FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

We celebrated the talent in our school with “Fatima’s Got Talent” on Wednesday afternoon. Thank you to Miss McKenna for her effort running auditions and organising the afternoon. The fun and laughter in the hall was a delight to behold. I am so proud that our school gives so many opportunities to children to develop their different talents and recognise them in so many ways. Some of the ways children can showcase their various skills are:

- Sports carnivals and events
- Carnevale
- Public Speaking
- Creative Problem solving
- Performing Arts Festival
- Leadership programs
- Organising and running events in the school
- Christmas Carol night
- Edudance
- Participation in Mass: choir, music and altar serving
- Ukulele ensemble

Encourage your child to develop their talent and reinforce the importance of practice and persistence to improve.

Last week the Year 3 students lead the school in a commemorative ceremony for Remembrance Day. Thank you to Mrs Reardon, Mrs Ahern and the Year 3 students on a beautiful service. We remembered those who have fought in wars past and present - not to glorify war, but to glorify the men and women who overcame so much adversity and those who survived with such resilience. It reminds me of an old parable of “The Chinese Farmer”.

There once was a farmer in the central region of China. He didn’t have a lot of money and instead of a tractor; he used an old horse to plough the fields.

One afternoon, while working in the field, the horse dropped dead. Everyone in the village said, “Oh, what a horrible thing to happen.” The farmer simply said, “We’ll see.” He was so at peace and so calm, that everyone in the village got together and, admiring his attitude, gave him a new horse as a gift.

Everyone’s reaction now was, “What a lucky man.” And the farmer said, “We’ll see.”
A few days later, the new horse jumped a fence and ran away. Everyone in the village shook their heads and said, “What a poor fellow!”

Eventually the horse found his way home and everyone again said, “What a fortunate man.” The farmer said, “We’ll see.”

Later that year, the farmer’s son decided to break the horse in and fell and broke his leg. Everyone in the village said, “What a shame for the poor boy.”

The farmer smiled and said, “We’ll see.”

Two days later, the army came into the village to draft new recruits. When they saw that the farmer’s son had a broken leg, they decided not to recruit him.

Everyone said, “What a fortunate young man.” The farmer smiled again – and said, “We’ll see.”

We don’t have all the answers to what happens in the world, but we can look at the world more optimistically. Resilient people reframe challenges as opportunities to learn.

Research has indicated that a propensity toward optimism is strongly influenced by genes, most likely ones that govern neurotransmitters in the brain. However, how we “parent” also has a role to play. Many parents try to bolster their child’s self esteem by avoiding criticism and praising accomplishments, however small. While doing so they can hamper a child’s resiliency and ability to bounce back from setbacks. Encouraging effort and persistence is much more beneficial to a child’s development and develops an optimistic outlook.

Best wishes and look after each other,
Sharon Law-Davis (Acting Principal)

SOME NOTICES FROM MRS LAW-DAVIS:

BEFORE SCHOOL
During the week the staff have noticed that there are more and more students who are being dropped off at 8am. I am concerned that the children are not being supervised and the teachers need to prepare for their classes. It is unfair that Camp Australia is operating in our school and some parents are not using this service before school. Children are not supervised by a staff member until 8.15. Please make arrangements for other people to drop off your child or use the service provided by Camp Australia if you need to leave children before 8.15am.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PRE-KINDY AND KINDY PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS
Thank you to the parents of 2017 PK and K children, who attended the two parent meetings last Thursday. A Parent Information Pack was given to each parent. We had a representative from Camp Australia, the uniform shop and the P&F attend one or both meetings. Thank you to those representatives for their input. If you did not attend the meeting, your parent pack can be picked up from the front office.

LOUD SHIRT DAY AND WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
Last Friday the children walked to school and wore their loud clothes to raise funds for Princess Margaret Hospital Speech and Hearing Centre. We are proud to support this great cause, as we have had many students who have needed their services over the years. Thank you to the community for getting behind our efforts. Special thanks to the P&F who organised the fresh fruit for the children and the coffee van for the parents.

YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY AND HERO AWARD
This Friday is the Year 2 Assembly and the last “Hero Award” for 2016. We are expecting Father Francis to grace us with his presence to present the all-important award. He always gets a rock star reception, as the children love his gentle and encouraging manner. All children are invited to wear their Hero Costume or dress up as their “Hero” to celebrate our everyday Heroes in our lives. Pre-Kindy and Kindy children can wear Hero costumes on Thursday.
COMING UP

PARENT CHRISTMAS FUNCTION
Saturday, 26th November
The Fatima P & F invite all parents to join them for the annual OLOF Parent Christmas Party at The Local Hotel, 282 South Tce, South Fremantle. More details coming soon....

ROBOTICS DEMONSTRATION
Monday 28th November
If your child is in the extension group with Mr Celenza they will be demonstrating their skills they have learnt in robotics at the Monday housekeeping assembly at 8.45. All welcome

PRE-KINDY ORIENTATION
Tuesday, 29th November – 1.30 – 2.30pm
For parents and children.

SCHOOL BOARD AGM
Tuesday, 29th November – 7.00pm
Venue: School Hall

PARENT HELPERS AFTERNOON TEA:
TUESDAY 6TH December – 2.00pm
VENUE: School Hall
Teachers would like to invite parents to a thank you afternoon tea for their support during the year. Hope you can all pop in for a cuppa.

OLOF CAROLS NIGHT AND EDUDANCE CONCERT
Wednesday, 7th December – 6pm
Venue: OLOF main oval

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parents,
This week will be the last week for children to borrow Library Books. Next week all books are to be brought in and I will issue bills for those books not returned in the last week.

Please encourage your child to bring in their books from next Monday 28th November Week 8.

I would like to say a big thank you everyone for your support throughout the year.

Lorraine Szefczyk

FEES
As we approach the end of the school year, outstanding school fees are now due. Statements were sent out during the first week of term, however if you are unsure of your balance please email finance@olof.wa.edu.au or call the school on Mondays or Wednesdays.

Many thanks to all those parents who have already paid the balance of their fees. As always, if you are experiencing difficulties in making payments, please contact us to discuss.

Megan Anderson (Bursar)

AGM & BOARD NOMINATIONS

A nomination form for members of our community to nominate for a position on the school board is attached to this newsletter. The position is for a two year term as a general committee member. Please return completed nomination forms to the school office or post to 3 Harris Street, Palmyra by Tuesday, 22nd November. The AGM will be held on Tuesday 29th November in the School Hall.

Thank you to Peter Canterbury who is stepping down in the role of financial executive. Peter has been on the school board for four years and continued on the board even when his daughter, Paris moved to Santa Maria. Thank you for your contribution to our community, Peter, you and your family are always welcome here.

Perth Children’s Hospital Volunteers

Since 1929, the volunteer presence at Princess Margaret Hospital has been extremely important to the experience that our patients and families have during their time here. Their concern for people and their ability to create an atmosphere of friendliness and goodwill is invaluable. With the exciting move to Perth Children’s Hospital we are expanding the volunteer team and we are now recruiting for various roles. If you want to make a positive difference to the lives of children and their families who visit the hospital then we would like to hear from you. Please contact Andy Wahid, Coordinator Volunteer Services 08 9340 8716 or email andy.wahid@health.wa.gov.au for further
‘Seesaw’ is an amazing app that is a student driven online portfolio of student work. Parents must login to their child’s account using the unique code that was sent home in their portfolio last semester. All the instructions are with the code.

When you download the Parent App any likes or comments you make show up for your child.

To encourage ALL parents to view ‘Seesaw’ and see the amazing work being done at school, we are running a competition.

The class to have the highest percentage of parents viewing ‘Seesaw’ will win a class prize…so come on everyone, download the parent app and start liking and commenting!!!

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YEAR 1 RESTAURANT REVIEW

It was an honour to be invited to the Year One Restaurant on Monday afternoon by Jordan. Little did he know that I would be reviewing his and his classmate’s performance in the restaurant. Though the décor was old and tired the restaurant owners took delight in brightening up the area with beautiful flowers and a bright checked tablecloth gave a hint of what the meal was going to be. What a surprise when Jordan welcomed me like an old friend using his charm and happy disposition. He seated me at the best table in the restaurant with Max’s Pop, Steve. We felt like royalty as the boys brought the menu, explaining the different options to us.

