



THE OLOF HEADLINES

From the Principal

DAMIAN GAMBLEY

Pentecost Sunday: A great thing about working in a school is that it is set up so that learning is part of everyday life, be that as a teacher, student, parent or anyone else that comes into the school grounds. It is great to hear when teachers comment that they have learnt something new. For me, it is a realisation that our minds need to be continually open to any new experience. One of the most important lessons that anyone can learn from their workplace and home is that people all have different strengths and talents. In the Gospel that we heard on Sunday we were told how Jesus fulfilled his promise of sending the disciples the Holy Spirit. By doing this the ministry he began continued, not just by the twelve apostles but by all people who proclaim the good news. The beauty of this message is that it allows the spirit of God to work through each of us in its own unique way.

Staff News: In the 65th year of teaching students in the Josephite tradition at Our Lady of Fatima Acacia Ridge, I am pleased to announce on behalf of the Executive Director and Parish Priest, the appointment of Mrs. Natasha Galvin to the position of Assistant Principal Religious Education (APRE). I take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Katherine Ferguson for her time and energy spent at Our Lady of Fatima. We warmly welcome Natasha to our community, and we are confident that she will continue to live out St Mary of the Cross' message of "Teaching more by example than words."

Athletics Carnival: A reminder to all parents and carers that on the last day of Term Two (Friday June 28) we will hold our Athletics Carnival. It is an expectation that all students are at school for this day. Students who are not at school will not be selected to represent the school at Catholic Zones. Currently we have a specialised athletics coach from Athletics Australia who is training the students during their PE lessons. Also on the Athletics Carnival day, the P&F runs a bake store and additional information about this will be provided shortly.

Brain Twister: Answer from last week -*Your shadow.* (Thank you to Ramleen in Year 5).
This week's Brain Twister is from Sanvei K. (Year 5): *What can shave 25 times a day and still have a beard?*

External School Review: As you are aware this term we have participated in the External School Review of our school. Over the last two weeks we have looked at the commendations and affirmations and the final part is to look at the Recommendations for the next five years. The panel recommends that the team at Our Lady of Fatima:

- Establish, in collaboration with all members of the school community, clarity around the school's strategic direction and improvement agenda. This needs to be clearly and consistently communicated to all so that it drives and focuses work.
- Work to consolidate changed practices from the Accelerate project in order to embed these changes as best practice and ensure that the momentum for improvement is sustained.
- Formalise the school plans in a systematic way for Curriculum Delivery, Data and Professional Learning, bringing together much of the already completed work and documentation evidenced in this Review. Additional key elements include:
- Data Plan inclusive of purpose, responsibilities and communication strategies
- Professional Learning Plan inclusive of links to Strategic and Annual Improvement Plan, budget allocation
- Plan for Curriculum Delivery.
- Develop an Information Technology Plan considering infrastructure, hardware and capacity building of staff.
- Consider the provision, placement and relevance of religious symbols, iconography and sacred spaces to evaluate their effectiveness in enhancing the catholic identity of OLOF.
- Explore different models of parent engagement to facilitate a focus on enhanced parent understanding and active participation in the learning environment.
- Build partnerships with like primary schools to enable opportunities for teachers to co-plan and share teaching strategies and resources with same year level teachers.
- The panel endorses the intention of the school to: Step up efforts to improve the attendance and engagement of Indigenous students.

11th June, 2019

Week 8, Term 2

Coming Up:

Uniform Shop	Jun 12
Pre-Loved Uniforms Sale	Jun 12
Tuckshop	Jun 12
Class Mass (Yr 6)	Jun 13
Reading Circle	Jun 14
Coffee & Chat	Jun 17
Toddler Tuesday	Jun 18
Athletics Carnival	Jun 28

Our School

Goals:

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



From the Assistant Principal: Religious Education

NATASHA GALVIN

Class Masses

A reminder that each week we join with the Parish to celebrate Mass. We would love to see our families there with us each week. This Thursday, Mass will be led by Year 6.

Great Staff Supporting Great Causes

I am constantly impressed by the way the staff at OLOF support causes in our local community. Last week we joined in a shared morning tea to support cancer research and raised an amazing \$350. The thoughts of staff have also turned to those who might not have warmth and shelter this winter and we will be raising money for the St Vinnie's Winter Appeal by sharing in soup for lunch on Tuesday. Staff are asked to 'buy' their bowl of soup and all the money raised will be donated to St Vinnie's. This week we are sharing in Mr Gambley's Pea & Ham and my Cod Chowder.

Pentecost

This week I have been visiting classes to tell the story of Pentecost. Pentecost is the time when we celebrate the Holy Spirit descending on the disciples. The Holy Spirit filled the disciples with courage and faith so they could share the Good News with others. Pentecost is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter and finishes the season of Easter. Our prayer this week is for Pentecost ...

Breathe into me, Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy.

St. Augustine

AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT OLOF



This week at the OLOF Afterschool Care Program, we were busy bees. We program around the children's interests, calendar special occasions & celebration in their home life. On Thursday, we decided to create something delicious with baking & decorating cupcakes in celebration of one of the children's birthdays on the weekend just passed. Come on in & join the fun, there is so much to explore!

For more information contact Miss Lucy on 0408488966 or co.acaciaridgeoshc@catholicearlyedcare.qld.edu.au

FLYING HIGH AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Flying High Awards on Monday 10th June:

- Dawn x 2 (Year 1)
- Gulraj (Year 1)
- Patrick (Year 1)
- Natalia (Year 2)
- Dilsher (Year 3)

ABOUT LEARNING

All parents, carers and children are invited to join our Reading Circle each Friday at 8:20am at the Library. Come along, read and enjoy some time together.

Our fifth learning disposition is COMMUNICATION. Communication comes in many forms: speaking, reading, writing, drawing, creating on digital devices and many more. Students need to be able to ask questions, listen to answers, show their thinking and learning. Talking about your child's interests and encouraging them to talk helps communication. Next week at assembly the Paper Plane Challenge will take off!

Happy Learning,
Therese Evans PLL

Special Event For Teachers & Parents

Self-Talk: Unlock the Language that Creates Empowered Learners

Join us for a special event to learn how to use Growth Mindset language to empower your children.

**Thursday 20th June 6:30pm-8:30pm
Springwood Hotel**

Learn how to teach children to:

- Use language in a more positive and productive way.
- Be the master of their emotions.
- Master their mindset and self-talk when faced with challenges in their learning.



Limited seating! Grab your spot quickly!

<https://www.talntoyourbrain.com/>
Register today!

PRELOVED UNIFORMS SALE

On Wednesday 12th June during the Opening Hours of 8am – 9am, the Uniform Shop will be selling pre-loved Uniforms at varying prices. Come along and grab a bargain!!