



From the Principal

DAMIAN GAMBLEY P & F Meetings

Congratulations to the new executive for 2019: President – Carmel Cabrera, Treasurer - Kirsty McKenzie and Secretary - Sonia Mendoza. We look forward to working with them next year and thank the past executive for their wonderful work.

Continuing to work on Literacy and Developing a Focus on Numeracy

Next year we will be continuing to develop our great reading and writing that has seen over 85% of students achieving the BCE benchmarks for both reading in Prep-Year 2 and writing in Years 3-6. In addition, we will be developing a focus on Numeracy and to assist in this process we are developing a Numeracy team like the Literacy team. This team will be working with the classroom teachers to ensure all students are developing a love for mathematics. We welcome Mrs Susan Gambley to our school who has been teaching Mathematics in both the primary and secondary setting for the last 20 years and has a wealth of experience in Mathematics plus a passion in ensuring that students enjoy their Maths classes. The other team member is Mrs Melissa Siragusa, who has been working at OLOF this term as a school officer. I am sure you will give them both a warm welcome to OLOF when they begin these roles in 2019.

Christmas Raffle

A book of tickets for each student was sent home last week. This raffle is a P&F fundraiser and there are some great prizes to be won. Please return the tickets and money to the Office.

St Vincent de Paul Appeal – Free Dress Day

Please continue to 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 on Tuesday, December 4 which coincides with our Swimming Carnival.

Year Level	Please Donate the following: -
Prep	Canned food
1	Pasta, rice
2	Tomato sauce, canned food, chips & nuts
3	Drinks -soft drinks , long life juice etc
4	Packet soups, biscuits
5	Breakfast cereal
6	Toiletries- toothpaste, toothbrushes etc

Additional Activities for Term 4

Starting last week there will be several additional sporting activities that will be occurring during school time. This Wednesday basketball will start following the PE timetable and then the following week a rugby clinic will begin on the Monday also following the PE timetable. Tuesday will be normal swimming lessons. Students are permitted to wear sports uniform on these days for the rest of the term.

The Last School Day is Friday December 7, 2018 and school concludes with a School Assembly at 11.30am. All families are welcome to attend and students must be collected at the end of the Assembly.

20th November, 2018

Week 7, Term 4

Coming Up:

Tuckshop	Nov 21
Uniform Shop	Nov 21
Toddler Tuesday	Nov 27
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

Christmas Concert

On Friday the 30th November, we will gather together to share the Christmas story at our Christmas Concert. For this event, can you please ensure that your **student has a white top**. We look forward to celebrating this event with you!

The Presentation of Mary

On the 21st November, we will recognise the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. On this day we recognise that day that Mary's parents, Joachim and Anne presented her to the temple in Jerusalem. To also recognise this day, all classes will participate in the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Church on Friday by saying a decade of the rosary. I invite you to join as a family on Friday to also share a decade of the rosary.



*Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen*

A WORD FROM SISTER BERNADETTE

There have been many articles in the newspaper over recent months emphasising how important it is for children and young people to limit their screen time so that they might have healthier bodies and minds. Now we see articles in the daily news pointing out that parents spend too much time on line, not just to the detriment of their overall health, but especially to the detriment of their relationships with their children. It is worth taking a moment to consider the balance in your life - how much time at home each day do you spend on line, and how much in interaction with your children?

Peace, Sr Bernadette

REALLY COOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Really Cool Awards on Monday 19th November:

- Leonardo & Vera (Year 1)
- Marley (Year 2)
- Ethan (Year 4)

ABOUT LEARNING

Come and join our Reading Circle on Friday mornings from 8.20am in front of the Library. Parents, Carers, and Children are all welcome!

Happy Learning,
Therese Evans, PLL

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!