From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school term, Term 2 being an 11 week term so we will need to pace ourselves to ensure we are all still smiling towards the end of term! All the children received a wonderful treat on returning to school with a brand new adventure playground to provide more options for them at recess and lunch time breaks during the day. To look at what has been achieved in the fortnight holiday break is amazing and definitely the best example of “people power” I have ever witnessed within a school community. Deirdre Westerhout and Emma Spackman coordinated the process and the contributions of time, energy and expertise by them and so many others was a fantastic reflection of the generous, supportive people and strong sense of community we have here at Our Lady of Fatima.

The children love the new play options that have been provided for them and are very proud to say that their parents contributed to the significant development we have here at our school. I also think I am right in saying that the cost of this development to date is less than anticipated due to people volunteering their time and seeking donations of materials. On behalf of the children, my sincere thanks to everyone who contributed towards what has been achieved to this point. My understanding is that we will be installing another couple of items of play equipment, relocating the entrance gate and pouring a concrete entrance path to conclude the first stage of this development. The ladies mentioned above, no doubt will have some more detail to add in the P&F section of our newsletter. THANK YOU again to everyone involved!

Justin Miller surprised everyone over the school holiday break by getting married on the middle weekend of the holidays. Congratulations to him and his new wife, Dijana. On behalf of our school community, we wish him and his new wife many happy years of married life together. There are quite a few more experienced staff members happy to provide advice where necessary……..

Over the next week or two, a significant number of people in our community will be approached to complete a “School Climate” survey, administered by the Catholic Education office. This survey is designed to collect data from every staff member, every school Board member, 25 students and 60 families all centred around the well-being of students and staff at our school. I will be contacting the Class Representatives and asking them to disseminate a number of surveys in each class so please take the time to complete the 20-30 minutes on-line survey if approached. The portal will be open between 28th April and 8th May. The information will be collated and made available to us towards the end of Term 2.

Early Term 2 is the time where we celebrate Mother’s Day and acknowledge everything our mothers do for us. Friday 8th May is the day we have set aside to begin the day with a whole school Mass, followed by a special morning tea for all the mothers and grandmothers in our community in the school hall. In conjunction with the P&F we will also have an opportunity for the children here at school to purchase a small gift to give their mothers on their special day.

We will also be celebrating Fatima Feast day on Wednesday 13th May, a very special day on our liturgical calendar. We will begin the day with a whole school Mass before the children from Pre-Primary to Year 6 travel to Synergy Park, in King’s Park for an afternoon picnic and outdoor activities. The children will be departing Kings Park at 2pm to be back at school in time for the 3pm bell. Through the class representatives, we will be asking parents to come and join us if they are available.
We also identify Term 2 with NAPLAN testing for our Year 3 and 5 students. The tests will take place in Week 4, from **Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May**. Throughout the week, the children will complete nationwide assessments in Reading, Writing, Spelling & Grammar and Mathematics. Class teachers have been assisting the children with examples of the types of questions they may come across in these assessments to ensure the testing process and format is not completely foreign to what the children are accustomed to. If children need to attend specialist appointments etc, it would be appreciated if that could happen outside of this particular week, to minimise the disruption to the testing.

**Dates to Remember:**

- **Thursday 23rd April** – Wildcats Visit for Years 5 - 6
- **Friday 24th April** – ANZAC Day Ceremony at school, starting at 9am
- **Monday 27th April** – ANZAC Day Public Holiday (Pupil Free Day)
- **Tuesday 28th April** – Parent Meeting for Confirmation Candidates at 6:30pm
- **Thursday 30th April** – School Board Meeting at 7pm
- **Friday 1st May** – Winter Sports afternoon for Years 5-6
- **Friday 8th May** – Mother’s Day Mass and Morning Tea
- **Friday 8th May** – Winter Sports afternoon for Years 5-6

Best wishes for coming fortnight.

Paul Hansen
PRINCIPAL

**2015 FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION**

**Round 1**
Newcomer, Scott Roberts cleaned up in round 1 with a gallant 7 from 9, and getting the Thursday night score exactly right – inching out 3 others to win the round!
There were a few upset results in round 1 as everyone started sorting themselves out for the season.

**Round 2**
RKTB and Tara Bellegarde tied for top spot this week. Both scored 6 from 9, and managed to get the same Friday night margin. Seems like the sorting continues – some interesting results this round.

**Round 3**
This was an easy round (if you went with the favourites ;-), and a massive 19 of you won a free Whopper for your efforts! NicNat took out the round though with the closest Friday night margin.

Well done to all the winners so far.

Now we just need the all-important entry fee to be paid up so we can hand out the weekly winnings – remember you can pay your $40 by cash, EFTPOS or cheque (payable to OLOF P&F).

So run, don’t walk to see Mrs Fic in the office!

Don’t forget to put your tips in and good luck.

Virginia Bradshaw
Happy Birthday

APRIL
24th  Sienna Buswell
26th  Issac Lim
26th  Giacomo Biagioni
27th  Ben Elphick-McCoy
28th  Caitlin Arbery
29th  Lucia Bradshaw-Pini
29th  Gemma Tungate

MAY
2nd   Sophie Brady
3rd   Avery Kirkwood
3rd   Aoife Healy

BOOK CLUB

Today your child will receive Scholastic Book Club—Issue 3. All orders are due back to school on **Wednesday 29th April**.

