Dear Parents,

In preparation for a huge investment in new IT hardware for the children mid 2015, thanks to the wonderful fundraising activities of the Parents Association, we are spending $35,000 on upgrading Wi-Fi around the school. The simple, domestic Wi-Fi units that we have been using over the past 4 years, will not simply cut it when we will hopefully have up to 100 devices logging onto the network at one time. It is important that we get the IT infrastructure right, prior to buying new computers so that we get the most out of the technology. This, along with the opening of the new toilet amenities and Art Room refurbishment, is a sign to parents that every dollar of school fees, fundraising, and government income goes straight back into giving the children the BEST school we can possibly provide them with each day. Thank you to the parents who always pay their school fees on time...thank you to the parents who contribute to and participate in Parents Association fundraising activities...thank you to the parents who gift money to our tax deductible School Development Fund. Take a look around and see your contributions at work!

KEEPPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE

As per information in the first newsletter of the year, it is crucial that parents respect the road rules and parking regulations around the school. Things like parking across driveways, parking in neighbours driveways, staying for more than 5 minutes in the drop off zones, asking children to meet you down the street, doing u-turns in Miller Street or over the school crossing, doing u-turns in front of trams and oncoming traffic in Nicholson Street are all fraught with danger.

My understanding is that neighbours to the school have called the Moreland council and by-laws officers will issue fines to parents who do the wrong thing. Parents have been warned. Please do not come to the school office to complain about and air your grievances about council officers. They are simply doing their job...a job which keeps your children safe each day.

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 8.35am.

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 money 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 its 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:
principa@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au by Friday 13th March.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE – A TO K FAMILIES
SATURDAY 14TH MARCH

Our first working bee of the year has been scheduled for Saturday 14th 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 at the end of March.

We look forward to your participation in this important school event.

WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH, LOVE AND LEARNING
2015 YEAR SIX GRADUATION COMMITTEE
Now that the year is underway we are calling for interested parents to part of the Year 6 Graduation Committee. There is much planning to be done so it is important that the committee form this term. If you are interested please email me at principal@elburnswickeast.catholic.edu.au so that we can schedule our first meeting.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH DAY FRIDAY 6TH MARCH
Order forms are going home today with each child. If you would like to place an order for your child’s school photos, please complete the form & return with money back to your child’s classroom teacher. If you would also like to have a separate family photograph taken of all your children attending OLHC School, please visit or contact the office to obtain a “Sibling Order Form”. Advancalife Photography are offering online ordering this year for both School Photographs and sibling photographs. If you order online you do NOT need to return the order form to school (this is a change from 2014) NB If you choose to order a Sibling/family photo online orders close 48 hours prior to photo day on the 6th March.

SCHOOL CAMP - YEAR 5 & 6 - MT. EVELYN
A reminder to Year 5 & 6 parents that School Camp is fast approaching on 2nd to 4th March. School Camp fees are payable by Friday 27th February at the latest. Any family experiencing difficulty with meeting this cost should make an appointment to see Mr. Cachia so that your child is able to attend. The children are looking forward to attending their bush camp.

OLHC IS A ‘MAKING JESUS REAL SCHOOL’
The main values program at Our Lady Help of Christians School is the ‘Making Jesus Real’ program. The children are taught about WEST values (Welcoming, Encouraging, Saying sorry, Saying thank you) and spotting the daily instances of Jesus-like actions in our school. This week we begin MJR Awards. Once again identifying and recognising those children who best show WEST qualities in our school.
So that all class teachers are skilled in the teaching of the program, Ms. Rinaldo, Ms. Brasier, Ms. Karavias and Ms. Virginia will be attending the 2015 MJR Conference in Hobart next week.

One of the things that new parents to the school tell me is that the students are so welcoming and caring of each other. They take the message of the gospels and the themes we learn about in Religious Education, and convert it to real life in the classroom and in the playground. As such MJR has become the essence of who we are as a school.

SUPPORTING LYME DISEASE AWARENESS
Some parents may have read this month’s Marie Claire magazine in which our very own Ms. Chantelle tells her story of dealing with the effects of Lyme Disease. For those interested here is the link to this moving article: https://au.lifestyle.yahoo.com/marie-claire/news-and-views/latest/a/26124886/dying-for-help-everything-you-need-to-know-about-lyme-disease

It is wonderful to see Ms. Chantelle looking stronger and healthier each day. Ms. Chantelle appreciates the support and prayer from our school community over the past 20 months.

