Dear Parents,

Recently you were sent home accounts in relation to school fees. I know that some people have chosen to be on a payment plan and that is completely fine. However some families have accumulated quite a debt through not paying fees for some time. As of 6th August, we had a total of outstanding fees in excess of $165,000. Any business would find it very difficult to run with an amount of outstanding fees like this. I understand that things are very tough at the moment and some people have made appointments with me to discuss their situation, but there are others who have not made payments for over a year and then the amount becomes overwhelming. Your attention to the fees would be appreciated.

School Improvement Surveys

Please see below information about an upcoming survey. To encourage parents to return the survey, every person who returns a survey will go in to a draw to win 6 bottles of wine.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEYS

We are seeking the support of our parents as we believe our parent voice is important to help shape the ongoing improvement of our school.

The School Improvement Survey will be available from Monday 2 September 2013 to Friday 13 September 2013.

WHY DO WE SURVEY?
The main aim of the survey is to identify factors that contribute to the organisational health of your child/s children’s school and provide valuable information about what is going well and not so well and the ways in which this may be improved and built upon.

We are consulting families to gather your input to shape the future.

Fathers Night 13th September.

In last week’s newsletter I mentioned an upcoming event for the dad’s in the school with AFL legend Tom Hafey. This night has traditionally been an opportunity for dad’s to gather to watch the footy and have a meal and refreshments. At last week’s assembly I mentioned the night and was surprised to hear that several mums would like to hear Tom speak. He is a very engaging speaker and is accustomed to talking to mixed audiences. Tom is due to do his presentation at 7.30pm so if any mums would like to join us for Tom’s talk you are most welcome at a cost of $10. Following Tom’s presentation the dad’s will have the opportunity to stay to enjoy the footy and the company of other dad’s. If you would like to book a place on the evening please fill out the reply slip and return it to school as soon as possible.

Book Week Activities

This week we celebrated Science week with lots of fun activities taking place around the school on Monday. Next week we will celebrate Book with activities planned for Tuesday 20th August. To allow this to happen we are asking that the children in Prep-Year 2 to wear their sports uniform on Monday and they will have their specialist classes on the Monday and on Tuesday we will be having our Book Week dress up parade. More details will be coming home.

Confirmation Parenting in Faith Evenings

Next Monday and Tuesday night parents of children receiving their confirmation have been invited to come along to the parish centre at 7.30 to listen to a guest speaker, Paul Spence, as he talks in depth about the Sacrament of Confirmation. Having heard Paul speak on a number of occasions I am sure that parents will get a lot out of the evening. More details are in the newsletter.

Take Care

Paul Hogan
SCHOOL BANKING
THIS WEEK: 42 students
(3 new) banked
$2622.25

Terrific Kid

PC  Khalan Paterra  For being a happy and friendly class member
PR  Senodh D.Ninmal  For fantastic reading and writing
1/2 A  Sienna Stella  For the big efforts she has put into contributing and sitting quietly during class discussions
1/2 M  Jack McGann  For his fantastic contributions to class discussions
1/2 R  Harley DeTravers  For making a great effort with organisation
3/4 H  Madyson Sikora  For working quietly and being considerate
3/4 M  Reuben Evans  For making responsible choices
3/4 WB  Aiden Cutfield  For conscientiously reading every night
5/6 D  Michael Eales  For trying hard to improve his writing
5/6 E  Emily Pedersoli  For being a wonderful caring class member
5/6 S  Thomas Coughlan  For persisting in getting along

Recycling Mobile Phones
Help to save the Gorillas, send your old mobile phones to the school office for recycling.

Families with a Year 7 student attending Salesian College in 2014 are encouraged to phone Dobsons uniform shop over the next few weeks on 97404831 during regular trading hours (Mon 8-11am, Wed 8.30-11.30am, Thur 10.45-1.45pm) to book a fitting appointment in October, to take advantage of early bird specials that have been on offer in past years. Please take note the uniform shop is not open during the school/public holidays.

