from Malawi in East Africa. It is one of the poorest countries in the world. Most people rely on farming small plots of land to produce food to feed their families. But many, like Doney and her family, have often gone months without enough food to eat. Together with Doney’s village and Caritas, they identified the community’s strengths, and each family created their vision for a healthier, more sustainable future. One of the visions was a waterhole, Doney collecting water from the borehole built by CADECOM and her community. Access to clean water is helping to improve the health of Doney, her family and their village.


Curriculum Corner

The Year 2 students are participating in lots of excellent teaching and learning in their classroom. Here is a small note on what is happening this term; students are learning how to show forgiveness through reconciliation and prayer in Religion; report genre writing alongside spelling and punctuation in English just to name a few; place value, sequencing, addition, subtracting and skip counting in Maths and Physical Science learning force and motion-push and pull in Science.

Blessing to all of your family
Gemma Marshall (Acting APRE)

A WORD FROM SR BERNADETTE

With all the excitement of beginning a new year at school there is focus on the growth and development of your children. Someone once spoke of the need for developing ourselves as persons in respect to head, heart and hands. This, I believe, is a very practical way to look at how we grow – head: what we think and read; heart: how we express our feelings; hands: what we do to contribute to the life of our family and society. May we have a productive year in growing together, in head, heart, hands.

Peace Sr Bernadette

UNIFORMS

Please ensure that your child/ren wear the Sports uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays. The formal uniform is to be worn on Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays.

BOMB HOAXES

You would be aware that a number of schools in Queensland and interstate have been the subject of bomb hoaxes this week. Police believe the calls have originated overseas and are designed to cause disruption and alarm.

Should such a threat be received at our school, we have a critical incident management procedure which would be implemented immediately. The safety of students and staff is always our first priority. Dependent on the nature of the threat, students are either evacuated from buildings to safe areas (which is generally the procedure that would be followed in the event of a bomb threat) or the school is placed into lockdown (in the case of the threat of an intrusion). Students and staff take part in drills each year to practise such scenarios.

It’s unfortunate that a spate of these irresponsible hoaxes has occurred, especially during the very hot weather this week, causing further distress for students in those schools involved. Nonetheless, please be assured that we will always take any such threats seriously and do everything in our power to ensure the safety of all members of our school community.

TRAFFIC RULES

Traffic Rules

Stopping contrary to NO STOPPING or NO PARKING sign $47 fine

Stop contrary to continuous yellow edge line $47 fine

Stop within 20metre before or 10metres after children’s crossing $47 fine

Stop within 10m of an intersection $47 fine

Vehicle stop in loading zone for more than 2 minutes (drop off or pick up passengers) $47 fine

Park so as to obstruct other vehicles and pedestrians $47 fine

Stop unauthorized vehicle in loading zone $47 fine

Disobey permissive parking sign (time) $47 fine

Stop contrary to NO STOPPING or NO PARKING sign $47 fine

Disobey permissive parking sign (time) $47 fine

Stop unauthorized vehicle in loading zone $47 fine

Disobey no turn sign $94 - 3 points.

Safety is Everyone’s responsibility!
Consider others and do the right thing.
Fines will be issued to those who continually disobey the road rules and put the safety of everyone at risk.
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