7th February 2017, Welcome to Week 3 Term 1,

School is well under way with lots of things happening.

STAFF NEWS
We welcome to the Our Lady of Fatima community Clare Mc Corry (Librarian -Tuesday and Wednesday) Amanda Thomas Support and Enrichment teacher (Tuesday and Thursday) Kath Mackay classroom support (Monday and Tuesday) all who will be working with the teachers to deliver great quality education. We welcome back Mrs. Kathleen Jenkins from maternity leave who will be teaching in Year 3 and technology and Mrs. Ferguson who has returned after maternity leave as well as working in the archdiocese and the office of Brisbane Catholic Education. Also this year we have every fortnight on a Monday and Tuesday, three education officers from Brisbane Catholic Education, Jadene, Lynece, and Alfina who will be assisting in our continual development of literacy in the early years. Finally, a massive THANK YOU to Rino and Bob for doing such a great job on the school grounds over the holidays. You would all agree the school looks magnificent.

In 2017 we have some big projects that we will be undertaking to continually improve the community of Our Lady of Fatima this includes the following:

- Continual implementation of the Religious life of the school and Religious Education curriculum
- Continual development and improvement of the national curriculum
- Building in of the undercover area (due to start in July)
- Development of a new playground for 4-6 students (semester 1)
- Revitalisation of the library (In progress)
- Toddler/Transition Tuesday (beginning term 2)
- Enrichment program 4-6 (commence Term 1)

VOLUNTEERS MEETING: Firstly, a big thank you to all the volunteers who help out in the uniform shop, library, tuckshop, classrooms, etc. On Friday 17th 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 ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (APRE)

Hands and Hearts for Peace

Around the classrooms this week, students have been investigating peace and how they can use their hands and hearts to ensure peace. One example of this is in year 4 where students traced their hands and illustrated where they see peace (see photo below).

Thank you for attending our beginning school year mass last Thursday. Father Terry reminded us about using our hands, hearts and words to bring about peace. Combined school and Parish Mass will occur every Thursday at 9am at the Church. We welcome and encourage you to join us at this time.

I look forward to meeting with you tonight, at the family BBQ but also the Parent Information session in classrooms afterwards. This is an important time to meet with your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of expectations and requirements for the year. We value the partnership between school and home so please do not hesitate to contact your teacher for further information about your child’s learning.

Kate