Dear Parents,
It has been a great start to the 2015 year. Our Foundation children are doing full-days this week and seem to be coping with the length of the day. Classrooms seem to be settled and behaviour on the playground has been impeccable. As anticipated, the hot weather has started and as per school policy the children are kept inside in air-conditioned classrooms when the temperature hits 35° at recess and lunchtime. We are strongly encouraging all children to have a drink bottle at school and drink plenty during the day to stay hydrated. We also encourage the children to play modified games when the temperature rises into the 30’s.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS 2015
On last Monday 20 Year 6 children stood before their peers and their teachers and spoke of why they wanted to be our School Captain in 2015. It was obvious that the applicants had put great thought and practise into their speeches. It is heartening that so many of our Year 6 leaders put their hand up for the role. This takes a lot of courage, the applicants knowing that there can only be one girl, one boy captain, one girl and one boy Vice Captain. We all grow as humans through missing out on things that we apply for and don’t get, however the most important thing is that we are part of the contest and have a ‘crack’ in the first place.

Congratulations to:
Stephanie Tseregoounis – Simon Paterson (Captains)
Joseph Paiano – Charlotte Burzlaff (Vice Captains)
who have been voted by their peers and teachers as our School Captains for 2015. May these two captains honour the position they have been granted by giving tireless and selfless service to their school.

WELCOME PICNIC 2015
The 2015 Welcome Picnic will be on Tuesday 17th February from 5pm to 7pm. The Parents Association will be once again cooking up a sausage sizzle for us and there will be drinks available for sale at the tuckshop. Parents are most welcome to bring their own food and drink. The evening provides an opportunity for new and current families to mingle, whilst their children bounce on two Jumping Castles. Teachers will also be in attendance. As such it will be an informal way to meet with your class teacher outside of the busy-ness of the school day. We look forward to seeing all families on the evening.

SCHOOL REVIEW SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS
Monday 13th April & Tuesday 14th April.

In order to begin the process with Catholic Education Office leaders, we are planning to take the first two days of second term as school closure days. As such Term Two will commence for all children on Wednesday 15th April at 8.55am.
Having the two days at the beginning of the term gives us a clean beginning to the term, and families some extra holidays on the tail end of the Easter break.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION 2015
The Parents Association is a hard working and dedicated group of parents who meet on a monthly basis. The two main objectives of the Parents Association are:
1. Fundraising
2. Connectedness
The Parents Association have staged many wonderful events over the years raising many thousands of dollars. Things like the two adventure playgrounds, the shade sails on the northern playground, the computers in the VIC centre, some of the Interactive Whiteboards on the classrooms are but some of the equipment that the children use in their day at our school.
Every parent at Our Lady’s School is part of the Parents Association as decreed by its Constitution. Each year the Parents Association has it Annual General Meeting (March 16th 2015 @ 7pm) where all positions on the Executive come up for nomination. The Executive positions are: President – Vice President – Secretary – Treasurer. We are now calling for nominations for these four positions, the role description of which can be found at
Our inaugural Treasurer, Ross Weber, whose son now attends secondary school, will assist in the handover with the newly appointed Treasurer.
All nominations need to be sent to: principal@olbrunswickcatholic.edu.au by Friday 13th March.

SCHOOL DATES
All known and confirmed school dates are now on the calendar on the school website. If the date is not on the website or on the weekly newsletter calendar then it is not yet confirmed. Dates are only placed on a school calendar when we are 100% sure they are going ahead (not withstanding unforeseen circumstances such a weather and other calamities). Known and confirmed sacrament dates, parent nights and other school events are now live on the school calendar.
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY - FRIDAY 6TH MARCH
Squeezing everything into an 8 ½ week term is difficult and we aim to have our school photo day early, as that is when uniforms still look pristine and haircuts still look good. Children are to be in their full summer uniform, not their sports uniform (there are no Sports classes on Friday anyway). Photo order forms will be distributed in coming weeks.

LOTE ITALIAN NEWS - Sunday, 1st March, 2015
Tomato Festival at Farm Vigano
This festival brings together those passionate about food, produce, culture and of course the vital Italian ingredient : the tomato
A short video clip and further details are available at: http://www.melboutnetomafestival.com/
As tickets are selling fast it is suggested that you book early! Join in for a day filled with learning, eating, drinking and fun!

YEAR 5 & 6 SCHOOL CAMP - MT. EVELYN
Permission forms went out to all Year 5 & 6 families last week for the upcoming camp on 2nd March – 4th March. For the Year 5 children it will be their first camp and some nerves are always expected. For the Year 6 children who went to camp in November, 2014, this will be their second camp in 4 months. This year’s camp will be a ‘Bush Camp’ experience (last year was ‘Beach Camp’) and we have been successful in getting a first term booking. Mt. Evelyn is never a balmy place in July/August which was our traditional booking. Hopefully Melbourne’s weather is co-operative which will allow us to take advantage of all the activities, many of which are not available in the winter months.

