Dear Parents and Carers,

February 11, 2016

Cyberbullying can be described as any harassment, insults and humiliation that occur through the electronic mediums such as email, mobile phones, social networking sites, instant messaging programs, chat rooms, web-sites and through the playing of online games. Our Lady’s values being Safe, Responsible and Respectful and it is the same for online behavior. We have expectations of appropriate student behaviors when using digital technologies and the internet and it is important that parents and schools are on the ‘same page’ when talking about using the internet.

Our Year 3-6 families have participated in Susan McLean’s Cybersafety presentations today and they also received an agreement acknowledging a student’s commitment to being a safe, responsible and respectful user of digital technologies and the internet. Students will take the agreement home for discussion and for parents to sign acknowledging their support.

Just one last reminder to all parents: **Children under 13 ARE NOT ALLOWED on Facebook, Instagram, Kik, SnapChat, iTunes** and many more. Don’t support your child to break the rules & remember, they won’t be the only one at school without these accounts. **Learn to say NO!**

**Newsletter Access:** Our preferred communication avenue for all families is via skoolbag, where you get real time information from the school. You can also access the newsletter from the school website: [http://www.olcraigieburn.catholic.edu.au](http://www.olcraigieburn.catholic.edu.au). You can also send us your email address to office@olps.edu.au and we will send you the newsletter every Thursday free of charge!

**Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrated their birthday this week and during January:** Ramsin 3T, Mikhayla V 1R, Makayla B 1R, Angelica Prep T, Jude 3T, Damien 4C, Michail 1S, Abraham 6F, Martha 2K, Audrey Prep E, Bhumi 2B, Danella 3A, Nathan 4C, Nakisha 3H, Kai 4A & Emily 1N: **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**SCHOOL ORGANISATION:** By now all students are aware of how and where they enter the school in the morning. So in our prep-one building we have over 250 children entering the building in a short period of time. I ask that families say good-bye to their child before entering the building- yes they should be carrying their own bag in to the classroom and having many unfamiliar adult faces in the classroom can also raise anxiety levels for all children. Please ensure your child gets into a routine of saying goodbye in the yard.
Parent-Teacher Conversations Wednesday 17th February from 4.00pm-8.00pm. The first sessions were held last night, giving parents and teachers an opportunity to touch base at this early stage of the year. If you haven’t already booked the final sessions are scheduled for next Wednesday. Online bookings are open.

Brain Food: The staff have discussed the issue of the introduction of a snack time after the first hour of school. Different teachers have had different expectations in regards to the eating of fruit and access to water in the classroom and we felt there was a need to have a school protocol on this matter. I welcome your feedback on this matter - please email me any issues regarding this matter.

Brain Food Break Time
Research shows that a significant number of Australian children miss breakfast or eat foods before school that are not ideal for optimum brain function. For some others, particularly during periods of growth, the wait between breakfast and recess time, can also cause a decrease in energy and brain function. It has been recognised through research that people need regular food and water to maintain high level brain function. This research has important implications for students in our school.

Fresh fruit and vegetables provide children with healthy food options to eat at Brain Food Break time. The food provided for this snack time needs to be separate from what is provided for recess and lunch and should be appropriately stored in a separate container.

Brain Food:
- Is fresh fruit and vegetables cut up into bite sized pieces and stored in a small resealable container.
- Provides students with a mid morning energy burst.
- Is not a play-break. It is short, 3-5 minute period during mid morning, when students are encouraged to eat small amounts of brain-healthy food that help maintain the glucose supply to the brain.
- Develops higher level brain function, gives students more energy to learn and therefore more opportunity to experience success in learning.
- Provides students with lifelong skills around healthy eating

It is also important that children have a bottle filled with water only, for use in the classroom, each day. This enables them to have regular sips of water throughout the day.

Brain food is not compulsory for students but if you want your child to have access to fruit at snack time it must be in bite size pieces in a resealable container.
Staffing: I have listed all staff, their roles and their days of duty.

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On Wednesday as a school community we celebrated Ash Wednesday at Mass where all students received the ashes. Generally we think of Ash Wednesday as a sombre occasion, where we are asked to consider fasting and ‘giving something up’. This year being the Year of Mercy, Ash Wednesday may be a way for us to consider looking at the world in new ways, making new choices and having a different perspective on life, like passing through a new door. At school we look forward to new learning experiences with the opening of our new building, hopefully at the end of this term.

Have a great weekend,

Paul McEntee
Principal

PLEASE NOTE: Children are supervised at school between 8.30 and 3.45 each school day. They should not be on school grounds outside those times. The Pirate Ship playground area is out of bounds during those times. If you require your child to be supervised outside those times they need to be at the Before/After School Care Program.