EXTEND OSHC AT OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS SCHOOL
Weekly recap
This week our Foundation children enjoyed us at after school care. The older children loved being able to help them understand the routines and ensure they always had someone to play with. Children demonstrated development of belonging and interaction in relation to others with care, empathy and respect.

Our Extend Superstar is Evie for being welcoming and supportive with the new Foundation children. Evie always has a smile on her face and enjoys caring for others, which we love having here.

Next week’s activities
Monday 23rd February:
Building their own village with blocks
Tuesday 24th February:
Pancake Tuesday
Wednesday 25th February:
Sports day- Cricket and Soccer
Thursday 26th February:
Craft activities- children can run their own activity-free choice

Friday 27th February:
Messy Friday- Making our own paint and goop
Please remember to MAKE or CANCEL a booking you MUST CALL OUR OFFICE: 1300 366 437
OR BOOK ONLINE: extend.com.au

PRINCIPAL STUDY WEEKS 2015
Ms. Rinaldo will be Acting Principal while Mr. Cachia completes two units of study during the weeks of: 23rd to 27th February and 16th to 20th November.

SCHOOL DIARY - TERM ONE 2015
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 – Labour Day Public Holiday
13th March – Headlice Check – Foundation to Year 6
14th March – School Working Bee – A to F families
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. Paf’s Day Mass
18th March – Sister School visit begins
25th March – Sister School visit concludes
27th March – Term One concludes at 1 pm
15th April – Children begin Term 2 @ 8.55am
Congratulations to our Foundation children (and parents) who have made it through the first month of school. From next week Foundation is FULL TIME 8.55 to 3.30pm – Monday to Friday...for at least the next seven years!

Philip Cachia - Principal

WALKING TOGETHER IN FAITH, LOVE AND LEARNING
ENVELOPE AND ORDER INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Parents & Students,

Our Lady Help Of Christians Primary School Photo Day: 06-Mar-15

School photo order envelopes have been or will be distributed to every student and it is important that the order instructions (below) are followed.

SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR SECURE ONLINE PURCHASE

4 EASY STEPS TO ONLINE SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERING

- Step 1: 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).

SIBLING/FAMILY PHOTOS
NO ENVELOPE REQUIRED IF ORDERING ONLINE

- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter your school code [YK7 F94 G4C]
- Family/Sibling photo orders online close 48 hours before the day of photography.
- Orders can be placed by returning an envelope up until photo day with cash or cheque enclosed.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ORDERING USING AN ENVELOPE

- 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 given.
  - Cheque – Make payable to Advancedlife with your name & address on back of cheque. Allow 60 days for your cheque to be finalised. A $25 fee will apply to any dishonoured cheque payment.

Phone: 9852 1133  Email:info@advancedlifevic.com.au
Welcome to advancedYOU
Australia's most innovative online ordering site, personalised for every student

In the past advancedlife online sites have allowed parents to download high resolution portrait images using their secure and unique 9 digit access code.

We have now released the 2015 upgrade advancedYOU, this upgrade represents a huge leap forward in the school photography industry and is the only service that delivers a secure personal archive for every child and offers families the opportunity to access past year's images, co-curricular groups, classes, sports groups and any photographic packages they may have missed.

If your school has been photographed by advancedlife for more than one year then all personal advancedlife images for each student are displayed in their personal archive.

We will continue to add and grow each child's personal experience through advancedYOU each time we photograph at the school.

For Our Families
When families access their child’s personal advancedYOU site they can:

1) View and download personal portrait images from 2014 and years gone by
2) View and obtain all of their group photos from this year and from previous years
3) View and obtain their complete school photography packages from previous years

Just see what a difference 7 years can make - we know that you understand just how precious these memories are to your families

Making school administration easier-
The advancedYOU site also facilitates the ordering, payment and delivery of student photographs and greatly reduces cash handling, distribution and burden on your school administration team.

It is important to note that all orders made through the secure, personal, advancedYOU site will be returned directly to the families' home address, eliminating any administrative burden on the school.

This is just the first step on the road to streamlining the experience of school photography for parents and schools and we'll be releasing updates that facilitate school photo administration and add further functionality that benefits parents and students.

Should you have any questions about any aspect of our service or should you wish to book in a demonstration, please do not hesitate to phone or email me.

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