TERM OVERVIEWS - TERM ONE 2015
Attached to this week’s newsletter is your class level Term Overview for Term One. Term Overviews are another way that you can become involved in your child’s education. They detail what the level will be covering in Literacy, Numeracy, Religious Education, Inquiry and in the six specialist areas. They make for a good conversation starter over dinner when you ask “What do you do at school today?” The typical answer is “Nothing much” or “Stuffy”. Parents must wonder how you can do 6 hours of “Nothing much”!
The Term Overviews allow parents to get one step ahead, actually knowing what is being covered in class for the term. Parents be informed…be aware!

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

UNIFORM SHOP - BOMBER JACKET ORDERS
Close 13th February 2015. No late orders accepted. Please return order form with payment to the school by tomorrow.

Extend OSHC at Our Lady Help of Christians School
Weekly recap
This week was our first full week back from holidays. Our Grade 3’s loved that they were allowed to go to the Northern playground during After School Care for the first time. We are still enjoying messy Friday, this week it was with our recycled construction. The children enjoyed building cars, trains and shops from different pieces of boxes and containers.
Our Extend Superstar is Aramis for always being cheerful, having a go at everything and helping staff without being asked.

Next week’s activities
Monday 16th February:
Throwing Competition- Who can throw the furthest.
Tuesday 17th February:
Sport Activities- Dodge ball and Silent ball
Wednesday 18th February:
Racing competition, Sandpit with trucks.
Thursday 19th February:
Outdoor sport games- Soccer. Playgrounds.
Friday 20th February:
Messy Friday- Making our own fruit smoothie
Please remember to MAKE or CANCEL a booking you
MUST: CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
OR BOOK ONLINE: extend.com.au

SCHOOL DIARY – TERM ONE 2015
16th Feb - Foundation 8.55 am to 3.30 pm
17th Feb - Welcome Picnic – 5 pm to 7 pm
18th Feb - Foundation Interview Day – no school
18th Feb- Ash Wednesday Mass @ 9.15 am
19th Feb - 2016 School Tour for Prospective students
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 – School Photo Day – Foundation – Year 6
9th March- Labour Day Public Holiday
14th March – Year 6 – Sacrament of Confirmation
16th March – Parents Association Meeting @ 7 pm
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 1 pm

Hot...Hot....Hot.....
Predictably as school is back. Hope you have a great week.
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 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 Monday 16th February or email olhicpa@gmail.com

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SCHOOL BOMBER JACKETS FOR YEAR PREP TO YEAR 5

30th January 2015

Dear Parents,

In preparation for the winter terms [2 & 3] it is time to place our order with the manufacturers of the school bomber jackets. If you wish to purchase a jacket, it is necessary to complete the order form below and return with payment by Friday 13th Feb 2015.

Please note, closing date for order forms to be returned back to the school office is STRICTLY Friday the 13th February 2015.

****PAYMENT MUST BE SENT WITH ORDER FORM****

Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept any late orders.

Please note that the jacket is an optional item and is not a substitute for the knitted school jumper. The Uniform shop does not stock Bomber Jackets as they are made to order only once per year. Now is your opportunity to order for 2015.

The jackets are made of quality navy fleece fabric with knitted bands with stripes as per our jumpers. It has an embroidered logo on the left front panel and press-stud centre closure. If you wish to view a sample item, please visit the Uniform Shop on a Friday from 9am.

- PRICE $44.00

The jackets are available in the size range:

6 / 8 / 10 / 12 / 14 / 16 [or made to measure if required].

Regards,

School Office

Bomber Jacket Order for Year Prep - 5

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Name of parent: ………………………………………………………………………………………

Signature: ……………………………………………………………………………………………
SCHOOL BOMBER JACKETS (Graduation 2015 Style for Year 6 only)

January 30th 2015

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*****PAYMENT MUST BE SENT WITH THE ORDER*****

LATE ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Please note that the jacket is an optional item and is not a substitute for the knitted school jumper.

The jackets are made of quality navy fleece fabric with knitted bands with stripes as per our jumpers. It has an embroidered logo on the left front panel and press-stud centre closure.

- "Graduation" style with the back panel featuring the names of Year 6 students of 2015.

PRICE $48.00

The jackets are available in the size range:

10 / 12 / 14 / 16 [or made to measure if required].

Regards,

School Office

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Graduation Bomber Jacket Order

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Signature:.........................................................................................................................
Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre

2015 OPEN DAYS

362 Albert St,
EAST MELBOURNE
P: (03) 9926 9300
www.mmhc.org.au

10am – 4pm
On the following Saturdays:
7 February
14 March
8 August
10 October
21 November

- Pray in the Chapel
- Take a tour of the Museum
- Visit the Gift Shop
- Enjoy a light refreshment
- Mary MacKillop Walking
  Tour available @ 11am
- Armchair (Virtual) Walking
  Tour @ 2.00pm

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