I settled for the Pizza made from Lebanese bread topped with a tasty Margaret River cheese, garden tomatoes, olives and pineapple. The pizza base was crunchy and well cooked, just the way I like it. The topping was generous and was obviously locally sourced. I was disappointed that I didn’t try the garlic bread. Jordan made sure I was supplied with lightly lemon scented, chilled Fatima tap water, to quench my thirst. It certainly did the job but I would have preferred a SSB.

Dessert was a sight to behold. Tiny little cupcakes with freckle lollies on top, were hard to beat. Delicate, light with a little hint of little hands! A total success.

The wait staff knew what they were doing, being well trained, and polite at all times. They made sure our experience was one that I would remember for a long time.

Thank you Jordan, Mrs Dewar, Mrs Young and the Year One class. I will be recommending this restaurant to everyone I meet.

Mrs Law-Davis
CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Year 6 teacher, Stephanie Correia on her engagement to Joseph last week. We wish you both all the love and happiness as you prepare for one of the most important days of your lives. May your life be full of health, joy and happiness.

CANTEEN NEWS

CANTEEN SPECIALS

CHICKEN NUGGETS AND CHIPS $3
LASAGNE $3
SHEPHERD’S PIE $3
ICY POLES $1

NO CHOC MILK AVAILABLE HOWEVER ALL JUICES FOR SALE

Bev and Jess

Our Lady of Fatima is planning a review of our school canteen. The review would cover, among other things, the following:
- Menu items and pricing
- Ordering and payment methods
- Staffing and volunteers
- Financial viability
- Opening days/times

To assist us in the review process we will be sending out a brief online survey to all families next week to gather your input. This is an important step in the process which will help guide our plans for 2017. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey when it is sent out.

Thank you in advance,
The Canteen Review Committee.

Camp Australia

Due to next Tuesday’s AGM meetings, the Camp Australia afternoon care for that day will shift from the hall to the multipurpose room next to the computer lab.
The Year One Restaurant was a huge success. I felt very honoured to be invited by Jordan Matthes. Thank you Jordan for a very enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs Goncalves wanted to go back to the warm weather in Phuket, She got what she wished for with our beautiful weather coming up!

Our final “Hero Award” for 2016 will be presented by Fr Francis on Friday at the Year 2 Assembly. Everyone is coming as a Hero to celebrate.

Get Loud for PMH raised lots of money for the PMH Speech and Hearing Centre. Well done everyone who participated and thank you.

Everyone who has been WEST people: Welcoming, Encouraging, Say Sorry and Thank you this term received a WEST wrist band on Monday at assembly, congratulations.

There are only 3 more weeks left of school!!!!!!

We only have two items in the Staff Christmas Hamper, the teachers might be busy doing reports.

Mrs Shepherd found a shield in the P&F cupboard. The 1968 Fatima Athletics Carnival was won by the Gold Team and the captain was my sister, Anna.

Mrs Law-Davis

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**SCHOOL BANKING**

Every Tuesday morning. Students or parents can drop their bank books into the office on/or by Monday for banking Tuesday morning and they will be sent back to class after Tuesday morning banking.

Thank you Maria and Emma

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**Mindfulness Corner**

Create a Mindfulness space or quiet zone in your house. Ask your child/ren what they would like in this space. What are some things that keep them calm? Find and create this space together adding a nice blanket or chair, pillows, beanbags. Add a 'mindfulness box' which can have a coloring book, pencils, and quiet games. Add music and burn oils (such as lavender) in a diffuser. Explain to your child this is their special place should they need to calm down. Remind them to do activities they have learnt during mindfulness at school.

Enjoy. Stay calm. Mrs Renton X

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**PARISH WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil - 6.30pm
Sunday - 7.30am, 9.45am, 6.30pm
SUMMER IS COMING - ENROL NOW FOR SWIMMING LESSONS

Enrolments for December /January lessons are now open. It is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim’s school holiday swimming lessons are conducted by qualified instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. For further information and online enrolments visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming

We encourage all families to take part in VacSwim and thank you for your support.

