Dear Parents,
It was a very proud moment to see our children filing into Our Lady Help Of Christians Church last Tuesday. The 'Big Buddies' who accompanied the Foundation children already showed they had developed a great rapport. The children, as we have come to expect, showed great involvement and respect during the Mass, and our new 2016 School Captains and Vice Captains were announced.
Last week 15 children in Year 6 spoke to their peers and their teachers, as to why they so wanted to be a leader at our school. They spoke with great passion and insight into what makes a good leader and what makes our school 'tick'. Regardless of whether these children achieve Captain or Vice-Captain, all Year 6 children have a leadership role this year. The Foundation children and other children through the school look up to them as role models each and every day.

It is a great privilege to announce that our School Captains and Vice-Captains for 2016 are:
Captains - Rose Pegler & Max Cardamone
Vice-Captains – Jasmin Gastaldello & Julian Trounson

Congratulations to these children and their families. Over the next few weeks, all other Year 6 children will be awarded their leadership positions. Also at this time, our Student Representative Council (S.R.C) will be presented to the community from Foundation through to Year 5.

SCHOOL DISPLAN PROCEDURES
Following the recent media reports of calls to schools by people who should have better things to do, parents can rest assured that the children and teachers at our school are well rehearsed for a building evacuation or lock down. Last year the school was able to achieve a building evacuation in 3 minutes 30 seconds and a building lockdown at recess/lunch in 4 minutes 42 seconds. That is not a bad effort with close to 300 children.

Acknowledged is the fact that our new Foundation children have not done a DISPLAN as yet, however Ms. Caitlin and Ms. Bernadette and support staff have procedures well under control.

As yet, Our Lady Help of Christians School has not had such a threat, however we are prepared for such an event if it were to occur.

When thinking about our communication processes with parents and how we would communicate such an event... we could make 200 phone calls, which would probably take most of the day....or we now have at our disposal the new school app which allows me to 'push notification' parents who have subscribed to the app in a matter of seconds and keep them updated.

We now have 100 families who have the school app on their phone, however that is only 50% of all school families.

Could I ask all parents to urgently consider and download the free school app from the App Store. In the event of a threat to the school, the building will be evacuated, and a push notification will be sent to the school app for parents detailing student collection etc. Simply search for:

ADDITIONAL SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER
Due to NBN requirements, the school has had to dispose of its old phone system and adopt new digital handsets. The school has an additional phone number that you will see if the school is trying to dial your number. The new number is 8388 5900. Please enter this new number into your phone.

The existing 9380 5050 will still continue to operate when you are trying to dial the school as we have had it diverted to this new number, however you will no longer see this number on your handset. In the coming months there will be some new additional features that we will announce that will enhance school-home communication.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION 2016

EVERY CHILD - EVERY CHANCE - EVERY DAY
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 125 new Laptop Computers and their trolleys, 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 (Monday 21st March @ 7pm) where all positions on the Executive come up for nomination. The Executive positions are held by: President – Vice President – Secretary – Treasurer. We are now calling for nominations for these four positions, the role description of which can be found at http://www.olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au/app/webroot/uploaded_files/media/20120912093359880.pdf

All nominations need to be sent to principal@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au by Friday 18th March 2016.

HEADLICE CHECKS FOUNDATION TO YR 6

Over the past 7 years we have run a Headlice check though the school each term. The checks are conducted by a registered nurse. Any child found to have headlice, eggs or nits is taken out of the classroom and their parent is asked to take them home for treatment.

Whereas unchecked headlice is rampant at many schools and kindergartens, and seven years ago almost 10% of our school was sent home for treatment, today our school has the problem under control with less than 1% of the children needing treatment.

The secret of our success? We advertise when a Headlice check is approaching. Most parents become more vigilant and check their child’s hair. They apply a treatment if necessary. Children are checked and then checked 10 days later to ensure the treatment has been successful. Congratulations to parents at our school who have been hugely supportive and affirming of the program.

SCHOOL WORKING BEE – A TO K FAMILIES

SATURDAY 27th FEBRUARY

Our first working bee of the year has been scheduled for Saturday 27th February 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 day. We look forward to your participation in this important school event.

Extend OSHC at Our Lady Help of Christians School

Dear Parents,

We would like to ask for your cooperation in an important matter.

One of the children at Extend Outside School Hours Care (OHSC) is receiving medical treatment, which puts them at risk if they develop chicken pox or measles. The risk for this child can be reduced by receiving a special injection as soon as possible after coming in contact with these illnesses. It is very important therefore, that you let us know immediately if your child develops chicken pox or measles, so that the child at risk receives the protective injection at the earliest opportunity. This protection lasts for a few weeks only, and must be repeated every time they come into contact with these illnesses. Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and well being of one of his/her classmates does depend on your help and cooperation.

With many thanks, Kasey and the EXTEND Team.

Weekly recap

Last week we had lots of fun playing our favourite games at BSC & ASC. We love being outside, especially when the weather is so beautiful. We enjoyed going to the middle playground, exploring new and old games. Craft was also a hit during the week, with recycled craft and button craft.

Our Extend Superstar is Dylan for being a good friend to our Preppies. Thank you for all your help settling them into the service and showing them around.

Next week’s activities

Monday 22nd February: Tuesday 23rd February
Middle/Northern Playground Craft activities
Wednesday 24th February: Pit: Ball games
Thursday 25th February: Indoor/Outdoor Recycled craft and sandpit
Friday 26th February: Fun Friday: Cooking activity

SCHOOL CALENDAR – TERM 1 2016

19th February – Headlice Checks – Foundation to Yr 6
19th February – School tour for Prospective Parents @11.30am
24th February – Foundation Interview Day – No School
27th Feb – School Working Bee – A to K families 9:12 noon
29th February – Foundation are now full time.
3rd March – School tour for Prospective Parents @11.30am
4th March – School Photo Day
6th March – Sister School visitors arrive
13th March – Sister School visitors depart
14th March – Labour Day Public Holiday
15th March – School tour for Prospective Parents @11.30am
18th March – Easter Raffle Drawn
24th March – Term 1 concludes for all students @ 1pm
25th March – Good Friday
27th March – Easter Sunday
11th April – Term 2 commences at 8.55 am
Half way through the term already… a short 8 week term… because of early Easter this year.

Philip Cachia (Principal)
Each child has so many gifts and talents that they can use this year to lead our school. We pray that each child in Year 6 will rise to the challenge.

Our Lady's help of Christschool can only run smoothly with the assistance and expertise of our Year 6 student leaders. We pray that each child in Year 6 will rise to the challenge.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YEAR 6 SCHOOL LEADERS FOR 2016
Dear parents and students,

Our Lady Help Of Christians Primary School PHOTO DAY IS 4/03/2016
School photo order envelopes have been 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 on this link if you are using a supported device: Click Here
- 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 2/03/2016
- 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