Dear Parents,
Welcome to the 2016 school year. We hope that all families had a restful holiday and a wonderful Christmas.
The children returned last week looking great in their new school uniforms, shoes, haircuts. It fills me with great pride standing before them each morning as parents at our school take such pride in the way our children are dressed for school.
This year’s school theme is: “Every Child – Every Chance – Every Day.”
I have chosen this theme to stress that each and every child is important at our school. Each and every child needs to be given a high quality education. Each and every child needs to be given the opportunity to learn by being at school each day. Each and every child needs to be given the best resources (books, laptops etc) with which to learn. Each and every child can be successful if they are working at their true potential.
So here is the challenge for 2016: to the students, to the teachers, to the parents. Let us make 2016 a year of incredible learning and growth for our children. For each and every child, each and every day.

SCHOOL PROTOCOLS
Our Lady Help of Christians School goes to extraordinary lengths to keep the children safe. Some of the things you can do to help are as follows:

- Children are to be at school no earlier that 8.40 a.m. This is when a teacher begins yard duty on the middle playground. Children who are on the yard prior to this time will be taken to Before School care for their own safety (Charges apply).
- Children are to be picked up on the middle yard by 3.40 p.m. Any child not picked up by 3.40 p.m. will be taken to After School Care for their own safety (Charges apply). Parents should not arrange to pick up your child on Miller Street or Nicholson Street or even down at the Seven Eleven down the road. The safest place for your child to wait is in the school yard under teacher supervision.
- Parents should not park in the teacher car park off Miller Street before school or after school. These spaces are reserved for teacher parking and are necessary if teachers are going to get to class on time. With 32 staff members and only 20 car parking places, unfortunately we do not have room for parents.
- Parents should ensure that if children are running late for school, parents get out of their car and accompany their child to the office to sign a late slip.

- Parents should ensure that they park legally on Miller Street and Nicholson Streets so that families using these crossings are safe. Parking across driveways and in ‘No Stopping’ areas will mean that you risk being fined by council officers. The 5 minute zone is a Drop Off area, not a sit and park area. Please be considerate of this parents.
- Parents may stay and chat in the playground after morning assembly, but must exit through the office area as the school goes into lock down at around 9.10 each morning.
- Parents should ensure that if a child is going to be absent they phone the school on the morning of the absence and then go onto the school website and fill in the details on the STUDENT ABSENCE section (right hand side of the school home page).
- If parents have a concern or question, the first port of call is always the classroom teacher. 99% of matters are resolved at this level. As per our Home-School Communication policy (on the school website) meetings with the Principal are available at 9 am, 9.30am and 10 am each morning.

THE MOST IMPORTANT SCHOOL RULE
Parents should never approach a child or the parents of that child about a school related matter.
If a parent has a concern or issue they must always approach the classroom teacher.

Your child’s safety and security are paramount. Please consider the negative implications of not following these school rules.

CALLING FRIDAY TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS
Volunteers are needed to assist with the Friday school Tuckshop for 2016. You will be required from approx 1-2 pm on a Friday. Please email me at olhca@gmail.com advising how often you would like to be rostered on, and if there are any dates you are unavailable. The tuckshop can't run without your help! Please note that all volunteers are required to have a current Working With Children Check. Many thanks, Michelle Such (Tuckshop Co-ordinator)

O.L.H.C IS A SUNSMART SCHOOL
Children at our school must wear a school hat at recess and lunchtime during this term. Children also wear a hat during sports lessons. This will have great benefits in the years to come when the chance of having skin cancers and melanoma will be greatly reduced. The children know our slogan: “NO HAT MEANS NO PLAY”. Children who do not have a school hat must sit on the seat in the shade, rather than play with their friends

EVERY CHILD – EVERY CHANCE – EVERY DAY
2016 SCHOOL FEES
Dear Parents,
the 2016 Annual School Fees have been set as follows:
Family Fee $1,450.00 per family
Book & Stationery Levy $ 320.00 per child ^
Building Levy $ 200.00 per family
# $100 refundable should you attend one of the Working Bees throughout the year
TOTAL ANNUAL FEE $1,970.00 * FOR ONE CHILD FOR 2 CHILDREN $2,290*:
FOR 3 CHILDREN $2,610*:
*This does not include the Swimming Levy (for every child) and the Camp Levy (for grades 5 and 6) as these will be invoiced closer to the respective events.
For those students new to the school in 2016, that have made a prepayment back in 2015, the Term 1 payment will be adjusted to reflect this prepayment.
An account will be sent home within the next 2 weeks covering the above. Accompanying this will be a Methods of Payment Form that will detail various repayment options available.
DATES TO REMEMBER:
TERM 1 PAYMENT DUE BY 26/02/16
FOR: One child $800, Two children $1,120
Three children $1,440
TERM 2 PAYMENT DUE BY 27/05/16
Per Family $570
FINAL TERM 3 PAYMENT BY 26/08/16
Per Family $600*
*will be reduced by $100 down to $500 should you attend a Working Bee during the year.
If you have any queries in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact me Mondays or Fridays.
Looking forward to another great year.
Debbie Ceravolo - Bursar

2016 - YEAR 6 GRADUATION COMMITTEE
Even though our Year 6 Graduation is on the Friday 9th December, the parents of this year's Year 6 want to make an early start planning this great event.
If you are interested in being on the committee please email principal@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au
We will convene a Graduation Committee meeting shortly.