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Christmas Appeal 2016

Christmas Hamper Ideas

- Christmas Pudding
- Custard
- Tinned Fruit
- Bon Bons
- Tea
- Coffee
- Milo
- Long Life milk
- Cereal
- Dried fruit
- Tinned Ham

- Fruit Mince Pies
- Sweet biscuits
- Savory biscuits
- Candy Canes
- Jelly
- Jams
- Long Life juice
- Christmas Cake
- Christmas napkins

extras
- Pancake mix
- Tinned vegetables
- Confectionery
- Muesli bars
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Vegemite
- Soft drink
- Cordial

An easy way to organize the hampers is to allocate families to different homerooms and/or class groups. The list of items above is suggested only, it would be fantastic if the students look at the needs of the family and adjust the hamper accordingly. Other items to consider could be; nappies, cleaning products, washing powder, toiletries and socks. It is imperative that all goods are in date and in good condition.
Parent Christmas Function  
Saturday 26th November  
Get Your Tickets Now!

What: Join us for our annual OLOF Parent Christmas Party!
Where: The Local Hotel, 282 South Tce. South Fremantle
When: THIS SATURDAY November 26 from 7pm onwards
Tickets: $5 each and includes finger foods and Christmas novelties!

Get your tickets now from your class rep or the office.
Hosted by your P&F Association to say Thanks! for your support throughout 2016.

P&F Association  
Annual General Meeting (AGM)  
Tuesday 29th November 2016  
7pm OLOF School Hall  
following the school AGM

Please join us as we reflect on this year and plan for and even more successful 2017. The AGM will be followed by refreshments. Nomination are invited for positions of Vice President, Committee Member (6 positions) and Class Representatives (two per class). Please consider volunteering and continue the important work of this parent group. Nomination forms are available from the front office and should be returned asap.
NOMINATE NOW FOR YOUR P&F IN 2017

Thank you to all the 2016 members of the P&F Executive, Committee, Class Reps and others who have contributed to the success of our P&F this year. As we look to 2017, we encourage you to nominate or re-nominate for the following positions....

* Vice President * Committee Members * Class Reps

The P&F Association needs volunteers like you to keep it active and successful. **We value the experience and knowledge of past/current members as well as the ideas and enthusiasm of parents new to the P&F.** Everyone has something to offer and we are keen to have you onboard!

What do we do?
The P&F generally meets at 7pm on the second Thursday of each month during school term. Together we plan events, organize fundraisers, support the needs of students and teachers and generally work to enhance the school experience of our children and families. Joining your P&F is a great way to get involved while gaining a genuine sense of personal satisfaction.
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 7th December** from 5pm
- OLOF Oval **BYO Picnic**
- Drinks and ice-cream on sale
- Pre-order pizza dinner available. Forms will be sent home soon.

Be there for the annual **Car Bay Auction**. Plus the **Fatima Xmas Raffle**!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help on the night. If you can help decorate, sell raffle tickets, hand out pizzas or sell drinks/ice creams please email Natasha Shepherd *nshep1973@gmail.com* **urgently**.

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**Carols Night and Edudance Concert - PRE-ORDER PIZZA AVAILABLE**

If you wish to preorder whole pizzas please return your order and correct money to the office by Wednesday November 30th. Then just collect your pizzas at 5:15pm on the night... Easy! Drinks and ice creams will also be on sale on the night.
How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:
1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
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8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:
1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
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Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.
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School Board of
Our Lady of Fatima School

Election of Board Members for 2017

The School Board has functions that include:

1. Planning for the present and future operations of the School.

2. Managing all the finances associated with the School.

3. Providing membership on selection panels for the employment of staff to the School in accordance with Catholic Education Policy.

As the Constitution states, the membership of the Board shall be for a period of two years, while no member can serve for more than six consecutive years.

One position will be up for re-election on the School Board and we call to members of our School Community to nominate for this position on the Board for 2017.

Please complete the nomination form below and return to the office by Tuesday 22nd November 2016 and be in attendance at the school AGM on Tuesday 29th November 2016 at 7.00 pm in the School Hall.

I ........................................................................................................ would like to nominate for the position of Board Member for 2017.

Signed....................................................................................... Date.........