



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Primary School Brunswick East

Exceptional Education

Newsletter 2, Term 1, 2020

Thursday 6th February

"You are the light of the world"

Matthew 5:14-16

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

Dear Families,

Welcome to the second newsletter of this school year. I have been very pleased to see that our children have settled back into school life very well and are already immersed in their learning journeys for the term. The cooler weather this week has certainly made it easier for everyone across the school community.

The extract from Matthew's Gospel above is part of this weekend's Gospel Reading. In the reading, Jesus reminds his disciples that they are salt of the earth and lights of the world to encourage them in the work that they were called to. As a school community beginning the year, it is a timely reminder of the work that we are called to. We are called to recognise and use our own talents for the good of others and not to be shy in doing so. As adults, we are called to encourage our children to be their best, and in doing so, make life better for others.

In this newsletter you will find a message from our Parish Administrator, Fr Joel Peart, an invitation to our Back to School/Welcome Picnic, information about First Eucharist and 2020 school fees, reminders about the Parent Code of Conduct and

the school rules, an update from Stephanie at Extend Out of Hours Care, and the 2020 staffing structure among other news.

GREETINGS FROM FR JOEL

Greetings to all for the new year! I do hope that the break was one of rest and relaxation. Of course, for many around our state it has been a summer of tragedy and loss in what I and many are tempted to call the aftermath of the bushfires. But of course, there are many fires still raging, and we must remember that emotionally and psychologically the most difficult times are ahead for those individuals and communities that have been affected. May God show them his mercy.

A special greeting though to Mr Daniel Ryan, our new interim principal here at Our Lady's. His acceptance of the role on short notice and his very positive start have been fantastic. We pray that Mr Ryan's time here is one of great blessing for him and our parish. I'm sure it will be!

In Christ, Fr Joel.

BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Our Back to School/Welcome Picnic will be held on Tuesday 18th February from 5pm-7pm. All school families are warmly invited to attend, not just those who are new to the community, so we hope to see many of you there. The Parents Association are looking for volunteers to assist in running the night smoothly and there is a sign-up sheet attached to this newsletter for that purpose which we would like returned to school by Friday 14th February.



FIRST EUCHARIST 2020

DIARY NOTE YEAR 4 FAMILIES 2020

In consultation with Fr Joel Peart, Parish Administrator, I am pleased to be able to provide a date for the celebration of First Eucharist next year. There will be one Mass where children who have received the Rite of Reconciliation will be able to receive Eucharist. **The Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated on SATURDAY 30th MAY 2020** commencing at 4:00 p.m. in Our Lady Help of Christians Church. An information letter and enrolment form will be sent home at the end Term.

Regards, Jack Rendle
(Religious Education Leader)



2020 SCHOOL FEES

Dear Parents, the 2020 Annual School Fees have been set as follows:

Family Fee \$1,900 per family
Curriculum Levy \$ 420 per child
Building Levy # \$ 200 per family

** A \$100 rebate will be deducted from your School Fee account if you attend your annual school Working Bee morning.*

TOTAL ANNUAL FEE:

\$2,520 FOR ONE CHILD
\$2,940 FOR 2 CHILDREN
\$3,360 FOR 3 CHILDREN
\$3,780 FOR 4 CHILDREN

Camp Levy (for grades 5 and 6) \$250 per child

For those students new to 2020 that have made a prepayment back in 2019, 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:

1ST INSTALMENT DUE BY 02/03/20

FOR:

One child \$ 950

Two children \$1,370

Three children \$1,790

Four children \$2,210

2ND INSTALMENT DUE BY 25/05/20

Per Family \$785

3RD INSTALMENT DUE BY 24/08/20

Per Family \$785

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)

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Last week we sent home a copy of the school's [Child Safety Code of Conduct \(Volunteer\)](#) and it has been wonderful to see these coming back to school over the past few days; we are grateful that so many of our parent community are willing to be volunteers. This Code of Conduct stands alone but is also part of a wider Code of Conduct titled the [Parent School Relationships Code of Conduct](#) which can be accessed from our website via this link. My experience of our community is that we are a welcoming and respectful one, but this policy sets out a formal basis for our relationships and, as such, is one with which all parents and family members should acquaint themselves.

Another policy that assists in maintaining good relationships across the school community is the [Home-School Communication Policy](#) that sets out the preferred approach to communicating school news, children's learning, success and concerns. We would like to hear your concerns in a timely manner but we are equally interested in hearing what is going well, particularly for your children.

