Dear Families,

We are well into the swing of things now with even our Foundation children enjoying school until 3.30pm this week. Thanks to all parents for being so encouraging, supportive and positive about your school and your teachers.

2017 - YEAR 6 GRADUATION COMMITTEE

Even though our Year 6 Graduation is on the Friday 16th 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 you can please email principal@olbromswickeast.catholic.edu.au

At present we only have 3 families who have volunteered to assist. If we cannot gather more assistance there will not be a graduation ceremony in 2017, simply a Mass at 6pm. Each year's Graduation is only as big as or as small as Year 6 parents want it to be.

OPENING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR MASS

We welcome all parents to our Opening of the School Year Mass at 9.15am on Tuesday 21st February.

As a Catholic School community it is important that we gather to celebrate who we are and pray for God's assistance in the year ahead. Our new Foundation children will be accompanied to the Mass by their Year 6 'Big Buddies'. We look forward to a lovely Mass with Father Michael who will celebrate the Mass and who will announce our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2017.

WELCOME PICNIC – TUESDAY 21st FEB – 5 to 7pm

One of the ways we welcome new families to our school and celebrate old friendships among the parent community is the annual Welcome Picnic. This will be held in the school grounds on Tuesday 21st February from 5pm to 7pm. We are 'normally' blessed with a beautiful balmy night where the children are entertained by two jumping castles and some sausages, and the parents are entertained with some BYO refreshments and engaging adult conversation.

All teachers will also be present and so it is a great opportunity to catch up with both classroom and specialist teachers in an informal and social atmosphere. The Parents Association will be selling sausages and drinks through the evening. We look forward to making this year's Welcome Picnic the biggest and best yet.

OUR PARENTS ASSOCIATION

All parents at OLHC School are members of the Parents Association. Each month members of the Parents Association meet to plan the various school events that take place through the year that mainly focus on:

1. School Fundraising
2. School Connectedness

The Parents Association is led by an Executive:

President: Michelle Suche
Vice President: Voula Haig / Kristina Diaz
Treasurer: Courtenay Moxon
Secretary: Michael Carrick

The Parents Association held their first meeting for the year last Monday night and they already have some wonderful initiatives in place for 2017.

Since its inception eight years ago, the Parents Association has spent more than $130,000 on the children at our school. The most recent donation was $50,000 towards the 125 new HP Steam Laptops that are in use in each classroom, by each child almost, every day. The next Wishlist item by the school is the running track and long jump pit that will be installed on our southern playground this term. This will probably amount to around $35,000+.

I would encourage all parents to support any initiative by the Parents Association as each dollar raised goes straight back into the children at our school.

An important arm of the Parents Association is the Parent Rep position for each class. We thank those parents who have already put their hand up to take on this role for their class (Role description is attached to this week’s newsletter). In essence the Parent Rep is the conduit between the Parents Association and the classroom.

CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

FA: Olympia Rocco
1S: VACANT
2C: Catherine Wasterland
3B: Soula Filipas
4L: Lucy Moxon
5/6L: VACANT
5/6P: VACANT

FB: Belinda Pagliaro
1M: VACANT
2V: Yasmin Ukovic
3M: VACANT
4J: VACANT
5/6T: VACANT

TERM OVERVIEWS DISTRIBUTED THIS WEEK

One of the ways we communicate the learning that is happening in the classroom is through the distribution of Term Overviews each term. Classroom and Specialist Teachers detail the content that will be covered in each subject area. We have found that this gives parents an insight into the class content so that when parents ask “What did you do at school today?” the regular answer of “Nothing much” “I forgot” or “Stuff” can be replaced by a parent asking a more targeted question such as “How did you go with instruments in music today?” or “Did you start learning about your multiplication facts today?”

The Term Overviews also appear on the school website for future parent reference.

