Dear Families,
Welcome to the 2017 School Year. We welcome the many new children and families who have started their educational journey at our school this year. We hope that you will enjoy being part of our loving and supportive school community. We have scheduled our traditional Welcome Picnic on the evening of the 21st February (6pm – 7pm) to welcome new and current families to our school, introduce yourself to your classroom teacher, and allow parents to begin to make connections with other families.

This year our school theme comes from a book that I read over the break. Schools are by nature multi-dimensional places of learning. Parents – Teachers – Students – Parish – Community all rolled into a milieu of interactions that change upon a daily sometimes hourly basis. The ability to take all these pieces and put them together into a harmonious, caring, Catholic community is our one true objective.

That is why “Even Stronger Together” is our theme for the 2017 school year. Indeed we have many talented individuals in our community, however the real strength comes when as individuals we work together for the benefit of the children. Earlier this week I challenged the teachers to continue to work strongly together as a team. As a parent community we take our lead from the members of your Parents Association who give so freely, so often, so selflessly, of their own free time and energy. For the students we encourage the children to be thoughtful and respectful and to care for someone else apart from themselves. As a school within the wider Parish of Brunswick and Brunswick East, we offer our support to Father Michael and his work, and the work of the Parish.

Let us all put our mind to working “Even Stronger Together” so that we can take our already highly successful school to the next level.

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 than 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 their 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.

HISTORIC NEWS FOR OUR SCHOOL – FINALLY
I am very pleased to announce that after many months of waiting, settlement on the property at 1 Barkly Street took place on the 31st January at midday.
Thank you for your patience. I did not realise that the ‘wheels of government’ would turn so slowly. Thank
you to Father Michael Casey and the Parish for making this $1.68 million project possible. We have not wasted any time and ground works and fencing have already commenced. Apart from giving the children something to view at recess/lunch times, this is an exciting time for our school as they see the project come together over the next term.

**O.L.H.C IS A SUNSMART SCHOOL**
Children at our school must wear a 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.

**FRIDAY TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS**
Please let me know if you would like to assist with the Friday school Tuckshop in 2017. You will be required from approx 1-2 pm on a Friday. Please email me at othrope@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 Suche-Parents Association President

**2017 · YEAR 6 GRADUATION COMMITTEE**
Even though our Year 6 Graduation is on the Friday 15th 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 can you please email principal@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au We will convene a Graduation Committee meeting shortly.

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL / LEARNING & TEACHING REPORT**
This term our Inquiry unit of work is based on active citizenship. As part of this Inquiry process, our students will discuss and explore how they take responsibility for their own actions, decisions, responses and choices whilst understanding their rights and responsibilities as members of groups and as citizens of a democratic society. As part of this work students have identified and further developed their understanding of our school rules:

1. **Follow all directions**
2. **Use your hands, feet and objects in an appropriate way**
3. **Listen without interruption**
4. **Speak appropriately**
5. **Treat all people with care**
6. **Move safely around the school**

You may wish to further discuss these as a family and what it means to be an active citizen.

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 1 2017**

1st February – Foundation children begin until 12 noon
6th February – Foundation children until 12.30 pm this week
8th February – Foundation Interview Day
13th February – Foundation children until 3.30pm this week
13th February – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
15th February – Foundation Interview Day
16th February – Meet the Teacher Interviews – Yr 1-6
21st February – Welcome Picnic – 5pm to 7pm
22nd February – Foundation Interview Day
1st March – Foundation Interview Day
1st March – Ash Wednesday
3rd March – School Photo Day
6th March – Foundation are now full time
13th March – Labour Day Public Holiday
14th March – Sister School guests arrive in Melbourne
15th March – Parents Association Special Lunch Day
17th March – St. Patrick’s Day
20th March – Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
26th March – Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation
28th March – Easter Raffle drawn
29th – 31st March – Year 5/6 School Camp at Mt. Evelyn
31st March – Term One concludes at 1pm
18th April – Term Two Begins at 8.55 am

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**ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER THIS WEEK**

- **Confidential Family Information 2017**
  Parents please take the time to fill in this form carefully and return it to school as soon as possible. The form contains crucial emergency information and other permissions we need to operate as a school. Parents would not believe how often we need to call an emergency contact number and its disconnected or out of service.

- **Meet the Teacher Parent Meetings – Yr 1-6**
  These are held at the beginning of each year and provide an opportunity for parents and classroom teachers to share vital information. Please fill this in and return to the office as soon as possible. Times are assigned on a first in/ first served basis, and there are particular time slots that are very popular.

- **School Bomber Jacket Order Form**
  I know it is difficult to contemplate bomber jackets at the moment given we are in summer, however bomber jackets are made to order and are only ordered once a year. They are not a regular item at our Uniform Shop. Unfortunately no late orders can be accepted. We begin our 2017 school year with great energy, optimism and aspiration. In a world where so much that is ‘wrong and bad’ can bring us down, Our Lady help of Christians School continues to be a place of goodness, love and care. The school now has its largest student population since the mid-1970’s when the school was situated on two different campuses. I encourage all who are part of our school to support each other in our different roles so that we can be “Even Stronger Together” by the end of 2017.

Philip Cachia (Principal)

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**EVEN STRONGER TOGETHER**
Our Lady Help of Christians
East Brunswick

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 2017.

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.

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.
2017 WELCOME BBQ

Tuesday 21st February

5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year’s Welcome BBQ will be held on Tuesday 21st 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 17th February or email olhcpa@gmail.com

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Contact #: ............................................................................................................................

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

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* A confirmation email or text will be sent prior to the event
Limited vacancies

10 lessons for $300

House visits from $35 per half hour

Teaching all styles (classical, jazz and contemporary) music notation, theory and history, and technique.

Max is a young, qualified and engaging teacher with over six years of professional teaching experience and a performing career of more than twelve years.

Max holds a Bachelor of Music (Honours) from the University of Melbourne.

Max is a friend for life by giving them the love of music -

Give your child a friend for life by giving them the love of music.

Encourage your child’s cognitive development.

Allow your child’s innate artistic side to flourish on the world’s most popular instrument.

From an experienced, qualified teacher.

Free trial lesson
9.00am AIS Soccer

Kick start your kids love of Sport with the World Game
Soccer is a great game for kids to enter into the world of sport. Over 8 weeks players hone their skills with structured skill and matched based activities in a fun and non-competitive environment. The program aims to develop players in all areas of the game including teamwork and a sense of fairplay.

10.00am AIS Cricket

Learn the basics of Australia's Great Summer Game
Each week focuses on one key skill of the game like bowling, batting, or catching in groups with kids of the same age and ability.
Coaches run through key drills and finish with a mini match, because it's the best way for your kids to practice the new skills they've learnt through the session

or join in both!

VENUE: PRINCES HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL  Pigeon Street, Carlton North

Complete and return the form below to:
PO Box 227 Carlton North 3054
or email: join@allinsports.com.au

All Enquiries 1300 767 855

Fees
$120 Single Clinic
$195 Both Clinics

$ ___________ TOTAL AMOUNT

Princes Hill AIS SOCCER  Pre Pay: Credit Card
Princes Hill AIS CRICKET  Cheque
Both  Cash on day one

Discounts. Family discounts apply. Please ask the AIS team for more information.
Disclaimer: Children play at their own risk. All In Sports accepts no liability.