



THE OLOF HEADLINES

From the Principal

DAMIAN GAMBLEY

Dear Parents and Carers

School is now well underway, with lots of wonderful things happening. We have 177 students enrolled at OLOF this year. We extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families and feel honoured to have them here with us at OLOF. As a school, we have already celebrated our first whole school mass, bestowed a blessing on the new students to the school and all the Year 6 leaders, and held a very well-attended Welcome BBQ followed by our Parent-Teacher Information Night. We have also held a magnificent fundraiser to raise funds to support the Bushfire Appeal where, as a community of staff, students and parish, we raised over \$200. As a staff team, we would like to thank all the families who have started the year supporting us with a calm, positive and enthusiastic attitude to learning. On Monday and Tuesday of this week, Natasha, Therese and I will be attending a goal cluster meeting. While we are away, Ms Jane Beckwith will be looking after our school. Finally, school fees were sent home last week. If you have any issues, concerns or questions reading your school fees, please contact the School Office and make a time to come and see me.

Staff News

We welcome Lyn Bardsley to the Our Lady of Fatima community. Lyn is our Guidance Counsellor who will be here on Thursdays and Fridays and she will be working closely with our teachers to ensure we provide the best possible learning outcomes for all students at OLOF. I would also like to extend a massive THANK YOU to Rino Orazio and Bob Tompkins for doing such a great job with the school grounds during the holidays. We have also improved the privacy of our students on the oval by installing a new timber fence along the back fence.

Volunteers Training Meeting

I want to extend a big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who help out in the uniform shop, library, tuckshop, classrooms, etc. On Monday 24th February before assembly at 2.00pm and on Wednesday 26th February at 2.30pm we will be hosting our Volunteer Training in Miss P's/OHSC room. If you are unable to attend any of these meetings, it is possible that you can complete the course online by following this link.

https://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/students-parents/studentprotection/Documents/BCE_Volunteer_OtherPersonnel_Training/story_html5.aspx

This training for those volunteering in the school is so that we are compliant with essential child protection policies developed by Brisbane Catholic Education.

OHSC

Outside Hours School Care is again operating at school this year in term time, from 6am until school starts every weekday morning and from 3pm until 6pm each weekday afternoon after school. Miss Tayla the coordinator is a very experienced facilitator. Thank you to the families already using the service. We are exploring opening the service during the holidays for vacation care if there is enough interest.

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 would also ask parents/carers not to park in the staff carpark as this creates an unsafe environment for students leaving our school. 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.

18th February 2020

Week 4, Term 1

Coming Up:

Uniform Shop	Feb 19
Tuckshop	Feb 19 Feb 21
Reading Circle	Feb 20
Class Mass (Year 6)	Feb 20
Volunteer Training	Feb 24 Feb 26
Shrove Tuesday	Feb 25
Toddler Tuesday	Feb 25
Ash Wednesday	Feb 26

Our School

Goals:

- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Look After Property
- Follow Directions

From the Assistant Principal: Religious Education

NATASHA GALVIN

This year's theme

Our theme for this school year is *Listen*. Over the year, we will unpack this idea by thinking about ways we listen to each other, to our bodies, to creation and to our God. You might notice that we are using shells as our symbols of listening on prayer spaces and singing Andrew Chinn's song *Listen With an Attending Heart* at school prayer gatherings and services.

Ask your child/children what other word can be made with the letters in listen?

Class Covenants

Each class presented their covenant on Assembly last week. The class covenants are a way of reminding our students of the big picture: that we all follow the OLOF goals of being safe, respectful, following directions and looking after property. If you visit the classroom, you will see these on display as a reminder to everyone of the promises they have all made for the year ahead.



What does support look like at Our Lady of Fatima?

We know that every child here is made in the image and likeness of God and that all of us, staff, students and families have strengths in some areas and need support in some others. So, how are we supported here at school and who does what?

- *School Officers* – work in classroom supporting the teaching and learning process. This might be taking small groups or working one on one with a student. This might be for some extra help, extension or just keeping the learning process going.
- *Student Pastoral Worker* – Mrs P works with students to ensure that they are ready for their classroom learning. She is available to support families who might need some assistance.
- *Guidance Counselling* – Miss Lyn helps staff to fully understand the needs of a student and works with students individually to support their overall wellbeing. Miss Lyn is available for families as well.
- *Speech Pathology* – Mrs Palazzo-Orr works directly with students to develop language skills and Miss Ashleigh supports general language development and immersion for students
- *Support Teacher: Inclusive Education* – works closely with staff to ensure that adjustments are made to allow students to access learning at their level
- *Numeracy Coach* – special focus on Mathematics teaching and learning in class and Mrs Gambley takes groups of students for extension.
- *Primary Learning Leader* – supports learning in all areas of the curriculum to make sure content is relevant, engaging and works with small groups and individual students.

FLYING HIGH AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Flying High Awards at the following assemblies:

Monday 10th Feb:

- Hannah T (Prep)
- Danny (Year 1)
- Raina (Year 1)
- Samuel (Year 1)
- Lillian (Year 2)

Monday 17th Feb: PILOTS OF THE WEEK

- Hannah (Prep)
- Katherine (Year 1)
- Elijah (Year 2)
- Ethan G (Year 3)
- Samuel B (Year 4)
- Mary (Year 4)
- Maddyson (Year 5)
- Sienna T (Year 6)

ABOUT LEARNING

All parents, carers and children are invited to join our Reading Circle each Thursday at 8:15am in the garden area outside the School Office. Come along, read and enjoy some time together.

Happy Learning
Therese Evans PLL

2021 SCHOOL ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

All Our Lady of Fatima families who have children or extended family members (eg. cousins, nieces, nephews) wanting to join Our Lady of Fatima Primary School are invited to submit an Enrolment Application for 2021. Those children whose birthdays fall within the date range of 1/7/2015 to 30/6/2016 are eligible for Prep 2021. Of course, all other year levels are open to applications. Please submit your enrolment applications either online via the Our Lady of Fatima website or by providing a hardcopy application to the school.