



# THE OLOF HEADLINES

## From the Principal

DAMIAN GAMBLEY

### IT'S PREP ENROLMENT TIME!

If you know of anyone who should be starting Prep in 2020, please encourage their family to enrol online via our School website OR to collect an enrolment application form from the School Office. Children born between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015 are eligible for Prep in 2020. Limited spaces available.

### Good news story from a member of the public

*"We were part of the tour today to St Helena Island with one of your classes. I just wanted to say as a mum of four children, I hope that when my children go on their excursions that they are as well behaved as your students were. We sat on the top deck of the boat with them over and back and they were absolutely beautiful, so well mannered and interacted with Prisoner 321. They truly were delightful and I hope that you pass this onto them and you should be very proud of how they represented your school."*

I thank the staff and students for being such great examples of our school in the wider community.

**NAPLAN Breakfast Thanks:** Thanks to all of the staff that last week assisted in the NAPLAN breakfast on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. It was a great way for those students to start the day and shows the OLOF spirit of Eucharistic hospitality is alive and well.

**P&F Disco:** Just a reminder about the P&F Disco on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May from 5.30pm until 7.00pm. Please see the flyer distributed last week for more information. Thank you to the P&F for their organisation of this event.

**School Renewal:** Last week we had a panel of three experts come and look at our school and give us feedback on how we are going and the future directions. It was a very positive experience and the school community received a lot of affirmations and commendations for all the hard work that happens on a day to day basis. When I receive the report I will make sure that it is available for parents and friends to read.

**Parent Carpark:** Thank you to all the families who maintain the safety of all students while dropping off and picking up. Please be aware of students/ families moving through the carpark and ensure that you are driving slowing and are aware that sometimes children may be unpredictable. **Our goal is that everyone is safe not only at school but also at pick up and drop offs.**

**State of Gender Reading Challenge:** Coming shortly to our community will be our own state of origin challenge Mrs Galvin 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 Galvin 1 point and 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! Look out for more information.

**Cross Country:** On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May over 40 students will be participating in the Catholic Zone Cross Country Carnival at Villa Park 910 Manly Rd, Tingalpa QLD 4173. When we receive the schedule for the run we will post it on our website and face book. The students will be transported by bus to and from the venue under teacher supervision. We wish them all the best and know they will give all their best. A big 'thank you' to Mr. Green and his cross-country team for his preparation of the day.

21<sup>st</sup> May, 2019

Week 5, Term 2

### Coming Up:

Uniform Shop	May 22
Tuckshop	May 22
Reading Circle	May 24
Coffee & Chat	May 27
Catholic Zone Cross Country	May 30
P&F School Disco	May 31

## Our School

### Goals:

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

## From the Assistant Principal: Religious Education

### **NATASHA GALVIN**

#### **Year 4 Excursion**

Last week I went on the Year 4 excursion to St. Helena Island. It was a fantastic day and the students were able to engage with the history of settlement in our country. The Year 4s represented our school so well that a member of the public who was on the excursion emailed the school to congratulate them on their behaviour and the way they represented their school. Well done Year 4!

#### **Be You!**

A reminder to complete the Be You family survey which is available through our Facebook page. This survey helps us understand what we are doing well in supporting mental health and ways in which we can improve. A big thank you to those who have completed the survey!

#### **Winter Uniforms**

As winter approaches and the weather cools down, a reminder that the Uniform Shop sells the maroon school jacket for \$44. Families can also purchase maroon jumpers and tracksuit pants from places such as Kmart or Best & Less.

#### **National Sorry Day**

National Sorry Day is an Australia-wide observance held on May 26 each year. This day gives people the chance to come together and share the steps towards healing for the Stolen Generations, their families and communities. Stolen Generations refer to Indigenous Australians who were forcibly removed from their families and communities.

*God of Justice,*

*We come to seek your guidance, wisdom and compassion*

*As we pray for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have been wronged in the past.*

*May our hearts be open to receive your healing grace,*

*So that we in turn bring healing to each other. We ask this prayer through Christ, our Lord, Amen.*

#### **A NOTE FROM ELIZABETH PARLAMAS (PASTORAL CARE)**

Each week we extend an invitation for a *Coffee & Chat* at 2pm before Assembly at "The Lounge" in the Pastoral Care Hub.

I will have iPads available for any parents wishing to complete the Be You Family survey and I am happy to assist if needed. Alternatively, the Be You Survey can be accessed on OLOF FB page. The Be You Family Survey is designed to help gather mental health and wellbeing-related perceptions of all parent and carers within our learning community. Responses gathered from parents and carers can help highlight what we are doing well, and what we can do better as part of our commitment to continuous improvement.

Mental health and wellbeing can sometimes be a challenging topic to focus on. If you'd like to talk about what's going on for you, or someone you care about, we encourage you to seek support. There are a range of options available:

**Beyond Blue Support Service**  
beyondblue.org.au/get-support  
1300 22 4636

**Kids Helpline (5 -25years)**  
kidshelpline.com.au  
1800 55 1800

**headspace (12 – 25years)**  
headspace.org.au  
1800 650 890

### **FLYING HIGH AWARDS**

**Congratulations to the following students who received Flying High Awards on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May:**

- **Elisha (Prep)**
- **Nicholas x2, Patrick (Yr 1)**
- **Angeling x2, Ethan, Sarah (Yr 2)**
- **Boris, Favour, Feranmi (Yr 3)**
- **Robert (Yr 4)**
- **Livia (Yr 6)**

### **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.*

Learning Dispositions are ways of thinking that help with learning. As part of OLOF Language of Learning classes are presenting a learning disposition at school assembly each week. The first one was *Bravery*. . . having a go at learning tasks even when you feel a bit scared. This week the focus is on *Resilience*. Resilience is like a rubber band - sometimes we are stressed or stretched by an event or situation but we can bounce back. Sometimes we need to ask help from others and that is ok. Have a chat with your child and help them to recognise times when they have been brave or resilient.

Happy Learning,  
Therese Evans PLL

### **Use of Staff Carpark**

Just a reminder that the supervision of children begins at 8.20am and concludes at 3.15pm. Please note that parents/carers are not to park in the staff carpark as this creates an unsafe environment for students arriving or leaving our school.