SCHOOL BANKING

We have some wonderful parent volunteers who facilitate our School Banking Program through the Commonwealth Bank each week. School Banking will take place each week on Tuesdays commencing next week, Tuesday 11th February.

SCHOOL RULES

At Our Lady Help of Christians, we have six school rules that teachers actively teach to the children so that they are aware of what these rules look and sound like in action. The rules are:

1. Follow Directions
2. Use your hands, feet and objects in an appropriate way
3. Listen without interruption
4. Speak appropriately
5. Treat all property with care
6. Move safely around the school

Parents and carers can assist the staff of the school by discussing these rules with their children and encouraging the children to implement behaviour consistent with them.

Our [Management of Student Behaviour Policy](#) can be read in full on our website.

CELEBRATING STUDENT ART

Last week we mentioned that our students' artwork had appeared on the Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) website. You might also be interested to know that our students' art also features in the Zart Art Student Gallery's current exhibition in Box Hill (see the flyer later in this newsletter). The exhibition for Term 1 will be on display from Friday 13th December - Saturday 14th March 2020. You can find the Zart Art Student Gallery at 4/41-43 Lexton Road, Box Hill North VIC 3129. The gallery is open Monday–Wednesday and Friday 8:30am–5:00pm, Thursday 8:30am–6:30pm, and Saturday 9:00am–2:00pm.

BUSHFIRE

We have included the links from last week's newsletter below for those who may have missed the suggestions as to resources parents may want to look at if your child has experienced trauma related to this summer's fires.

- BeYou Website [here](#)
- Student Wellbeing Hub Website parents link [here](#)
- Bushfires and Mental Health link [here](#)

Regards, Kathryn Quinn
(Student Wellbeing Leader)

EXTEND OSHC AT OUR LADY'S SCHOOL

Welcome to 2020!

We have had an amazing start to the year at Extend Before and After School Care! To all new families joining the Our Lady Help of Christians school community, my name is Stephanie and I am the Service Coordinator at Extend Before and After School Care. The OLHC Extend Team are very excited for the year ahead with many awesome activities and initiatives planned. We look forward to meeting many new families this year and also seeing familiar faces return to Extend!



Over the holidays, we ran an awesome Summer Holiday Program here at Our Lady Help of Christians. We went on Excursions to the Melbourne Star, Archie Brothers Cirque Electriq, 234 Fun Galore and Community Bank Adventure Playground! We also participated in awesome incursions including Codebotics, Mini Beasts and Boxercise! We are already looking forward to our Autumn Holiday Program!

We recommend that all families at Our Lady Help of Christians School create an enrolment for Extend. Enrolling is free, quick and easy. If you have an enrolment question call our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 366 437. Enrolments can be made at [lookedafter.com](#)

We look forward to seeing you in Before and After School Care throughout the year! For enrolment and bookings visit [lookedafter.com](#)

Stephanie
(Service Coordinator)

PARENTS ASSOCIATION & PARENT CLASS REPS

Although I have only just joined OLHC School, I have already heard of the great work that the Parents Association undertakes for the benefit of

all in the school community. The first meeting of the PA is scheduled to be held this coming Monday, 10th February, at 7pm in the Staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend this meeting, it is not just for office holders.

Each year the school invites parents from each class to nominate as Parent Class Reps. This is an important role that involves acting as a liaison between the parents of the class and the Parents Association by attending as many PA meetings as possible to reflect the view of the whole school community. If you would be interested in taking up this role for the 2020 school year please let us know by emailing olhcpa@gmail.com and CCing me in at principal@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au.

Parents Association Meetings for this year are:

Monday 10th February 2020

Monday 2nd March 2020

Monday 20th April 2020

Monday 11th May 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Monday 17th August 2020

Monday 14th September 2020

Monday 12th October 2020

Monday 9th November 2020

WELCOME NEW STAFF

This year we welcome back Jessica McLeod who has returned from Parental Leave as the Junior Literacy Intervention Teacher. We also welcome back Bernadette Harney who will be with us one day per week in Grade 4J while Mr Jack is released to undertake his duties as Religious Education Leader. It is great for the children to have these familiar faces back at OLHC.

Joining us this year as new faces are:



Joss Coaley (IT and 1A) Joss has joined us this year as our IT teacher and technician. He will also be teaching Grade 1A one day a week as Miss Ashlea undertakes her Junior Level Leader role. Joss comes to us in his sixth year of teaching from

Galilee Primary School, in South Melbourne. He is a bit of a movie buff, loves soccer, and is a very patient Essendon fan.