EVEN STRONGER TOGETHER.
2017 SCHOOL FEES
Dear Parents,
the 2017 Annual School Fees have been set as follows:
Family Fee $1,630.00 per family
Curriculum Levy $ 410.00 per child
Building Levy # $ 200.00 per family
# $100 refundable should you attend one of the Working Bees throughout the year
TOTAL ANNUAL FEE $2,140.00 * FOR ONE CHILD FOR 2 CHILDREN $2,550* FOR 3 CHILDREN $2,960

* Camp Levy (for Years 5 and 6) has also been invoiced to the relevant families.
For those students new to 2017 that have made a prepayment back in 2016, the Term 1 payment will be adjusted to reflect this prepayment.
An account has now been sent home covering the above. Accompanying this was a Methods of Payment Form that details various repayment options available.
DATES TO REMEMBER:
TERM 1 PAYMENT DUE BY 01/03/17
FOR:
One child $ 830
Two children $1,150
Three children $1,470
TERM 2 PAYMENT DUE BY 26/05/17
Per Family $710
FINAL TERM 3 PAYMENT BY 25/08/17
One child $ 600
Two children $ 690
Three children $ 750
If you have any queries in relation to the above please do not hesitate to contact me Mondays or Fridays. Debbie Cervolo - Bursar
SCHOOL WORKING BEE – A TO K FAMILIES
SATURDAY 4TH MARCH 2017
Our first working bee of the year has been scheduled for Saturday 4th March from 9am to midday. We ask that those families whose surnames begin with A to K come to the first working bee, L to Z families to the working bee in Term 4. Obviously if you prefer to come to this working bee you are still most welcome.
For those families who attend either working bee, $100 is deducted from your School Building Levy/Fees.
There is much to be done making our school gleam before our Sister School visitors arrive the following week. We look forward to your participation in this important school event.
SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 1 2017
17th February - School Tour for Prospective families @ 11.30am
21st February – Welcome Picnic – 5pm to 7pm
22nd February – Foundation Interview Day
28th February – School Tour for Prospective families @ 11.30am
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
16th March – School Tour for Prospective families @ 11.30am
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

Extend OSHC at
Our Lady Help of Christians School
Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful break over the summer. Please see important information below to ensure you are ready and organised to use Extend’s service this year.
NEW FAMILIES – ENROL TODAY
Enrolling is simple and can be done online via our Parent Portal. The annual enrolment fee will not be charged until you use the service, so it’s a great way to ensure you can have emergency access if the need arises. See information on operating hours, fees, and how to enrol & book at extend.com.au.
HAVE YOU SECURED YOUR 2017 BOOKINGS?
If you have used our services before, we look forward to seeing you again throughout Term 1. Please ensure you have made your 2017 bookings on the Parent Portal in advance.
QUESTIONS?
Check out the FAQs on our website which contains useful information for new parents. PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au
Are you a Proud Parent?
Post your proud parent moment on Extend’s Facebook page with a short caption and hashtag #ProudParent to win a GoPro Hero5 plus more prizes worth over $1000. Winner announced on Facebook on Monday 27 February. For terms visit extend.com.au/proudparents
Weekly recap
Last week we had fun both inside and outside. Our favourite activity for this week was making lemonade scones. We made these on an excursion last year and loved them so much, we remembered the recipe and make them all the time. It’s easy to remember. 3 Cups of Self-raising Flour, 1 Cup of Lemonade and 1 Cup of Cream. Let us know if you try them at home, we would love to hear you love them as much as we do.
Our Extend Superstar is Conor M for always offering to help others and being kind to everyone.
Next week’s activities
Monday 20th February: Tuesday 21st February:
Nature Collection Craft: Princess research
Wednesday 22nd February: Thursday 23rd February:
Craft: Positive Stars Create your own Play/Stories
Friday 24th February:
Pokemon drawing
Please remember to MAKE or CANCEL a booking you MUST: CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
OR BOOK ONLINE: extend.com.au

EVEN STRONGER TOGETHER
2 February 2017

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I write to you as the final hearing involving the Catholic Church at the Royal Commission into Child Sexual Abuse commences in Sydney on 6 February 2017. The hearing is expected to conclude at the end of February.

For the victims and survivors, for the Catholic community and for many in the wider Australian community, this hearing may be a difficult and even distressing time, as the Royal Commission reviews the evidence it has already received and seeks to understand why and how this evil occurred.

Deeply mindful of the hurt and pain caused by abuse, I once again offer my apology on behalf of the Catholic Church. I am sorry for the damage that has been done to the lives of victims of sexual abuse. As Pope Francis said recently, ‘it is a sin that shames us’.

Over the next three weeks, evidence presented during the Royal Commission hearings will be analysed, statistics about the extent of abuse will be made public, and the way forward will be explored. Many of our bishops and other Catholic leaders will appear before the Royal Commission. They will explain what the Church has been doing to change the old culture that allowed abuse to continue, to put in place new policies, structures and protections to safeguard children and vulnerable persons and to respond effectively when allegations of abuse are made.