Year 5/6 Wonder Of Living Family Night
September 9 & 12 at the Parish Centre
Please return reply slips to the office

Reminder: Have you completed our Environmental Survey? Being a Green School is very important to us and we’d like your input. Please take 5 minutes to fill out the survey, which was emailed to each family and return it to the school for your chance to win a prize.
**CANTEEN ROSTER—TERM 3 2013**

Contact Sally 0400 384 403 if you are unable to attend

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**OSHCLUB NEWS**

Hello Osh Families

This week we have been busy celebrating science week with lots of messy experiments. The garden club planted some new plants this week too which is making our gardens look great.

Next week on Monday we are raising money for RSPCA cupcake day where we will be cooking cupcakes and donating a $1 for a cupcake and an extra 50c for a paw print chocolate. This money will be sent to the RSPCA to assist them in continuing their amazing effort with animals.

We also would like to remind all families that we have a curriculum day on the Tuesday the 3rd of September so log on to www.oshclub.com for all bookings.

Thank you

OSHCLUB team

**FATHERS NIGHT 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2013—An Evening with Tom Hafey—REPLY SLIP**

Parent Name: .................................................. Mobile Number: ..................................................

Eldest Child: ............................................... Class: ..........................................................

☐ Yes, I will be attending the Fathers Night, and enclose $40.00 for dinner, refreshments and presentation.

☐ Yes, I will be attending the Tom Hafey **Presentation only** and enclose $10.00.

☐ No, I am unable to attend.

Amount Enclosed: $ ..................................

Cash only please
Altar Servers training – Young leaders in our community

Altar servers are a great way of getting our Confirmation candidates and Year 4 children who have just been blessed with the gift of the Eucharist, both girls and boys, into living out their Christian mission and being young leaders in our church.

Michael McConville writes

"I am on the recruiting trail again for our Altar Server Team. I would be grateful if you could spread the word around the school please, especially with those students who have just received Eucharist. All recruits will be greatly welcome. Details of the training are:

'Training for young people wishing to become Altar Servers will be held at 11am on Saturdays 24th and 31st August in St Annes Church. Applicants must be 10 years of age and have received or about to receive Eucharist. Any inquiries can be directed to 9744-2674."

Thanks

Michael McConville
Tel +61397442674 Mob +61(0)417332186

Padua Bucket Water Walkathon—Friday August 16th

We pray that the spirit of Mary Mackillop evokes such passion in us that we continue our great works of Social Justice here at OLMC. This week that spirit is evident in the Padua 'Bucket Water Walkathon '— focused on giving our children an appreciation and understanding of the hardship faced by third world countries struggling to provide a fresh water supply to its people.

Money raised by this endeavour will be forwarded to Caritas as they strive to improve the standard and access to water in the third world.

Colin Healy
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PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The finishing date for the challenge is SEPTEMBER 12th, not August as previously stated. Apologies for the confusion.
So, for the next 3 weeks, keep reading and recording! Our school library now has a sticker on all of the books on the challenge reading list to make borrowing extra easy. See, email or call Mrs Hurn with any concerns.

FATHER’S DAY STALL

The Father’s Day Stall will be held on Thursday the 29th of August. Gifts will be priced from $2 - $7. Please BYO bag to carry your gift home safely.
COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

PUBLIC FORUM ON DRUG AWARENESS
Police Community Consultative Committee (PCCC)
Date: Thursday 29th August, 7.00pm
Venue: Sunbury Bowling Club, 49 Riddell Road, Sunbury.
Format: We have arranged for a number of speakers to address us regarding drug and alcohol abuse in our own and the wider community. Speakers will include law enforcement and support professionals and concerned parent representatives drawn from our local community. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of speakers.
Printed materials will be available.
Students, staff, parents and any other interested person/s are welcome.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR NEW EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN 2014
There are girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Argentina, Finland and Austria hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from February next year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them. If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann on (03) 97584279 and let me know of your interest.
Yours sincerely, Klaus Schumann, (WEP Community Coordinator)

