Dear Parents,

It has been another BIG year, and we are nearly finished, the countdown has now begun! We often talk about busy schools being good schools, busy because we continually engage our children in rich and varied learning experiences. We have achieved a great deal this year and at the heart of our achievements is the fantastic academic progress across our school community. This is our core business and our priority and it is wonderful to see the achievements by the children in the classrooms. The teachers have done an outstanding job again this year and the support from the families in our school community has also been a huge factor in the success of our children, congratulations to everyone.

The community AGM’s held last week provided a formal summary of the achievements of both the school and the P&F as a very supportive group within our community who are able to provide a range of things that the school would not otherwise be able to provide for the children. There was also a summary of the directions we are looking at going in, over the next 12 months. Thank you to all those people who attended, listened to the information presented and engaged in conversation about the year we have experienced within our community.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the School Board for 2016:
Chairperson – Clory Carello
Vice Chairperson – Peter Canterbury
Treasurer – Chris Cowan
Secretary – TBC
Parish Priest – Fr Francis
Board Members – Kate Wittenoom, Steve Gauci, Deirdre Westerhout, Chris Johnston
P&F Representative – TBC at the first P&F meeting in 2016
Parish Representative – TBC at the first Parish Council meeting in 2016

Enormous thanks again to the 4 members of the School Board who are leaving the Board – Peter Brigg, Vance Bryan, David Ivancich and Rikki Foss, for all the contributions they have made towards making our school community what it is.

It is also a great pleasure to announce the P&F positions for 2016:
Dual Vice Presidents - Natasha Shepherd and Rikki Foss
Treasurer – Rob De Sousa
Secretary – Michelle Reeves
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From the Principal

Our Lady of Fatima School Newsletter
Our Vision
Our Lady of Fatima Palmyra is a Catholic School that aspires to provide a respectful, secure and caring learning environment where our community is committed to following the teachings of Jesus.

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Wednesday
9th December
Week 9 Term 4

ADVENT PRAYER
Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.
Thank you in advance to all parents who have put their hand up in an official capacity on our P&F, I look forward to working closely with you all next year for the benefit of our children.

A huge thanks again to our outgoing executive: Deirdre Westerhout (President), Virginia Bradshaw-Pini (Vice President), Aaron Arbery (Treasurer) and Louissa Casey (Secretary) for the enormous success of our P&F throughout 2015. A project like the playground development which will be completed before the children come back to school next year is a great example of the hard working, committed approach from our P&F this year. It will be a facility that children at our school will enjoy for at least the next 10 years.

The children are all very excited about our Edudance/Christmas Carol concert tonight. The evening is designed to be a relaxing night where parents can sit back and enjoy the entertainment provided by our children. The Edudance is due to start at 5:45pm and will take approximately 40 minutes, at which time we will have a 20 minute intermission before launching into the Christmas Carols sung by the children with their buddy classes, before concluding the evening before 7:30pm.

The children are also looking forward to Thursday, a day out at Adventure World for our Year 6’s and a fun Water Slide activity for the children from PP-5 between 10am and 12 noon. The children are asked to come to school in the same way they would if they had swimming lessons ensuring they can get changed into their sports uniform after the water activities.

Our school year for the children culminates on Friday with our farewell mass for the year 6’s, and departing staff members before we have an early morning tea then all meet in the school hall for the final assembly, which is our final farewell and announcement on leadership positions for 2016.

We have just finalised the dates for 2016. Please see the Term Dates and the Pupil-Free days listed below to assist with your planning for next year.

Term 1 – Monday 1st February to Friday 8th April. Incorporated in the first term is our Labour Day Public holiday on Monday 7th March and our Easter break which includes Good Friday on 25th March, Easter Monday on 28th March and Easter Tuesday on 29th March. We also have a Pupil-Free day on Friday 8th April.

Term 2 – Monday 25th April to Friday 1st July. Incorporated in the second term is the ANZAC Day Public holiday on Monday 25th April and WA Day on Monday 6th June.

Term 3 – Monday 18th July to Friday 23rd September. Incorporated in the third term is 3 Pupil-Free days: Monday 18th July, Monday 22nd August and Friday 23rd September.

