Dear Parents,

I begin my input into this fortnight’s edition of the newsletter with some wonderful news, Justin Miller is engaged and developing a plan to get married. Congratulations to him and his fiancée, Dijana, on behalf of our school community, we wish them well for a wonderful future together. I would have to say, there has been no shortage of advice for Justin from a few experienced staff members….

Yesterday was a big day at school for everyone with the parent-teacher interviews all afternoon. Those interviews were on the back of our “Open Afternoon” that took place last Thursday afternoon, a couple of structures we put in place to conclude Term 1 to ensure that parents are able to gain feedback about how their child has settled into the new class for 2015. My thanks to all parents who have taken up these opportunities, we have had huge numbers of parents attend the open afternoon and the parent-teacher interviews.

Last Friday was our Interschool Swimming Carnival, a fantastic occasion for our swimmers to challenge themselves against the best from other Catholic primary schools in our region. The competition was very close, and after occupying second and third spot for the majority of the day, we eventually came fourth out of seven schools, following the relays that concluded the day. Congratulations to all the children who represented our school so well, and to Mr Celenza who coordinated the team and the swimming programme again this year. I think we saw the benefits of the “before school” swimming sessions throughout the term, looking at the improvement shown by so many children.

Congratulations also to all the Fatima children who participated in the Weet-Bix Tryathlon last weekend. It is a wonderful introduction for the children into the sport of triathlons, in a supportive environment. Our school seemed to be very well represented, so well done to all the children and their parents for assisting to provide this opportunity.

The week before Easter is always a special time in our Catholic communities, and the Holy Week reflections have been a real highlight this week. The children have been portraying the significant events of the week culminating in the Stations of the Cross tomorrow morning on the grassed area, led by our children in Years 5 and 6.

This is also the time for us to collect all the project compassion boxes as we support Caritas - please return those boxes to school if you have not already done so. We are also collecting a gold coin from each child in return for a ticket in the Easter Egg raffle which will be drawn at the end of our day tomorrow, at approximately 2pm. This is not aimed to be a fundraiser and every child has an equal opportunity to win a prize. We will be dividing the money raised between Caritas and our Parish. This is always a highlight for our children, to conclude the first term. My thanks to Fiona Houston for coordinating this raffle again this year.

EASTER PRAYER

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son for the sake of me and you and other sinners too. God so loved the world.

Blest are you Lord Jesus, our Saviour and Redeemer.
Speaking of money raised, the **Shepherd, Wheeler and Woods** families organised a cake stall last weekend and raised $47 for Caritas as well which was a great effort. A fantastic effort by the children and I am sure they got great support from their parents too, clearly thinking about less fortunate people than themselves, well done to everyone involved.

We have all just returned from the annual **Aqua Splash** day, a great event which introduces our younger children to a swimming carnival experience. The level of participation from the children was outstanding in a fun and supportive environment. Thanks again to **Oz Celenza** for coordinating the event and concluding what has been a very busy swimming season. There was a wonderful sense of community at the pool and the assistance provided by the parents was very much appreciated.

Our **Playground Development** plan is starting to gain some momentum, the grass has been sprayed and will be removed over the holidays, concrete kerbing will be installed and the area will be prepared for the installation of some items of play equipment. The **P&F** have scheduled a **Busy Bee** on the morning of **Saturday 18th April**, the last weekend before the children return for Term 2, so if you are able to assist, please contact Deirdre Westerhout or Emma Spackman. The ladies have also displayed some information in a couple of different places in the school, a pin-up board in the front foyer and on the pin-up board at the back of the school, facing the basketball courts. If you are able to donate any items listed for the playground development, please indicate that on the sheet.

Looking towards **Term 2**, a reminder that the first day for the children is **Monday, 20th April**. The canteen will not be open on the first day of the term and we are looking at a “two week transition”, if necessary, for the children moving into their winter uniform.

Have a happy and holy Easter and if you are fortunate enough to be going away throughout the fortnight, travel safely.

**Dates to Remember:**

**Thursday 2nd April** – Holy Week reflection Stations of the Cross facilitated by Year 5’s and 6’s

**Thursday 2nd April** – Easter Egg Raffle

**Thursday 2nd April** – last day of Term 1

**Saturday 18th April** – P&F Busy Bee for the Playground Development, starting at 8:30am

**Monday 20th April** – first day of Term 2 for the children and staff

**Friday 24th April** – ANZAC Day ceremony at school, starting at 9am

Best wishes for the holidays.