Pope Francis has urged the whole Church to, ‘find the courage needed to take all necessary measures and to protect in every way the lives of our children, so that such crimes may never be repeated’.

I join my commitment and that of the Archdiocese to that of Pope Francis to do all that is necessary in the Archdiocese to ensure that there is no repeat of these evil crimes.

Throughout the coming weeks, I want to assure the survivors and all those affected by abuse in the Archdiocese and all Catholics of my thoughts and prayers. I encourage you to turn in prayer to the one who is always ready to listen: Jesus Christ, who brings healing and hope.

With every good wish,

Yours sincerely in Christ,

ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE
Our Lady Help of Christians promotes consistent best practice in teaching and learning. We have a 
dedicated staff that demonstrates similar educational philosophies, ensuring that their knowledge, 
teaching skills and commitment are of the highest standard.

The Learning Intervention and Enrichment program (L.I.E.P) is designed to:
- Support students who have encountered difficulties in Literacy and/or Numeracy.
- Provides opportunities for challenging students thinking to complement classroom experiences 
in the Enrichment Program.

At Our Lady of Help of Christians Primary school we aim to:
- increase student Literacy and Numeracy skills so that students can operate more effectively and 
  independently;
- improve self-confidence and self-esteem;
- provide stimulating and engaging activities;
- challenge and extend the students understandings, thinking and skills.

How are children chosen for L.I.E.P?
Teachers at our school collect and analyse data on a regular basis to support student learning within 
their classroom. As a level, teachers meet, discuss and plan activities to cater for their students' 
needs. In addition to these activities some students may require further support. Additional 
assessments are undertaken by the Learning Intervention and Enrichment staff. Based on this data 
and in consultation with classroom teachers, students with needs are determined and 
proritised. Students may be withdrawn in a small group or supported within the classroom.

Children who arrive from other schools cannot be admitted to the L.I.E.P program for at least 
their first 6 months at our school. This gives the school time to administer appropriate testing, 
learn about the child's strengths and determine if there are other difficulties that impinge upon 
learning.

In 2017 our L.I.E.P staff are:
Ms Patrizia Rinaldo - Foundation Student Support and Year 1-4 Enrichment
Ms Gisella Tierney - Year 1-4 Numeracy Intervention
Ms Jessica McLeod - Year 1-4 Literacy Intervention
Ms Melinda Karavias (Term 1) - Year 5/6 student support and Enrichment (Term 2-4 staff member yet 
to be confirmed due to parental leave)

Changes to the Intervention Program in 2017
Year 1 – 4 - Literacy Intervention (Ms. Jessica McLeod)
So as to replace Reading Recovery that ceased in 2016, the school has purchased a Levelled 
Literacy Intervention Program that will be run with groups of 3 to 4 children with the specific focus of 
developing more proficient Reading skills in the early years. The lesson structure is similar to 
Reading Recovery except that rather it being a 1:1 program, the children are grouped in 3-4 which 
gives us greater reach with students at risk.

Year 1 – 4 Enrichment (Ms. Patrizia Rinaldo)
This year Ms. Rinaldo is taking Enrichment sessions in Years 1 – 4. She will be taking small groups of 
children in these classes with a focus on higher order and creative thinking abilities.

Senior Year 5/6 L.I.E.P in 2017 (Ms. Melinda Karavias)
With the introduction of Year 5/6 composite classes this year, Ms Melinda Karavias will work on 
withdrawing the entire Year level from a class Eg. Year 6's will work with Ms. Karavias whilst the Year 
5 children will work with Ms. Turkowsky/Ms. Pham/Mr. Lagreca.
Teaching a targeted group of Year 5 children will give a greater focus on these children especially in 
the lead up to NAPLAN in May. This will also allow for the needs of Year 6 to be addressed more 
specifically. The Senior L.I.E.P support position will change focus/composition after NAPLAN 
concludes.
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.

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.
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Director: Jon Armstrong - 0432 596 312
Xanthi Stavrakas - secretary@giantsjfc.com.au
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY 3RD MARCH 2017

Every student will be given an 'Advancedlife' Photography Order Form to bring home today.

We encourage our families to carefully read the attached Order instructions, overleaf.