Term 4 – Monday 10th October – Friday 9th December. Incorporated in the final term is two Pupil-Free days, Monday 10th October and Friday 11th November.

Best wishes to everyone in our community for a happy, restful and holy Christmas and a wonderful start to the new year. We look forward to catching up with everyone at the start of the new school year.

Paul Hansen

PRINCIPAL
Happy Birthday

DECEMBER

11th       Eve McMaster
14th      Paris Canterbury
17th        Lexie Cosgriff
18th        Riley Robinson
19th   Scott Sparkes-Macdonald
22nd    Emily Wilkinson
25th       Sofie Gauci
29th  Madeleine Smith
31st     Sienna Spackman
31st      Adam Lawler

PARISH NEWS
PARISH WEEKEND MASS TIMES
Saturday Vigil - 6.30 pm
Sunday - 7.30 am, 9.45 am, 6.30 pm

SCHOOL NEWS

Keyed Up Music will be running piano and guitar lessons again in 2016 during school. We run group lessons starting from $18.95 plus GST per lesson. To enrol, to go www.keyedupmusic.com.au/enrolment-form
Merit Awards

Week 8 Monday
Pre-Primary
Hope Shepherd
Lila Tabor
Will Davy
Jake Oakley

Year One
Monique Gauci
Frankie Lucas
Ellie Williams
Joshua Farinola
Anthony Nguyen

Year Two
Amelia O’Keefe
Quentin Bacich
Shaila Martinovich

Year Three
Milly Sullivan
Madeleine Smith

Year Four
Amanda Nguyen
Nicholas Carrello
Paris Canterbury
Alice Leavy

Year Five
Sienna Hart
Eryn Law
Lucy Welch
Kyla Clark
Will Davie
Molly Dawkins

Year Six
Katherine Fenton
Xavier Bradshaw-Pini
Angus Haigh

Week 8 Friday
Pre-Primary
Miss D McKenna

Year One

Year Two
Phoenix Papotto
Adam Lawler
Kosar Azimian

Year Three
Thomas Dreverman
Emily Wilkinson

Year Four
Matilda Dewar
Jade Lawrence
Liam O’Keefe
Sophie Brady

Year Five

Year Five Legends

Year Six
Tazma Radalj
Siena Marchese
Toby King
Thomas Knight
P&F Association — Annual General Meeting
AGM Reports on the Portal
If you would like to learn what your P&F achieved in 2016, take a look at the AGM and President's Report now available on the Fatima Portal.

Wednesday 9 Dec
Gates open 5pm!

Edu-dance
Carols Night

Enjoy the talented performances of our children and share some Christmas cheer with the wonderful families of Our Lady of Fatima School and Parish.

♦ Wednesday 9th December from 5pm
♦ OLOF Oval  BYO Picnic
♦ Drinks on sale, proceeds to OLOF Parish
♦ Performances start 6pm
♦ Be there for the annual Car Bay Auction. Plus the Fatima Christmas Raffle Draw!

Our Mega Christmas Raffle
This year the major prize is a Spring Free Trampoline valued at over $1,200!
Other great prizes include...
♦ Six delicious Crayfish (thanks to Natasha Shepherd)
♦ Hand-made timber Xmas tree (thanks to Wade Spackman)
♦ Gourmet Christmas Hamper

Tickets on sale at tonight’s Carols Night. Prizes drawn tonight!
OLOF Playground Development
Helpers needed this Sunday 13th Dec 8am

The P&F is set to embark on Stage 2 of our new playground over the school holidays. This requires the removal of the existing play equipment from the sand pit. We need your help...

This coming Sunday, 13\textsuperscript{th} December at 8am, we need at least 10 dads to dig out the posts of the playground, dismantle it in sections and lift it out of the sand and onto the grass area. If you have a shovel please bring it to assist with the digging. With enough helpers it should take only an hour or so. Please email Deirdre at \texttt{deirdre@shockandoar.com} if you can assist. This is a first and crucial part of our playground development and we are relying on your support to make it a success.

3D visual of planned new play equipment for Stage 2.
2015 Thank you Message

This was my second year as P&F President – a year that has helped crystalise significant projects within the school and allowed me to improve my offering as President. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with our wonderful group of P&F volunteers and thank them for their dedication and contributions along the way.