Paul Hansen
**PRINCIPAL**
HARMONY DAY

Last week the children enjoyed a wonderful Harmony Week. The week was full of amazing performances by African Drummers and speakers from Indigenous communities. Suni and Kai’s uncle from the Kimberleys came to talk about Aboriginal traditional life. Students from St Catherine’s brought their Aboriginal art to show the children. We dressed in cultural dress on Friday and donated to the St Patrick’s Community Centre who help the homeless in our community. Melanie from the centre came to accept the cheque at our Monday assembly. We shared cultural foods with our friends and had a Harmony Day assembly lead by our Year 2 class and Mrs McKenna. Every child paraded their costumes and enjoyed looking at the costumes of the world brought together in one place. Our thanks go to the wonderful P&F especially Deirdre Westerhout and Amelia Hu who helped coordinate the week. Special thanks to Mrs Nimmo for organising the African drummers. It was a great team effort, which is what Harmony Day is all about. Melanie Watkins from St Patrick’s Community Support Centre would like to thank the school community for their generous donation. Our donation provided breakfast and lunch for two days for 50 people.

Sharon Law-Davis

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder for those who have elected to pay their school fees in three instalments over the course of 2015 that your first payment was due last Friday, 27th March. BPAY details are located on the bottom of your statement or to pay by EFTPOS, cheque or cash please see the front office.

If you would like to set up a regular direct debit to pay your school fees on a weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis it is not too late. Please see Tracy in the front office for the appropriate forms.

Megan Anderson    BURSAR

2015 FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

Do you think you have what it takes to randomly guess who’s going to beat who each week at the footy? Then join our annual OLOF Footy Tipping Competition – you not only get the chance to win each week, but you’ll also make a worthwhile contribution to the P&F to help fundraise for our Playground Redevelopment this year. That’s a win-win situation if ever I’ve seen one!

It’s easy to register – click on the link http://www.footytips.com.au/comps/OLOF_P-F_2015  (password OLOF) and re-register if you’ve played before, or set up your registration if you’re a newby. Then pay your $40 to Mrs Fic at the Office (cash, cheque [OLOF P&F] or EFTPOS) and you’ll get an automatic reminder every week to put your tips in. It’s easy!

Please contact Virginia Bradshaw on 0418 938 522 or virginiaandrob@ozemail.com.au if you have any problems.

Money needs to be in by the end of Term 1 so we can work out the prize money.

Good luck!  Virginia Bradshaw

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
**Merit Awards**

**Pre-Primary**
- Olivia O’Dea
- Ned Dewar
- Jake Oakley
- Riyani Outschoorn

**Year 1**
- Millie Anderson
- Xavier Zilko
- Albie Cowan
- Evie Mann

**Year 2**
- Alistair Davison
- Alessia Forzatti
- Shaila Martinovich
- Luisa Parish
- William Ivancich

**Year 3**
- Stella Foss
- Finn Robinson
- Max Backhouse
- Billie Mincham

**Year 4**
- Lily Taylor
- Amelia Bradshaw-Pini
- Amanda Nguyen
- Angus Wauhop

**Year 5**
- Molly Dawkins
- Jasper Jeffery
- Brianna Wauhop

**Year 6**
- The Year 6 Class

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**Happy Birthday**

**APRIL**

- 2nd  Oliver Turner  14th  Bella Bryan
- 3rd  Millie Haigh  16th  Lucas Tandy
- 3rd  Ethan Walters  17th  Max Piani
- 5th  Milly Cowan  19th  Rose Daniel
- 6th  Molly Dawkins  19th  Tess Lawson
- 7th  Lachlan Klingberg
- 11th Milly Sullivan
- 12th Sienna Hart

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**PARISH NEWS**

**PARISH WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil - 6.30 pm
Sunday - 7.30 am, 9.45 am, 6.30 pm
### OUR LADY OF FATIMA SENIOR SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Our Lady Of Fatima House Swimming Carnival held on the 19th March at Melville Leisure Centre was a very competitive morning with the lead changing hands a few times. The final result was not confirmed until the very last relay. The overall result are; 1st place Francisco with 330 points, 2nd Genevieve with 328 points, 3rd La Salle with 267 points and 4th was Kolbe with 255 points. The Spirit Shield was awarded to Kolbe for their great sportsmanship and exuberant cheering throughout the morning.