Sylvia Holroyd (6H and Senior Level Leader) Sylvia has joined us this year from Trinity Primary School in North Richmond to take Grade 6 and to take on duties as our Senior Level Leader. She loves going to the beach with a good book, relaxing with family and friends and binging on the occasional Netflix series.



Samantha Scicluna (3S)

Samantha joins us as a Graduate Teacher having completed her teacher training at ACU last year. While training, Samantha worked in a learning support role at Brunswick North PS. She enjoys acting and live theatre, has a love of animals after growing up on a large farm, and likes to keep fit.



Marika Vlahopoulos (Yr 1 LSO)

Marika comes to us from a previous career as a disability support worker and joins our team of enthusiastic and dedicated Learning Supports Officers. She loves exercising, reading and going out with

friends and is a dedicated Collingwood supporter.



Nella Commisso (Yr 4 LSO) This is Nella's first position as an LSO and she is excited to be joining a great team and to be working with our children. Nella enjoys spending time with her three children and attending their various sporting events, keeping fit by walking and socialising.

She too is a patient Bombers fan.



Until next week, respectfully, *Daniel* 😊



2020 STAFF STRUCTURE

Interim Principal	Daniel Ryan
Deputy Principal	Kathryn Quinn

15 CLASS STRUCTURE

	Teacher	Class	Class Number
1	Bridget Hayselden	Foundation	1
2	Daniela Criscione	Foundation	2
3	Ashlea Sandells	Year 1	22
4	Laura Shannon	Year 1	21
5	Caitlin Brasier	Year 2	28
6	Rachel McAuliffe	Year 2	29
7	Melanie Harrop	Year 2	33
8	Virginia Spiller	Year 3	26
9	Samantha Scicluna	Year 3	25
10	Carla Saldaneri	Year 4	3
11	Jack Rendle	Year 4	23
12	Domenica Turkowsky	Year 5	27
13	Amelia Mafodda	Year 5	30
14	Robert Lagreca	Year 6	31
15	Sylvia Holroyd	Year 6	32

Specialists

	Teacher	Curriculum Area
1	Joss Coaley	Digital Technology
2	Franca Erneste	LOTE: Italian
3	Linda Oxley	Library
4	Linda Oxley	Physical Education
5	Jennifer Shannon	Performing Arts
6	Amber Boag	Visual Arts

Intervention

	Teacher	Class Supported	Curriculum Area
1	Jessica McLeod	1 - 3	Literacy Intervention
2	Melinda Karavias	1 - 2 (Sem 1) 3 - 6 (Sem 2)	Maths Intervention
3	Cassie Renfrew	4 - 6	Literacy Intervention
4	Faye Nardella	1 - 6	Extension

Leadership Structure

Position	Teacher	Days	Replacement Teacher
REL	Jack Rendle	Wednesday	Bernadette Harney
Junior Leader	Ashlea Sandells	Wednesday	Joss Coaley
Senior Leader	Sylvia Holroyd	Wednesday	Nina Gualano
SWB/Learning Diversity	Kathryn Quinn	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs	NA

LSOs

Class Supported	LSO
Foundation	Sharon Murphy
Foundation	Tina Marino
Year 1	Marika Vlahopoulos
Year 2	Ravinder Mohla (2B, 2R)
Year 2	Mary Portelli (2H)
Year 3	Maria Azzi
Year 4	Antonella Comisso
Year 5	Danielle Cilione
Year 6	Sena Janiszewski

ADMIN

Position	Role
Cathy Windsor	Administrator
Debbie Ceravolo	Bursar
Pat Tesoriero	Library Tech



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Dear Parents,

Meet the Teacher interviews will be held on **Wednesday 12th February**. This year we are trailing on online booking system where families can log on and choose their own interview times.

Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited.

The interview booking portal will open on Tuesday 4th February at 8:30 am.

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code **dt4kv**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you do not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling.

Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by Friday 7th February. If you have not selected your own time by this date a time will be allocated to you.

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings

OLHC 2020

Back to School FAMILY PICNIC

TUESDAY 18th FEB

5.00PM - 7.00PM

HOSTED ON THE OLHC BASKETBALL COURT

****SAUSAGE SIZZLE****

****JUMPING CASTLES****

Drinks, Snacks & Sausages will be on sale....BYO picnic food and rug!

The Parent Association look forward to welcoming
you to a new school year!

