



“THE VOICE OF FATIMA”

From the Principal

DAMIAN GAMBLEY

Continuing Staff for 2109

The process for continuing staff for 2019 is being finalised. For 2019 the following staff will be working at OLOF in the following roles: Larissa Ah Chong – Office Manager; Suthany A – School Officer; Jane Beckwith – Year 4 Teacher; Caroline Butterfield – Year 6 Teacher; Suzanne Chambers – Year 2 Teacher; Jo Connors – ESL Teacher; Nicki Cuolahan – Office Staff; Therese Evans – Primary Learning Leader; Katherine Ferguson – APRE; Olga Fengier – Cleaner; Bonnie Foss – School Officer; Damian Gambley – Principal; Helen Gilmour – Year 1 Teacher; Bill Green – Year 3 Teacher; James Green – School Officer; Kerri Halpin – School Officer; Allison Hinchy – Office Staff; Kathleen Jenkins – Prep Teacher; Claire Meyers – Speech Pathologist; Patricia Montalvan-Serrano – Library Co-ordinator; Clare McCorry – Librarian; Rino Orazio – Groundsman; Sonya Settle – Music Teacher; Robert Tompkins – Groundsman; Sarah Tramacchi – Year 5 Teacher; Rita Uspensky – School Officer; Caroline Vakaci – Guidance Counsellor; Maria Vega – School Officer. We say farewell to Taylah Cran who will be leaving us to take up a teaching position at St Stephen's in 2019. We thank Taylah for her wonderful presence in our community over the last 3 years and know she will be successful in this new adventure in her life.

Celebration of Thanks: After 19 years of wonderful service at OLOF Sister Bernadette Ahearn will be finishing at the end of 2018. To celebrate this wonderful gift that she has been to our community, we will be celebrating a liturgy of thanksgiving on the last Monday of the term on December 3 at 2.15pm in the OLOF Church. All past and present students are very welcome to attend.

Book Lists for 2019 have been sent home. You can order your books from November 19 on the Impact website.

Christmas Raffle: This year the P&F and the school will be organizing the Christmas raffles. If you have a business that would like to donate anything to these raffles that would be greatly appreciated. If you could let the Office know about these donations that would be great.

St Vincent de Paul Appeal – Free Dress Day

Please bring in any items for the SVDP Appeal. The Year 3 class has been doing a fantastic job promoting this worthwhile donation. To support this, some Year 3 students have asked if we could have a gold coin donation Free Dress Day and I have agreed to this suggestion. The money will be donated to SVDP / Catholic missions. The day will be held on Tuesday, December 4, which coincides with our Swimming Carnival.

Additional Activities for Term 4: Starting this week there will be several additional sporting activities that will be occurring during school time. This Wednesday, Basketball will commence following the PE Timetable and then the following week a Rugby clinic will begin on the Monday following the PE Timetable. Tuesday will remain as normal swimming lessons. Students are permitted to wear sports uniform on these days for the rest of the Term.

The Last Day of School is December 7, 2018 and school concludes with a School Assembly at 11.30am.

Building in of undercover area

13th November, 2018

Week 6, Term 4

Coming Up:

Tuckshop	Nov 14
Uniform Shop	Nov 14
Toddler Tuesday	Nov 20
Christmas Concert	Nov 30
SVDP Appeal	
Free Dress Day	Dec 04
Last Day Term 4	Dec 07

Our School

Goals:

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Look After Property

Follow Directions

From the Assistant Principal: Religious Education

KATE FERGUSON

Our Christmas Concert this year will involve all students from Prep to Year 6. Students have been working with teachers to get ready for this presentation and it will also showcase the Choir who performed at the Choral Festival earlier this year. In preparation for the Christmas Concert, we ask that **students in Year 1 to Year 6** wear a white top. Students in Prep will receive additional information in the coming weeks.

We look forward to sharing the Christmas story with you!



A NOTE FROM THE GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR – CAROLINE VAKACI

Helping Children Take Responsibility

Helping children to take responsibility is a really important task. Children often focus on immediate wants and don't consider longterm consequences. They need adult guidance to develop their decision making skills. Parents can help children to learn to use the steps of decision making:

1. What do you have to decide about?
2. What choices do you have?
3. Weigh up the pros and cons of each option and choose the best one.
4. Put your choice into action and then check how it works.

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED!

The school would love to hear from anyone who could volunteer a couple of hours a week to help keep our new Hall floor clean. We do have a machine that assists in the process but it needs someone to operate it and training would be provided. If you would like to get your steps up, then this job would be for you. Please let the Office know if you can help with this matter. Thank you!

REALLY COOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Really Cool Awards on Monday 12th November:

- Layla (Prep)
- Lado & Zoe (Year 2)
- Sanvi K (Year 4)

ABOUT LEARNING

This is a very busy time for teachers as they are preparing reports on your child's progress throughout the year. Children are also working hard showing what they have learnt. Let's keep their learning routine going so they make the most of learning throughout the year and celebrate their progress.

Happy Learning, Therese Evans, PLL

A WORD FROM SISTER BERNADETTE

When I was grocery shopping last night the supermarket was displaying a wide range of Christmas decorations. This reminded me that the commercial world is already in gear for weeks of selling. It also reminded me that we can prepare in a non-commercial way. When you put up your family Christmas tree think about decorating it in a different way. As a family, remind one another of the gifts you'd like to receive ...hope, love, laughter, understanding, generosity....and put those tags on your tree.

Peace, Sr Bernadette