Throughout the Term students from Year 3-6 have enjoyed a healthy and warm breakfast at Melville Water Polo Club. This would not be possible without the help and coordination skills of several parents who have prepared the breakfasts during the swimming training period. I’m sure all the students are very thankful for all the work which has gone into this.

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Osvaldo Celenza - Physical and Health Education

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### WOOLWORTHS DOMINOES

The Kindy children are learning about number and have been playing some domino maths games. If you shop at Woolworths we would really appreciate any donations of the dominoes they are currently promoting. Thank you so much.  

*Lisa McCarthy*
OLOF Playground
BUSY BEE
Saturday 18th April
8.30am @ Fatima Oval

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The first major work on our playground development is set to take place over the school holidays. We need YOUR HELP to bring our plans to life. Join us for our Busy Bee, Saturday 18 April, from 8.30am.

If you can, please bring your rake, shovel, gardening gloves, wheelbarrow or other tools. Don’t forget your hat!

If you would like to assist but can’t make the 18th, call Deirdre 0402 293 407 for alternate “Busy Bee” opportunities.

Come for an hour or come for the day! Every bit helps get our playground ready for students in Term 2.
**Playground Update**

**Stage 1 starts April School Holidays**

After almost 6 months of planning we are ready to **commence works on Stage 1 of our new nature playground.** This will involve removing grass along the southern fence line and replacing it with a woodchip play area. The space will host a number of play items including stepping stumps, a balancing rope, talking tubes, balancing logs, tyres and bench seating.

We have been working hard to source many of these items at a discount or best possible price. This, together with the volunteer services of OLOF parents Emma & Wade Spackman and Lincoln Sullivan, has allowed us to keep within our budget so far.

However, we will need the help of ALL Fatima families to bring the playground to life. We need YOUR HELP to install these items during our Busy Bee Saturday 18th April.

This is YOUR CHANCE TO CONTRIBUTE to your child's new playground. Come along and help spread the woodchips, place the tyres, fasten the rope, install the benches, feed the volunteers, etc. Stay for an hour or for the day — every little bit helps us get the job done.

Please put it in your phone reminder.

We need you April 18th!

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**WIN a THERMOMIX in the P&F’s Major Raffle for 2015**

Your P&F is holding a fantastic fundraising raffle with all proceeds going to the OLOF playground development.

Tickets available from your Class Rep or see Tracy in the Office. Take a book home to sell to colleagues and friends. **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

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**BEACH SIDE HOLIDAY RENTAL**

Gifford Road, Dunsborough
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Our first Sausage Sizzle of the year was a fantastic success raising just over $1,934 for our school. These funds will go towards our playground development as well as the various activities run by the P&F to benefit our students. Volunteer parents sold around 800 hotdogs on the day. A BIG THANK YOU to Aaron Arbery, Natasha Shepherd and all the volunteers on the day. Also, thanks to IGA Myaree for their donations of sauces and napkins.

Thank you to our volunteers!
More from Harmony Week 2015

It was such a full Harmony Week we’ve had to run it over two newsletter editions!

Our dress up day saw a beautiful collection of national costumes worn by students, teachers and parents.

Later in the day students had an informative presentation from Robert Dann (left), Aboriginal Educator from the Kimberley.

Then during lunch time three Aboriginal university students from St Catherine’s College displayed their art work and spoke with students in small groups. There were plenty of thoughtful questions and conversations. Thank you to Amelia Hu and Sharon Law-Davis for coordinating these events.
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How to use the School Portal

- Works best in Google Chrome browser  (https://support.google.com/chrome/answer/95346?hl=en)
- Log into Chrome using the username and password below...
- The web address for the portal is quite difficult...when you have typed it in, bookmark it
  https://sites.google.com/a/olof.wa.edu.au/fatima-portal/ is the web address
- Click on the Parents button

  Username: olof@olof.wa.edu.au  Password: OLOFparents

EXISTING CHROME USERS

- If you are already a Chrome user, you may need to add another user...click on the 3 lines
- Scroll down to find settings and click on it
- Within settings there is an ADD USER button

  Add new user...

- Click on this and call it olof (or similar)

- Click create

  Username: olof@olof.wa.edu.au  password: OLOFparents
- Go to the web address  https://sites.google.com/a/olof.wa.edu.au/fatima-portal/
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