



THE OLOF HEADLINES

From the Principal

DAMIAN GAMBLEY

IT'S PREP ENROLMENT TIME

If you know of anyone who should be starting Prep in 2021, please encourage them to enrol online on the OLOF website or to collect an enrolment form from the Office. Interviews have commenced for 2021. Children born between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016 are eligible for Prep in 2021.

Covid-19 Update

As you would be aware this is an ongoing concern with regular updates. Our main goal is with your help to keep our school operating as normally as possible. We have increased cleaning and basic hygiene throughout the school as well as we are responding to the updates and instructions given by the health department and BCE. I would ask for your continual assistance in ensuring that we keep the school open and operating as normal. As a staff we have been developing a matrix of work for students to do as an alternative arrangement for mainstream face to face learning if this is to occur. This matrix is age appropriate and will come home today with the newsletter. It will also be available on the school website. **Students do not complete this matrix unless they are not at school.** I would also encourage you to like us on Facebook as teachers will be able to communicate key messages with their students if needed via this platform.

Before and After School Care

Currently our Before & After School Care providers are looking at exploring the service to run vacation care during the holidays and will be sending out a survey for parents to please respond with their interest.

P&F News

We had over 15 parents attend our last P@F meeting and Simon Pritchard has agreed to be the new P&F President. The time after assembly with Patricia in the Library providing free student supervision was very well received. If you are interested in the minutes from the P&F meeting please check them out on the OLOF website. Our big goal for 2020 is removing the gardens from the walk ways to increase our walkway areas as well as extending our Years 3-6 eating area to include Prep to Year 2.

Communication

OLOF is now on Instagram! In response to parents' requests we have created the OLOF Instagram site. You can follow us at olof_4110. This will complement our Facebook page and our school website.

I hope that you have a week full of calmness.
Damian

17th March 2020 Week 8, Term 1 Coming Up:

Uniform Shop	Mar 18
Tuckshop	Mar 18 Mar 20
Reading Circle	Mar 19
Class Mass (Year 1)	Mar 19
Harmony Day Assembly	Mar 23
Toddler Tuesday	Mar 24
Year 6 Leadership Day	Mar 24
NAPLAN Practice Year 3 & Year 5	Mar 23
NAPLAN Practice Year 5	Mar 25

Our School Goals:

Be Respectful
Be Safe
Look After Property
Follow Directions



From the Assistant Principal: Religious Education

NATASHA GALVIN

Harmony Day

On March 23rd, we join together to celebrate Harmony Day. This year, we have invited students and staff from the Murri School to Acknowledge Country and perform a cultural dance. **Please note to accommodate this, Assembly will be at 12.30pm on Monday.**

Project Compassion

Thank you for all the donations that have been made! The Year 3s have been busily counting the money and so far we have raised close to \$150. Each week, Project Compassion shares stories from the world of people who have been supported by these donations. The Year 4s have been watching these stories and in response they have written some prayers.

Merciful God,

As you watch over us, we thank you. Please take care of Shirley, her family and community and help them not to be bullied. Bring them peace and joy in their community. Amen. (Gracious)

God of love,

Help and care for Shirley and her community. Help us provide them food and education throughout these years of hard things that have happened to them and their community. We ask this in the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Dilsher)

Covid 19 Virus

I know we are all watching and waiting as this current situation unfolds in front of us. As you know we have ramped up our cleaning and hygiene processes here at school and are following the advice we receive from public health authorities. We thank you for your support and patience. I read this comment from a Principal in another BCE school and thought I would pass on these words:

“Most young children will remember what their family home and school felt like during the coronavirus time, more than anything specific about the virus. Our children are watching and learning about how to respond to stress and uncertainty. Let’s wire our children for resilience, not for panic.”

ELIZABETH PARLAMAS – PASTORAL CARE

The ZONES of Regulation®

BLUE ZONE Sad Sick Tired Bored Moving Slowly	GREEN ZONE Happy Calm Feeling Okay Focused Ready to Learn	YELLOW ZONE Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Excited Loss of Some Control	RED ZONE Mad/Angry Terrified Yelling/Hitting Elated Out of Control

Zones of Regulation is designed to foster self-regulation and emotional control and can be used at both school and home. This can support children to identify their feelings and levels of alertness, learn effective regulation tools and when and how to use tools, problem solve positive solutions and understand how their behaviours influence others’ thoughts and feelings.

FLYING HIGH AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Flying High Awards on Monday 16th March:

- Devina (Prep)
- Angelina (Year 2)
- Gulraj (Year 2)
- Rhythm (Year 2)
- Chelsea (Year 6)

ABOUT LEARNING

NAPLAN Online:

OLOF students in Yr 3 and Yr 5 will be completing NAPLAN Online in May this year. So that everyone is more familiar with the test, there will be a practice test on March 23 for Year 3 and Year 5 and another practice test for Year 5 on March 25. Year 3 will complete the writing test on paper as in previous years.

The Reading Circle on Thursday mornings is proving popular with lots of children popping in to share some reading with friends and adults. See you outside the Office in the garden area at 8:15am on Thursday.

All Welcome!

Happy Learning,
Therese Evans, PLL

EASTER COLOURING IN COMPETITION & RAFFLE



Don't forget there is still plenty of time to enter our Easter Colouring In Competition, \$2 to enter and the drawings are available at the Office. Also, please return all sold and unsold raffle tickets. A big thank you to all families who have been able to sell tickets and who donated chocolate egg prizes. Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the OLOF community.