If you have any questions, please contact us at olhcpa@gmail.com



**Our Lady Help of Christians
East Brunswick**

2020 BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC

Tuesday, 18th February

5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year's Welcome BBQ will be held on Tuesday, 18th February. It is a great opportunity for families to spend time together and get to know each other. There will be a jumping castle for the kids and the Parent Association will run a sausage sizzle and sell drinks/snacks at the Tuckshop.

We do need a number of volunteers to help with the set up, running and clean up for sausage sizzle and tuckshop. 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, the office or email olhcpa@gmail.com by Friday, 14th February.



Name: _____

Contact #: _____

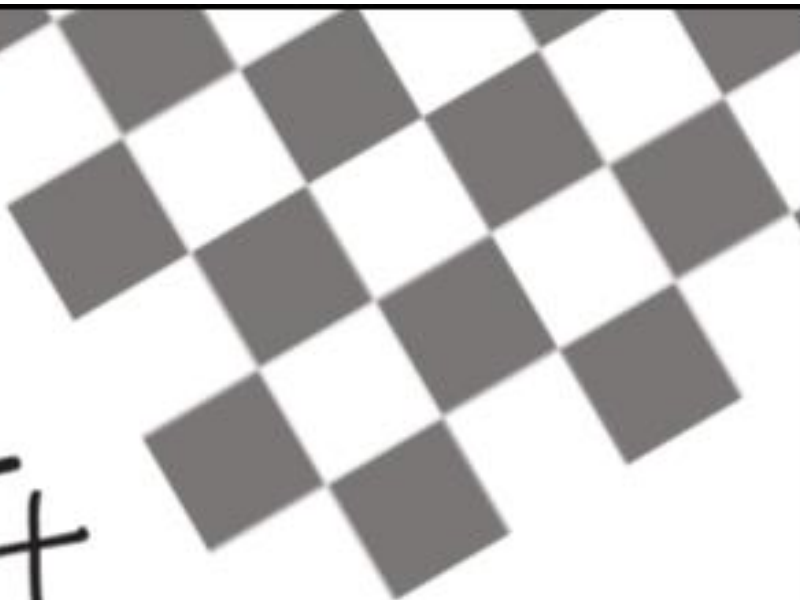
Email: _____

Eldest Child's Name/Class: _____

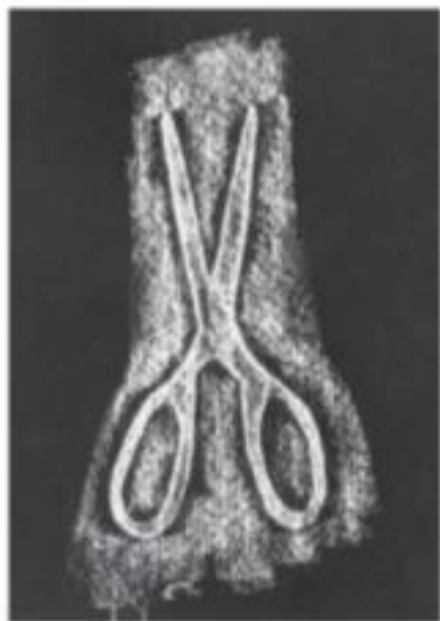
SAUSAGE SIZZLE		(please tick)
Set-up Sausage Sizzle	4:00 pm – 5.00 pm	
Sausage Sizzle Cooking	5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	
Sausage Sizzle Cooking	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	
Serving	5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	
Serving	6.00pm – 7.00 pm	
Clean Up	7.00 pm – 7.30 pm	

TUCKSHOP		(please tick)
Set-up Tuckshop	4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	
Tuckshop Serving	5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	
Tuckshop Serving	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	
Clean Up	7.00 pm – 7.30 pm	

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OUR [Lady Help of Christians] ARTISTS



Congratulations to our Year Four students who are lucky to have their work displayed in the Zart student gallery. If you'd like to check it out in person, the prints will be on display until March (gallery open Monday to Saturday) or view it @ zartart.com.au

PARADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY

SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY



10am - 2pm Preston Campus 8 Clifton Grove

10am - 2pm Bundoora Campus 1436 Plenty Rd

- Talk to our Principal and all our staff
- Watch the awesome Science Show
- Listen to our College bands
- Pick up an information pack with a special gift for your son
- Enjoy our free BBQ and café
- Listen to the Principal's address at 10.30, 11.30 & 1.00.

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