Welcome to our first corner for the year. Hi our names are Jordan, Daniel, Kayla and Charleigh and we will be your school captains for this year. We are privileged to be your school captains for 2016, and we hope we can offer assistance to your children this year.
Religious Education News
Mary McCormick, R.E. Leader

School Masses:

This term we won’t have a class mass each week. Below are the dates for the class and whole school masses.

- Feb. 18th Year 5 & 6 Level mass
- Feb 25th Year 3 & 4 Level mass

All families welcome to attend these masses. Morning tea is available after mass.

Ash Wednesday / LENT

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time of the Church’s year when we prepare for Easter by thinking about how we can become more loving and generous. It is about recognising that there are many people in the world who do not have a fair share of God’s gifts. It is a time for thinking about what we can do to make the world a better and more peaceful place to live in.

During the season of Lent in our classrooms we will be collecting money for Caritas Australia Aid Projects. We need to look at our lives and realise that we are very lucky people and that we can make simple changes in our lives to help others.

This year, the theme for Project Compassion is “Learning More, Creating Change.”

We need to learn about those around the world who live in great poverty.

We need to learn about how CARITAS is helping those people to change their lives for the better.

We need to help CARITAS to help people in our world change their lives in a positive way.

We can do this through our donations during the season of LENT.

Pope Francis asks us to ‘Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.’

We can be merciful through our generosity and our compassion during this Lenten season.

Each class will receive a Project Compassion Box – each week, students will be encouraged to bring in donations.

Did you know that you can download a Lent Calendar for your smartphone, or use the web version and set it as your homepage, to ‘Learn More’ and ‘Create Change’ this Lent?

Use the calendar to deepen your spirituality this Lent and learn about Caritas Australia’s work in six countries across the globe. Explore Project Compassion, meet inspiring people and reflect on the Lenten period through daily readings, prayers and social justice actions.

A children’s version is available online also so you can reflect together as a family!

View or download at www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion/lent-calendar
Important Sacrament Dates for 2016:
Here are the dates for the 2016 Sacramental celebration, please make a note in your 2016 diaries.
The enrolment notes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation have been send home – please return them by February 12th.

Reconciliation
Sign-up weekend – weekend of February 27th or February 28th
Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and hand in a special card to register for the Sacrament.

Parent Child workshop evening – March 1st (Year 3A & 3V) OR March 2nd (Year 3T & 3H)
Our Lady’s parents and students to attend ONE of these evenings. Our Lady’s School at 7.00pm.

Second Rite of Reconciliation - March 15th (Year 3A & 3V) or March 16th (Year 3A & 3V)
Our Lady’s Church at 7.00pm
Students and families of children attend and the children make their First Reconciliation. There will be 2 grades on each evening, so you will only be attending ONE of these dates.

First Eucharist
Sign-up weekend – April 30th or May 1st
Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and hand in a special card to register for the Sacrament.

Presentation weekend – May 21st or May 22nd
Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and receive their medal and mass book
Parent Child workshop evening – May 17th OR May 18th
Our Lady’s parents and students to attend ONE of these evenings. Our Lady’s School at 7.00pm.
First Eucharist masses – June 5th
Either 12.30pm OR 2.30pm Students will be celebrating their First Eucharist in Our Lady’s Church at ONE of these times.

Confirmation
Sign-up weekend – July 30th OR July 31st
Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and hand in a special card to register for the Sacrament.
Parent Child workshop evening – August 3rd
Our Lady’s parents and students to attend. Our Lady’s School at 7.00pm.
Presentation weekend – August 20th OR August 21st
Students and families attend one of the weekend Parish masses and receive their medal.
Confirmation mass – August 28th at 3pm
3.00pm
Students will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at Kolbe Catholic College Hall.
IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 17th February
   Parent Teacher Interviews from 4:00pm
Wednesday 24th February
   Year 6/Prep Buddies BBQ 6:00pm
Friday 4th March
   Student Free Day – Parish Conference Day
Monday 14th March
   Labour Day Public Holiday
Friday 18th March
   School Photos
Thursday 24th March
   Last day of Term
Monday 11th April
   Term 2 Commences
Monday 25th April
   Anzac Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 26th April
   Year 6 campers off to Camp Rumbug
Friday 29th April
   Year 6 campers return
Tuesday 3rd May
   Prep 2017 Information Evening 7:00pm
Wednesday 4th May
   Prep 2017 Information Morning 9:30am
Monday 9th May
   NAPLAN Testing Week
Monday 23rd May
   Year 5 campers off to overnight camp at Sovereign Hill
Monday 13th June
   Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 21st June
   Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00pm
Wednesday 22nd June
   Parent/Teacher Interviews 4:00pm
Thursday 1st September
   Year 4 campers off to overnight camp at Lyrebird Park
Thursday 8th September
   Our Lady's Feast Day
Friday 23rd September
   Grand Final Public Holiday
Sunday 16th October
   Parish Fete

