Dear Parents,
Welcome to the 2015 school year! I sincerely hope that all families had a wonderful Christmas and a well earned holiday break. The children have made a wonderful start to the school year and already seem settled and well into their learning.

We welcome our new Foundation children and their families to our school. We hope that the next seven primary years of education at Our Lady’s School are rewarding for not only your child but indeed your family. One of the things that you will immediately notice about our school is that rather than enrolling individual children, we enrol ‘families’. We welcome you to our school community.

Thank you to our dedicated and committed teaching staff who came in during the holidays to ensure that their classrooms were ready for day one. The classrooms looked great and ready for the year of learning ahead.

**SCHOOL THEME 2015**

This year’s school theme is “Walking Together in Faith, Love and Learning”. The theme’s origin is our new School Vision statement that was written in Term 4, 2014. It was based on feedback from the parents and students at our school, and forms the basis of what we do from now until the year 2020. The central theme is that of partnership “Walking Together”. By parents, teachers and students joining together in the learning partnership we form a formidable learning alliance. By coming together we form a school community empowered to take the children’s learning forward. In 2015, I challenge the parents community to be interested and “into” their children’s learning. In 2015, I challenge the teachers to clearly communicate children’s learning to families so that they are informed. In 2015, I challenge the students to be zealous in their faith in God, their love of school, and their commitment to learning. So that in everything we do and say let us walk together in faith, love and learning in 2015. I look forward to seeing you all at the Opening of the School Year Mass on Tuesday 10th February at 9.15am at OLHC Church.

**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 be 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 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. Please be considerate and cautious 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 cleared 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 an 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.

Walking Together in Faith, Love and Learning
**SCHOOL REVIEW & VALIDATION**
Every four years Catholic schools are subject to a Review and Validation by Catholic Education Office Melbourne and the Victorian Regulation and Qualification Authority. 2015 is such a year for Our Lady’s School. The Review allows us to look at our achievements as a school over the past four years and set our goals for 2020. There will be more information about our Review in newsletters to come.

**FRIDAY TUCKSHOP VOLUNTEERS**
I am seeking volunteers to assist with the Friday school Tuckshop for 2015. You will be required from approx 1-2 pm. Please email me at michelle.suche@gmail.com advising how often you would like to be rostered on, and if there are any dates you are unavailable. I will try to give priority to new parents in the school in the coming weeks as I am sure you are keen to better understand the excitement of Friday Tuckshop. Parents who have also had a regular slot in previous years please also email me. Please note that all volunteers are required to have a current Working with Children Check (WWC). Many thanks - Michelle Suche - 2015 Tuckshop Co-ordinator

**2015 SCHOOL FEES**
Dear Parents, the Annual School Fees have been set as follows:

- **Family Fee** $1,450.00 per family
- **Book & Stationary Levy** $320.00 per child
- **Building Levy #** $100.00 per family #
- refundable should you attend one of the Working Bees throughout the year

**TOTAL ANNUAL FEE** $1,870.00 * FOR ONE CHILD: FOR 2 CHILDREN $2,190*: FOR 3 CHILDREN $2,500*: FOR 4 CHILDREN $2,830*  
*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 2015 that have made a prepayment back in 2014, 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 27/02/15

FOR:
- One child $800  
- Two children $1,120
- Three children $1,440  
- Four children $1,760

TERM 2 PAYMENT DUE BY 29/05/15
Per Family $570

**FINAL TERM 3 PAYMENT** BY 28/08/15  
Per Family $500*  
*will be reduced by $100 down to $400 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

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**SCHOOL DIARY - TERM ONE 2015**
9th Feb - Foundation 8.55 am to 3.30 pm  
9th Feb - Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
10th Feb - Opening Of the School Year Mass @ 9.15am  
11th Feb - Foundation Interview Day - no school
16th Feb - Foundation 8.55 am to 3.30 pm  
17th Feb - Welcome Picnic – 5pm to 7pm
18th Feb - Foundation Interview Day - no school  
18th Feb - Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9.15am
23rd Feb - Foundation - now Full Time
2nd - 4th March - Year 5/6 School Camp- Mt.Evelyn  
6th March - School Photo Day - Foundation – Year 6
9th March - Labour Day Public Holiday
14th March - Year 6 - Sacrament of Confirmation 
16th March - Parents Association Meeting @ 7pm
16th March - Special Lunch order day
17th March - SRC to attend St. Pat’s Day Mass
18th March - Sister School visit begins
25th March - Sister School visit concludes
27th March - Term One concludes at 1pm

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**Extend OSHC at Our Lady Help of Christians School**

**Weekly recap**
Welcome back to School everyone. We hope everyone’s holiday was as good ours here at Extend. We had different activities each day on offer, including excursions to Bounce and Mini Golf. 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. We would like to take this opportunity to introduce Kasey to everyone. She is now our Team Leader as Taylah received a teaching job. Kasey joins us from Queensland, where she completed a Bachelor of Primary Education. Kasey ran a successful OSHC program at Glasshouse Country Helping Hands service. In her spare time, she enjoys a range of Sports, including Netball and AFL and she loves to cook healthy meals. Feel free to come say hello to her.

Our Extend Superstar is Alberto for playing co-operatively with his friends and demonstrating a caring nature towards others during Vacation Care.

Next week’s activities

**Monday 9th February:** Craft Activities- Jumping minions  
**Tuesday 10th February:** Sport Activities

**Wednesday 11th February:** Lego Competition- Building your own village

**Thursday 12th February:** Outdoor sport games- Soccer and Sandpit play

**Friday 13th February:** Messy Friday- Cooking Chocolate slice

I look forward walking with you on our educational journey in 2015.

Philip Cachia (Principal)
Welcome Picnic  Tues 17th February 5-7pm - Volunteers Needed

This year’s Welcome Picnic is Tuesday 17th February. It is a great opportunity for families to spend time together and get to know each other. There will be jumping castles for the kids and the PA will run a sausage sizzle and sell drinks/snacks at the Tuckshop as well has 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 tuck shop 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 Thurs 12th February or email olhcpa@gmail.com

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Parade College Art Show
Greening Auditorium
1436 Plenty Rd, Bundoora

Opening Night
Friday 13 February 7.30pm
Tickets $16 ($8 conc) available from Parade or at the door

Saturday 14 Feb 10am – 9pm
Sunday 15 Feb 9am – 4pm
ALL ART FOR SALE

p: 9468 3300
e: artshow@parade.vic.edu.au
w: www.parade.vic.edu.au