Dear Parents,

Early last week I said to Mark that we needed a good downpour of rain to freshen things up. I was not expecting the extent of the downpour that occurred on Thursday afternoon and as a consequence we were flooded out in the multi-purpose room. Thanks to the hard work and quick thinking of a number of people we were able to limit the damage to equipment and uniforms. I would like to thank Danielle and Dan Chatfield, Howard Birt and Michelle Tighe who were at school until about 8.30 cleaning and tidying and also to the team from OSHClub who helped hold back the tide.

School Advisory Council

Last night the school advisory council met for the first time this year. It was great to see some new faces along with some familiar ones. Thanks to Batuvita Sumathipala, Alicia Weir, Monica Rintoul, Laura Hughes, Denise Debricat, Maree Weber and Narelle Coughlan for offering to be a part of this group. I look forward to working with them for the year. If you have any issues that you would like raised, these are the people who have volunteered to be the spokespeople for the school community.

Car Parking

One issue that I am sure will be raised is the safety concerns for the children, due to parents ignoring the parking procedures that we have in place. I recently received some photos of parents who blatantly took part in some dangerous and frustrating behaviours that caused a great deal of concern. I will be speaking to these parents and I will also be contacting the police to keep an eye on things at pick up time. I don’t like to do this but the safety of the children is my number one priority. Perhaps an issue for the School Advisory Group could be to investigate ways of improving the service road at the front of the school.

Working Bee

Another reminder that we have a working bee this Friday for a couple of hours mainly to address some of the gardens that are in need of some TLC and I also plan to remove the wooded seats near the 1/2 area and replace them with aluminium benches similar to the ones near the playground. I would also like to get the decorated pavers installed if I can get the timing right. There will be a BBQ after the working bee so if you intend to come along please return the reply slip so that we can organise catering.

Prep 2014

Yesterday Noelene and I visited the kinders in the area to drop off information about the upcoming parish and school open days and information sessions. Enrolments for 2014 will open on 13th March and close early in term 2. It is sometimes the case that current families are a little late in getting their enrolments in and as places have been pretty tight in the last couple of years I would encourage you to get the forms completed and back to school as soon as possible.

School Photos

Another reminder that school photos will be 12th March which is the day after the long weekend. Last week you would have received the envelopes that outlined the various packages available. It is important that these envelopes are returned prior to the day as the children can get very confused about what photos they are having taken, whether or not they are getting sibling photos taken and so on.

PTFA Meeting

On Monday evening we had our first PTFA meeting and it was great to see so many people there, both new and some who have been coming for some years now. We discussed the activities of the past and also looked at a couple of new social opportunities and fund raising activities. On the 13th March the children will have a casual clothes day. The children are asked to bring along an Easter egg or something with an Easter theme that can be put together in a hamper. Last year we had around thirty prizes on offer. Raffle tickets will be coming home on or around the 13th. The raffle will be drawn on 27th so get your tickets back prior to this date to be in the draw. The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting on 25th March during which time all executive positions will be up for grabs. There are several big events planned for later in the year. When dates are finalised I will let you know.

Take Care

Paul Hogan
**MISSING LIBRARY BOOKS/TAKE HOME READERS**

A recent library audit has shown an alarming amount of books missing. Could every family please check at home for any books with the OLMC barcode and school stamp on the inside cover, and return them. Nobody will ‘get into trouble’, we’ll just be grateful to have our resources back to benefit our children.

Thanks for your support,

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**Terrific Kid**

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<td>Zac Jones</td>
<td>For contributing to class discussions with enthusiasm. Well done!</td>
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<td>Tara Murphy</td>
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Thank you for volunteering to help in the Canteen, it would be impossible without you!

Please arrive at Canteen at approximately 11.15, and your assistance will be required until around 2.15pm. If you have long hair, please tie it back, and remember to sign in at the office before coming to the Canteen. Your lunch will be provided on the day. If you are unable to attend on your rostered day please ring Sally on 0400 384 403, as soon as possible so a replacement can be arranged.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday: 8.40am - 9.15 am & Friday: 2.45pm - 3.15
Order forms/list available from the office

Reminder: Keep informed and up to date with school events by downloading tiqbiz to your phone, tablet or computer. Further information available from the office

There is a casual clothes day for the children on Wednesday 13th March. We ask that instead of a gold coin donation you provide an Easter Egg or Easter gift to be packed into hampers that will be prizes for the Easter raffle.

Thanks for your support.

OLMC PTFA
COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

ST PATRICKS EVE BASKET SUPPER/DANCE: Sat 16 March 2013 from 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. Keep this date free to come and rock your socks off! The “Ripchords” will be playing music from the 50’s, 60’s, 70’s, and 80’s with a good sprinkling of Irish thrown in. Gather a table of 10 or come on your own and make new friends and get into the Spirit of St Patrick’s Day. Bring along food to share with those on your table. Tickets are $20 per head. Book early to avoid disappointment. Inquiries and payments to the Parish Office.

LOOKING FOR LEADERS: are you passionate about what Jesus taught us? Would you like to share what Jesus taught us with the children of our parish? If you answered yes to both of these questions and can spare about an hour every 4-6 weeks, we would love you to be part of our Children’s Liturgy Team. We are in desperate need of more leaders to take the pressure off our current leaders. The more leaders we have, the less frequently members are rostered! Contact the Parish Office on 9744 1060 if you can help.

OLMC YOUTH CHOIR: if you are interested in being part of our youth choir, please contact Catherine at olmcyouthchoir@yahoo.com. Practise is usually only twice per month and sing at Mass once per month. We have a great bunch of kids practising at the moment to help make Mass an uplifting experience and would love to hear from children who would like to be part of this.

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS WANTED
Vacancies available across Hume Municipality please contact Hoban Recruitment on 9325 3200 for details.

SUNBURY ROTARY CLUB FAMILY & CRAFT MARKET
Saturday 6th April, Neighbourhood House and community centre, 531 Elizabeth Drive, Sunbury 9am—2pm
Discounted Pet Microchipping available only $25, bookings essential. 1300 734 738. Also Car Boot sale, plants and pottery, clothing woodwork demonstrations Live entertainment, face painting and much much more. For more information call Rotary on 9744 5096

OSH CLUB

This week we have been very busy at OSHClub. We have made scones, gotten creative with home made face paint and crafted tea cup biscuits. And as part of our effort to join in Clean Up Australia Day and get ready for Hello Parks Week we’re cleaning up around our OSHClub room.

Over the next few weeks we will be asking parents to sign enrolment forms and update medical information. Please make sure the details on the enrolments are correct and all contact details are up to date. Also remember to include in the emergency contacts ANY person who might be picking up the children through out the year – grandparents, aunties, uncles and even the neighbor who help out.

Lastly, remember www.oshclub.com.au for everyone who wants to book in a before or after school session, or call 0401 850 518 for last minute booking or if you have any questions.