This year our concerted fundraising efforts have allowed us to undertake a major playground development for the children. Our Stage 1 was completed and the second stage will take place over the coming Christmas holidays. We also continued to host our popular annual events such as the student discos, Father’s day brekkie, Mother’s Day morning tea, Easter raffle and so on. I’d like to recognize and thank this year’s P&F team for all your hard work:

2015 Committee Members: Rebecca Dreverman, Rikki Foss, Maria Robinson, Jody Barkla, Emma Spackman, Regi Wheeler.

2015 Class Representatives: Rebecca Dreverman, Marnie Mincham, Lenora Buswell, Julia Haig, Larissa Buswell, Natasha Shepherd, Clare Gauci, Brooke Brophy, Rachel Jeffery, Clare Ivancich, Danielle Woods, Amelia Hu, Michelle Goodwin, Miriam Ducat, Fiona Houston, Alison Kelly, Cath King and Jane McCormack.

P&F Executive:
President — Deirdre Westerhout
Vice President — Virginia Bradshaw
Treasurer — Aaron Arbery
Secretary — Louissa Casey

Thanks also to the wider Fatima community – parents who show up to help at events, or bring a plate of food, donate a few extra dollars, volunteer for that early Bunnings shift, stay back and help clean up, and so on. Our P&F is only as effective as the people who support it, so I commend you on your contributions this year also.

Finally, a very sincere thank you to two people who spend a great deal of personal and professional time assisting us with our efforts: Paul Hansen and Tracy Fic. We are truly blessed to receive such great support from Paul and Tracy as well as from the wider teaching staff at OLOF.

I feel my time as President has been a true blessing and wish the incoming P&F continued success. May you have a relaxing holiday and peaceful Christmas.

Best Wishes,
Deirdre Westerhout
President, P&F Association 2015
Welcome to all the members of our 2016 P&F team. Thank you for stepping up and continuing the important work of our Association. As parents we are all part of the P&F so please feel free to attend meetings, have your say and contribute along the way.

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Yr6 - Louissa Casey and Fiona Houston
FAST FACTS:

It's great to have a fresh start to the New Year – however, when you are preparing the kids to go back to school, there's plenty of ways to avoid unnecessary waste and save a bit of money too! New uniforms, stationery, lunch boxes and backpacks are all nice to have, but make a big impact on the environment in terms of the trees, energy and other resources they take to produce. Here's some of our tips to reduce, reuse and recycle in time for Term 1:

1. **Reuse from last year**: Fix old binders, dig out the old stationery and see if you can repair your backpack. Encourage the kids to use notebooks double sided – it saves a lot of trees in the long run.

2. **Plan**: Make a list of everything you need before heading to the store so that you resist impulse buying.

3. **At the shops**: Buy durable items like lunch boxes and backpacks that you can reuse for years to come. Try to purchase items that use recycled content – like paper – and suggest to the store they stock it, if it’s unavailable. Also, avoid items with lots of packaging.

4. **Batteries**: Consider rechargeable batteries and make sure any disposable batteries are dropped off at battery recycling stations instead of going in the bin.

5. **Lunch responsibly**: Pack lunches in reusable containers and don’t forget your refillable water bottle. Avoid buying individual packaging for snack items like chips, cheese and biscuits. Bento-box style lunches boxes shown here, are a fantastic way to reduce waste.

6. **Twice loved**: Does your school have a second-hand program? If so, it’s a great way to save money on uniforms, books and even computers. Otherwise, there are online communities where you can buy and trade these items.

7. **Safe and sound**: Encourage the kids to take care of their items. Treat them well and put them back in their backpack so they can return to school time and time again.

To find your nearest battery drop off locations, visit recycleright.wa.gov.au
Twas the night before Christmas.

Join us for a magical and action-packed yoga workshop that will be full of fun kid’s yoga, yoga games, stories and craft.

Where: St David’s Hall, Applecross
When: Monday, 21st December
Time: 10am-1pm

Age group: 5-9 years
Cost: $40
Contact: Michelle 0414 459 475
yogazoo@iinet.net.au
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