You may select either of the 2 methods to order your children's photos: online or by envelope.

On-line Ordering: If you order on-line, you DO NOT need to return the envelope form.

Envelope Ordering: Please ensure you pay by either cash, cheque or on-line credit card & complete the details on the envelope. Please return the envelope to your child's class-room teacher.

IF YOU PAY BY CASH PLEASE ENCLOSE THE CORRECT MONEY AS NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN. DO NOT ASK THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR CASHChange.

SCHOOL SIBLING ORDERS

On-line orders close 2 days prior to Photograph day, deadline 1/3/2017.

Envelope Order Forms: Please collect from the school office.

PLAYGROUP

Brunswick East playgroup is for 0-5 year olds. We meet every Monday during school term from 10.30-12.00 in the Our Lady Help Of Christians Community Room at the school. All welcome!
Please contact Katrina if you have any queries on 0400 556 072 or katrinab72@gmail.com.

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2017 Photo Day
Envelope and Order Instructions

Dear parents and students,

Our Lady Help Of Christians Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 03-Mar-17
School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

ONLINE ORDERING Your child's school photos are now available for secure online purchase, please note if you are ordering online, you do not need to return an envelope to the school

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

Step 1: Easy Access Link: Click Here - Click on this link if you are using a supported device
- OR - Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [YK7 F94 G4C]
Step 2: Enter your student's details
Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs (all orders will be returned to the school for collection)
Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page)

Please Note: Late fees will apply once orders are closed (5 days after photo day)

FAMILY / SIBLING PHOTOS No envelope required if ordering online

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [YK7 F94 G4C]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close on 1/03/2017
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed

ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE
ENVELOPES WILL BE HANDED TO EACH CHILD, PLEASE SEE THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE

Step 1: Student Details: Complete the student details section on the front of the order envelope.
Please use black or blue pen.
Step 2: Purchase Details: Complete the purchase details on the front of the envelope.
Step 3: Payment Method: Select your payment method.
Credit Card – Online Only at www.advancedlife.com.au
Cash – Please enclose correct money – no change is given under any circumstances
Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife Photography with your name & address on the back of cheque
Please allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised - a $25 fee will apply to any dishonored cheque payments

Please feel free to contact us via email or phone should you have any queries in regards to your child's school photo order.
info@advancedlifevic.com.au or 03 9852 1133

Advancedlife Team
1st February 2017

Dear Parents,

Re: Victorian Government Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) Application

We are contacting families who were eligible last year (2016) for the CSEF. Parents are required to complete a fresh set of forms at the beginning of each new school year and are asked to return these forms to the school office by no later than Friday, 24th February 2017.

If you are a current Australian Healthcare Card Holder and meet all the criteria as detailed on the back of the attached CSEF Form, then this is your opportunity to apply for the CSEF discount of $125 per primary school child which goes towards the cost of your child’s 2017 annual payment to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses.

Please find attached a form for you to complete and return back to the School Office together with a copy of your current Healthcare Card.

You are welcome to visit the school office so we may take a photocopy. If you require assistance to complete the form, please also visit the School Office.

Please return the attached forms to the school office by Friday, 24th February 2017.

Kind regards,

Cathy Windsor

Registrar/School Officer

Attention: School Office (please return by 24th February 2017)

This notice is to advise, I am no longer a current Healthcare Card Holder. Please adjust your records.

Parent Name:........................................................................................................

Child/ren’s Name/s:................................................................................................
CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name ______________________________ School REF ID ______________________________

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname __________________________________________

First name _______________________________________

Address _________________________________________

Town/suburb __________________________ State ______ Postcode ______

Contact number ____________________________

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

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☐ Foster parent* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of this enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

• DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.

• this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.

• I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.

• if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.

• information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

Signature of applicant __________________________ Date __________/____/____
CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student’s eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

• on the first day of Term one, or;
• on the first day of Term two;
  a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
  b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
  c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (30 January 2017) or term two (18 April 2017).

PAYMENT AMOUNTS

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

• Primary school student rate: $125 per year.
• Secondary school student rate: $225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child’s school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For ungraded students, the rate payable is determined by the student’s date of birth. For more information, see: www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Year 7 government school students who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.
   Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.
   If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.

2. Complete the STUDENT(S) DETAILS section for students at this school.

3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2017 closes on 30 June, 2017.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.