EXTEND OSHC AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS SCHOOL
Welcome back to School everyone. We hope everyone's holiday was as good ours here at Extend. Our staff this year has slightly changed, with majority staying the same. Kasey is still the Team Leader, so feel free to come say hello or if you have any questions. Mark and Elena are still our Educators, with Jenna leaving us for a teaching job. We have a few new staff members from other services visiting during the term, which will be fun. We had different activities each day on offer, including excursions to AMF Bowling and Movies. We had different incursions, where someone taught us how to make kites and our favourite incursion was when Aussie Animals came to visit. We got to pat different animals from a kookaburra to a lizard. Our favourite activity at Extend was being able to bring our bikes and scooters, and our water play. We were lucky enough to have staff visit us from other Extend services and share the holidays together.
Now it's time for Before and After school care fun.
Our Extend Superstar is: Everyone from Vacation Care for demonstrating a caring nature and friendship towards others and for playing cooperatively with everyone.

Next week's activities
Monday 8th February: Tuesday 9th February:
Fruit Salad Pancake Tuesday
Wednesday 10th February:
Lego Competition· Building your own village
Thursday 11th February:
Outdoor sport games· Balls Up and Sandpit play
Friday 12th February:
Messey Friday· Cooking Honey Joys
Please remember to MAKE or CANCEL a booking you MUST CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
OR BOOK ONLINE: www.extend.com.a

SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 1 2016
8th February – Foundation – Classes 8.55 to 3.30pm
8th February – Parents Association Meeting – 7pm
10th February – Foundation Interview Day – No School
10th February – Ash Wednesday
10th February – Meet the Teacher – 1.30 to 8pm – Yr 1-6
16th February – Opening of the School Year Mass @9.15
16th February – Welcome Picnic – 5pm to 7pm
17th February – Foundation Interview Day – No School
19th February – School tour for Prospective Parents @11.30am
24th February – Foundation Interview Day – No School
29th February – Foundation are now full time.
3rd March – School tour for Prospective Parents @11.30am
4th March – School Photo Day
6th March – Sister School visitors arrive
13th March – Sister School visitors depart
14th March – Labour Day Public Holiday
15th March – School tour for Prospective Parents @11.30am
24th March – Easter Raffle Drawn
24th March – Term 1 concludes for all students @ 1pm
25th March – Good Friday
27th March – Easter Sunday
11th April – Term 2 commences at 8.55 am

THANK YOU TO OUR PARENTS ASSOCIATION
Last week we began to commission the first of our 125 brand new HP Stream laptops for the children. The children will start to use these laptops in their ICT classes in the week beginning the 8th February. This $50,000 donation has come out of a lot of hard work by our Parents Association. All children at our school are the beneficiaries of this work and dedication to our school. Always support your P.A!

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
2016 WELCOME BBQ
Tuesday, 16 February
5.00 pm – 7.00 pm
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year’s Welcome BBQ will be held on Tuesday, 16 February. It is a great opportunity for families to spend time together and get to know each other. There will be a jumping castle for the kids and the Parent Association will run a sausage sizzle and sell drinks/snacks at the Tuckshop as well as have the second hand uniform stall.

We do need approximately 20 volunteers to help with the set up, running and clean up for sausage sizzle and tuckshop and uniform stall. With sufficient numbers, no one should be required for more than 1 hour. This will enable ALL parents a chance to socialise.

If you are able to assist, please complete the form below and return via your child’s class folder by Friday, 12 February or email olhcpa@gmail.com

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Email: ...........................................................................................................

Eldest Child’s Name/Class: ...............................................................;

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* A confirmation email or text will be sent prior to the event
Parent Class Representatives Required

✓ One parent from each class is needed as ‘Class Representative’
✓ The role of Parent Class Representative is to act as ‘liaison officers’ for their individual classes and to attend Parent Association meetings if possible so that the interests of the whole school community are reflected as accurately as possible
✓ They will promote connectedness between the classroom families

Parent representatives are supported by Parent Association and the rest of the class parents. We will be encouraging the parent representatives to build the network between all parents within your class group.

We are now seeking **one parent** as a nomination from **each class** to be their class representative for 2016.

If you would like to be the parent class representative for your class, please email the Parent Association at olhcpa@gmail.com by **Thursday 11 February** with the following details:

- Name
- Class
- Email
- Phone Number

We appreciate your consideration of this important role.

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**Parents’ Association**

The aim of the Parents’ Association is to:

1. Build a sense of community and feeling of connectedness within the school by organising social events and activities throughout the year to which all our families are invited.
2. Organise various functions throughout the school year in order to raise extra funds for the school. These funds will be directed towards the enhancement of our children’s learning and help to ensure our children have a safe, comfortable and appropriate working environment, offering broad-based curriculum and co-curricular activities.

Throughout the school year it will be the Association’s aim to achieve a balance between activities which promote social connectedness within the school community and fundraising activities, which promote a diversity and ample opportunities for parents to volunteer their assistance/services at various times of the year.
OPEN DAY PARADE COLLEGE

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY

10am - 2pm  Preston Campus
8 Clifton Grove

11am - 3pm  Bundoora Campus
1436 Plenty Road

- Talk to our Principal and all our staff
- Watch the awesome science show
- Listen to our College bands
- Enjoy our free BBQ and café
- Pick up an information pack with a special gift for your son
- Listen to the Principal’s address at 10.30, 11.30, 10.00 [Preston] and 11.15, 12.15, 1.15, 2.15 [Bundoora].

Year 7 2017 enrolments close Friday 26 February, 2016

registrar@parade.vic.edu.au  p (registrar): 9468 3304  p (college): 9468 3300

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