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thursday 11th February
   Mary 9-10:30am
   Margaret 9-10:30am
   Liz 12:30-2:15pm

Friday 12th February
   Kersty 12:30-2:15pm
   Maree 9:00-2:15pm

Monday 15th February
   Lucia 9:00-10:30am
   Sanaa 9:00am

Wednesday 17th February
   Liz 9:00am
   Sanaa 9am

Thursday 18th February
   Mary 9:00-10:30am
   Rana 12:30-2:15pm

Thank you to all of the above volunteers for giving their time to the canteen. If you would like to help in the canteen, just leave your name at the General Office.
**MONEY FOUND**
An amount of money was found in the playground last week. If you have lost money recently, please call in to the General Office.

**PARKING**
Just a reminder that parents must not park in the staff car park. This car park is for staff only. Also, it is used as a thoroughfare and should be a safe area for everyone passing through it. We appreciate your co-operation.

**Our Lady’s Parent Helpers Course 2016**
Parents who are interested in assisting our students with their learning within the classroom, are invited to attend Our Lady’s ‘Parent Helpers Course’. This one hour session is being run on:-

- **Tuesday 16th February** – 2:30 pm in Prep E Classroom
- **Tuesday 23rd February** – 7.00pm in the Staffroom

Please book into either of these sessions by notifying the General Office. Any parent who has previously completed this course must sign a new Code of Conduct Form for 2016 before they can volunteer to assist in the classroom for this year. These forms are also available from the General Office.

If you have any questions or require any further information please ask to speak with Anne Croughan.

Looking forward to working with you all………Anne Croughan

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**Hume City Council**
**Third Hume Junior Chess Tournament**
Come along and test your skills against other chess players in the third junior chess club tournament at Craigieburn Library. Limited to 40 players so book early!

- **Where:** Craigieburn Library
  75-85 Central Park Ave, Craigieburn
- **Who:** 5–12
- **When:** Saturday 20 February, 10am–3pm
- **Cost:** Free

Bookings required on 9356 6980.

For more information please visit: [humelibraries.vic.gov.au](http://humelibraries.vic.gov.au)
MUSIC LESSONS FOR OUR LADY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

** MUSIC TUITION INCREASES CONFIDENCE, SELF ESTEEM AND HELPS TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SUBJECTS – MATHS, LITERACY, SCIENCE, READING ETC**

OUR LADY’S Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering Music Lessons to students who are interested in learning an instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during school hours (30 mins/once per week) at suitable times. (Prep to Gr 6) Enquiries are welcome on 9460 4818 (Metro Music School).

Lessons Offered: KEYBOARD       PIANO       GUITAR (electric/acoustic)

Discount Hiring and Purchase also available. Contact us for details or visit our online shop at www.metromusic.net.au

ENROLMENT forms can be obtained from the school office or contact Metro Music School direct on 9460 4818. You can also enrol online at the above website address.
Roxburgh Park United Soccer Club, is a new Club that will be competing in this season Football Federation Victoria competition. We run 2 days training on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be competing in matches on Sundays.

We invite you to come in and get your kids to try out our training. They will enjoy it and you will do as well, our aim to help our community get together as a big family and sports will be the way to do just that.

Bring your kids a long and watch them learn new moves and practice the sport that they love, on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30pm till 7pm at 1-29 Roxburgh Park drive, Roxburgh Park 3064 (Good Samaritan Primary School ground).

For more information please give us a call 0421021205 or 0458136363 or go to our Facebook page Roxburgh Park United SC
Dear Parents,

February, 2016

Please be informed that ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES will commence at, St. Matthew’s Primary School, 97 William St., Fawkner North, on Saturday 13th February 2016 and will run for 2.5 hours from 1.30pm to 4.00pm. Students from Grade Prep to Year 12 are welcome. The Tuition Fee for the year is $200.00 per student.

Our teaching includes the Strands of Writing, Reading, Listening and Speaking and an appreciation of the Italian Culture.

If you wish your son/daughter to attend these classes please fill in the following form and return it to the Italian teacher on Saturday 13th February 2016.

If you require further information, please phone: 9898-4707 or visit our school website www.lauraschool.com.au

I wish my son/daughter to attend the Italian Language Classes at St. Matthew’s Primary School, every Saturday from 1.30pm to 4.00pm.

SURNAME OF STUDENT: ......................................

FIRST NAME: ................................................

ADDRESS: ........................................................

TELEPHONE: ..............................................

STUDENT’S DAILY SCHOOL: ........................................

GRADE: ....................

FULL NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ...........................

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: ...........................

DATE: ................................................................