Scholastic have recently introduced a new online payment system called LOOP. (Linked Online Ordering and Payment)

Please note that:

- All LOOP orders still earn the same Scholastic Rewards for Our Lady of Fatima.
- All LOOP orders are sent to the school and will be distributed with the other orders. (If you order after the due date, you will be given an option for home delivery for an extra fee.)
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If you choose to pay with your credit card via the LOOP system, there is no need for forms or receipt numbers to be returned to the school. Please refer to the order form that can be located inside the Book Club catalogue for further details. Cash and cheques made payable to Scholastic Australia are still being accepted. Please complete the order form and return to school by **Wednesday 29th April** to your child’s class teacher. (Not to the front office please.)  **Alison Forzatti**

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is on every Tuesday from 8.10am with new rewards available for Term 2 (and some Term 1 rewards still to receive). The school has received a commission of $287.75 for term 1 - so great job!

Thank you  **Emma and Maria**

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

We have an email address on which families are able to contact us regarding uniforms orders etc.

uniforms@olof.wa.edu.au

Thank you  **Clare, Jody and Sue**
**WIN A THERMOMIX IN THE P&F’S MAJOR RAFFLE FOR 2015**

Buy your tickets NOW for our fantastic Thermomix raffle. Tickets available from your Class Rep or see Tracy in the office. **Raffle drawn Friday May 8th.**

**1st Prize: THERMOMIX** the unique all-in-one kitchen appliance

**2nd Prize: Three nights accommodation** in a 4 bedroom holiday home minutes from the beach at Dunsborough

**3rd Prize: A $200 Gift card**

All funds raised go towards our new playground, with the larger Stage 2 planned for December 2015.
The P&F is proud to announce the completion of Stage 1 of our new Nature Playground. Several days of on-site preparation followed by a highly successful Busy Bee last Saturday transformed the southern fence-line into a great interactive play zone for the kids. Here’s how it all happened...

**Day 1** Lincoln Sullivan donated his time to remove the soil, while some helpful hands removed reticulation from the area. Thank you to the Sullivan family for your generosity! Wade Spackman began building the new sandpit area.

**Day 2** and trenches for new reticulation were dug and the piping re-laid. A tree stump below the soil had to be stump-ground and removed.
**Nature Playground Stage 1**

**Day 2** Stumps for the decking were installed and balancing logs erected. Dads, Rafaele, Chris and Aidan were on hand to finish levelling off the soil for the kerbing.

**Day 3** The concrete kerbing was installed and more work done on the decking.

**Day 4** Jarrah logs donated by Koppers arrived. Thank you to Lee Shaw of Koppers Wood Products for their generous donation.
Day 4 Ray cut the massive logs to stepping-stump size with a little help from Deirdre and Emma.
The mulch was delivered in readiness for the Busy Bee.

Day 5 The Busy Bee. It was an amazing show of support as dozens of dads, mums and kids came along to help build our nature playground. Around 60—70 people assisted throughout the day. We will have a special tribute to them in the next newsletter. Meanwhile here is what they achieved...
Thanks to Clint Hull and Wade Spackman for the superb decking construction.

A GIANT thank you to everyone who helped at the Busy Bee. You are all STARS!
Congratulations to 29 OLOF students who participated in last month’s Weetbix TRYathlon. Despite the hot weather, spirits were high and every child gave their best swimming, cycling and running the course situated at Langley Park.

As a result of the school’s high participation in the event, OLOF went into the draw for one of 13 trampolines. Good news – we won! A Springform Trampoline is on its way and will be used for future fundraising for the school.

Congratulations...
- Arbery, Thomas
- Backhouse, Will
- Backhouse, Charlie
- Backhouse, Max
- Bradford, Eloise
- Bradford, Romilly
- Byrne, Jenna
- Byrne, Abby
- Clark, Kyla
- Clark, Erin
- Cosgriff, Lexie
- Davie, Will
- Dreverman, Thomas
- Foss, Jude
- Foss, Stella
- Gauci, Eliza
- Gauci, Sofie
- Ivancich, Grace
- Mann, Angelina
- Mincham, Barton
- Mincham, Billie
- Spackman, Harry
- Spackman, Ruby
- Sparkes-Macdonald, Scott
- Weaver, Scarlett
- Wheeler, Erin
- Wheeler, Alex
- Woods, Madison
- Woods, Jacob
Mother’s Day Morning Tea
Friday 8th May in the Hall

To all the wonderful mums and grand-mums: you are invited to a Special Morning Tea following Mass on Friday 8th May. Take time to enjoy some delicious food and the warm company of other Fatima mums.

We look forward to seeing you there!

On behalf of the P&F Association we wish to recognise and thank our maintenance man Ray Walters for his efforts on the new playground development. He spent many extra hours helping with every task that came along, and always with a smile. His presence and support throughout the process has been invaluable.

Thank you Ray!
— Emma Spackman and Deirdre Westerhout

Dads Needed...

We’re looking for a few dads to help host our upcoming Mother’s Day morning tea on Friday 8th May. If you can spare an hour or two that Friday morning please contact Tracy Fic.

Show the mums in your life just how special they are!
Choose from the traditional Entertainment™ Book Membership that comes with the Gold Card and vouchers, or the new Entertainment™ Digital Membership that puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone! Whichever Membership you choose, $13 of your $65 purchase will go towards our fundraising and you receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2016! Both the Book and the digital membership will be launched mid-May.

Featuring popular new and existing family businesses such as:

![Logos of various businesses](image)

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PRIMARY SCHOOL

TO PRE-ORDER ONLINE GO TO:


Below is a link to flick to the book so you can look through the before ordering:

http://link.e.entertainmentbook.com.au/rts/go2.aspx?h=11373&tp=i-H43-78-OS-1W1Vp-1c-Cb7-1c-1VYlK-1Z5hXC