RUPERTSWOOD CRICKET CLUB “Birthplace of The Ashes” REGISTRATION DAY

FOSTER CARE INFORMATION SESSION
Ever thought about fostering a child or young person? Make a difference in a child's life......and your own!
Our next information session is on Thursday 12th September, 7pm in the Broadmeadows area
To book or to receive an information package please contact Kay Gyngell on 93015200 or kay.gyngell@anglicarevic.org.au

YOUTH GROUP FUND RAISING: calling all keen bakers!!! Our youth group need your best cake and bake recipes to develop the Parish Cook Book. We are just looking for cakes and sweets at this time (if it goes well, a soup, casserole and curry one will follow). Please drop your recipes into the parish office or email sunbury@cam.org.au. All donations for recipes will be acknowledged in the cookbook. Closing date will be 16 August, so book orders can start being taken immediately. Any family legend recipes to share? Gran's best apple pie? Aunt Jenny's chocolate cake?

Presentation #5: Water for Health
Western Water would like to thank the students of Grades 5/6 for their recent involvement in our Water for Health presentation. The students enjoyed learning about the importance of drinking plenty of water, and were able to explore the journey of water as it travels through our bodies. Western Water has a range of community programs to help schools, families and businesses understand more about our precious resource. Visit www.westernwater.com.au or call Nicole Bovezza, Education coordinator on 9218 5522 for further information.
2014 PREP UNIFORM FITTINGS AND SALES

Go to School Interviews Online to book appointments for Prep 2014 uniform fittings

www.schoolinterviews.com.au

Event code: SKGC7

Prep 2014 – OLMC Uniform Fittings will be held at OLMC School

9.30am – 11.10am on Tuesday 10th September, 2013
6.00pm – 7.40pm on Tuesday 10th September, 2013

Science Week Activities 12/8/13 – Student Reports

Absorbing paper: I learnt that the most absorbent thing in the body is the small intestine.

Oobleck: I learnt that Oobleck is both a solid and a liquid (if you apply force to the Oobleck it is a solid if you are careful with it Oobleck turns into a liquid.

Popping corn: I learnt some reactions are reversible and some are irreversible e.g water turning into ice is an reversible reaction and corn kernels turning into popcorn is an irreversible reaction.

Patrick Byrne

I learned that milk has an unusual reaction to detergent because they do not mix. It makes a separation that is visible if you put in food dye. Yesterday I also found out about a substance called Oobleck. It is a solid and a liquid at the same time. Also everything in the world is classified as either a liquid, solid or gas but some things are in between. When you apply pressure to the Oobleck, it turns to a solid but when you let go, it turns to a liquid. When we were with Ms Sfyris we talked about reversible and irreversible reactions and I learned that Copha can change from a solid to a liquid without it being harmed so this is a reversible reaction. Corn kernels can change to pop corn when heat is applied and you can’t change the pop corn back to corn kernels so this an irreversible reaction. In another activity we learned that absorbing paper works like the intestines. I learned that the small intestine is 7 metres long and the large intestines are about 1 metre long. The intestines absorb more liquids and nutrients because they have a large surface area.

Mackenzie Simes

Head Lice - They’re back ......

Numerous cases of head lice have been reported to the school office, please check your child’s hair for nits and lice and commence treatment if necessary.

We urge families to check their children’s hair weekly to help in the fight against head lice
BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW!

OLMC TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 24 August, 2013 at Parish Centre, Riddell Rd, Sunbury

To book a table please complete the below form and return to the school office by 16 August.

Tables are a maximum of 10 people – if you don’t have ten that’s ok – just put down names of those attending and we will fill the table. A great way to meet new people!

Table Organiser – Name ________________________

Ph No ______________________________________

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Tickets are $10 per person.

Please attach payment for all listed together with your form – cash,