30th May 2017, Welcome to Week 7 Term 2,

Dear Parents/Carers,

Library borrowing: It has been great to see the increase in borrowing across the school. Our goal is that all students are borrowing on a regular basis. Just a reminder about the expectations with borrowing once a week.

- To borrow a student must have a bag to put the book in. A plastic bag is acceptable
- The books that they had previously borrowed need to be returned in good order. (Keep them away from younger siblings)
- If any books are lost or damaged a replacement book must be purchased

Below is a reminder about how many books can be borrowed by year level a minimum of:

Prep - 1 book per week
Year 1 - 2 books per week
Year 2 - 2 books per week
Year 3 - 4 books per week
Year 4 - 4 books per week
Year 5 - 4 books per week
Year 6 - 4 books per week

The library is also open on Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:15 am. Students can use that time to return and borrow new books.

I encourage all families to set aside some time for reading. Once again thank you to all the parent volunteers who have assisted in the transformation of the library.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS: This term in week 9 from 12th, 13th & 14th of June there will be parent teacher interviews. If your child has lost the sign-up sheet, you can find them on the school website under “for parent tab.”

SCHOOL FEES: Currently we are chasing up on overdue school fees if you are having any trouble with paying fees for this year, please come and have a chat with me so we can work out a suitable agreement.

STATE OF GENDER READING CHALLENGE

Over the next couple of weeks, we will be hosting our own state of origin challenge Mrs. Ferguson and all the girls in the school against myself and all the boys in the school. The challenge will involve reading. Every book that a girl reads will give Mrs. Ferguson 1 point every book a boy reads will give Mr. Gambley 1 point. The team with the most amount of points at the end of the Origin series will be the winner of the challenge.

SCHOOL FUNDING IN 2018: The executive director of Brisbane Catholic Education has written a letter outlining the funding arrangements for 2018. This letter can be found on the school website under “for parents.”

INTER SCHOOL SPORTS ROUND 6

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Go Queensland. Damian Gambley
A WORD FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (APRE)

CONFIRMATION
We currently have 4 students who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. This will occur on Thursday the 14th June with Bishop Oudeman at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Please keep Adrian, Brandon, Hayley and Hunter in your prayers as they prepare for this Sacrament of Initiation.

Tomorrow the church will be celebrating the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast day celebrates the visit of Mary, the Mother of God, with the child Jesus in her womb, to her cousin Elizabeth. As we conclude May, a month of Mary we recognise Mary and her role as Jesus mother and the role she has as the mother of our church.

A child’s prayer to Mary
Holy Mary, mother fair,
Filled with love for God,
Pray for us in all our needs.
Pray for us today.
Amen

Learning Conversations
We regularly talk with our students about what they are learning and how they will know what they are learning. This is an insight into students understanding of the topic and how they are progressing with their learning. This may also be a great conversation starter for you at home as well.

REALLY COOL AWARDS
Congratulations to following students receiving Really Cool Awards on Monday 22nd May 2017.

Prep- Sahana & Cassius
Year 3- Sanvi, Deon & Thanushkar

A WORD FROM SR BERNADETTE
Sadly, there is often an item in the news about the horrendous effects of domestic violence. The impact of even the lesser forms of violence against women and children is deep and long lasting. Let us remember how important it is to expect and to show respect, from the earliest age. What children see and experience in their everyday lives can influence how they expect to be treated and how they will treat others. Our motto for 2017 here at OLOF is “Hearts and Hands for Peace”. Perhaps that could be a family motto too.

Peace
 Sr Bernadette

WHOOPING COUGH
We advise you that a case of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) has been diagnosed within our school community. Please find below links to assist you.

1. Qld Health Facts Sheet

2. Qld Health Exclusions Poster

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