Dear Parents & Friends,

Our new academic year has started off extremely positively for our school community. It has been particularly pleasing to welcome new students and families who join us, including our new cohort of Kindergarten children. I extend to all of our families, both new to school and those whose association continues, the warmest welcome for the year ahead. We pray that it will be one of great celebration and achievement for all.

I would like to thank all of the school’s staff for their thorough preparations in ensuring the year has had a successful “flying start”. It has been very special to welcome back everyone; especially Mrs Jenaway, Mrs Cruttenden, Mrs Cumbo and Mrs Bayer from their leave. Similarly, our community is fortunate to welcome new staff members: Mrs Leonie Forrest (Pre Kindy & Kindergarten Teacher), Mrs Baldock (ICT & Y1 Teacher), Mr Steven Mammoliti (Phys. Ed. Teacher), Ms Margy Reeler (Finance Officer) and Mrs Maria Samsonova (Italian Teacher).

The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy commenced in early December 2015 and continues until November 20th 2016. Pope Francis invites us to be the Face of Mercy, to contemplate the need for and meaning of mercy in our daily lives and the wider world: “Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy and His mercy endures forever. We need to constantly contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace.” As a school grateful for its rich foundations as a Sisters of Mercy school, we have the added celebration that in this Year of Mercy we mark 170 years since Ursula Frayne and her accompanying sisters commenced their missionary work in Western Australia. We have a beautiful ‘Year of Mercy’ garden to mark the year and as the year unfolds, we will embark on a number of special activities that marks these two opportunities to bring mercy to our Christian witness.

School has been a hive of activity throughout the holidays with a number of capital and maintenance works undertaken. The new playground is now being utilised by the children. It is proving very popular. New replacement windows were installed on the verandah side of the classroom blocks. Mr Pitman has kindly painted our Hall and it looks fabulous. Talby Landscaping have installed new turf to the Early Childhood area and attended to all maintenance needs. Old gas heaters have been safely decommissioned and removed in the classrooms. In addition, we have furniture upgrades completed in Year Three and Pre-Primary. I wish to thank the School Board, Staff and the various individuals who have made all of this possible.

Next Monday (8th February) our Year One to Year Six teachers will host Class Information sessions for parents and carers. I ask that at least one parent from each family attend the session. The first session runs from 5.40pm – 6.15pm and will be repeated between 6.20pm – 6.55pm. During the meeting, teachers will outline specific information relating to your child’s class.
This Sunday, we will celebrate the forthcoming Our Lady of Lourdes Feastday as a parish community. Archbishop Costelloe will be our main celebrant as we gather together in worship. The School Board and P&F Executive will be commissioned for the year prior to Mass. Following Mass, we will gather for a short blessing ceremony around the ‘Year of Mercy’ garden, before heading to the Hall for shared morning tea. This is a whole school event and all families are expected to attend, so please make the special commitment to join us and be a part of our tremendous community. All families are asked to bring a shared plate of a sweet or savoury dish, preferably with a cultural influence from your country of origin. A form has been sent home today please complete and return to your class teacher by tomorrow so we can cater effectively. Other refreshments will be provided by the Parish and School. It promises to be a very special celebration for our community as we start the year.

I wish to thank you all for your continued contributions to giving active witness to our values of: Belief, Harmony & Responsibility. It promises to be an exciting and rewarding year ahead.

God bless,

Dan Wood
Principal

Our Lady of Lourdes Feastday – 11th February

“Blessed are they who hope in the Lord”

Psalm 1:1

Mary told Bernadette in Lourdes, France that she was the Immaculate Conception, which means that Mother Mary was born without original sin on her soul. Just as Mary always said ‘yes’ to God, God our Father invites each one of us to say ‘yes’ to his love. The best way to do this is to serve others with love and kindness. A perfect reminder in this Year of Mercy to follow Pope Francis’ invitation to be the Face of Mercy, to contemplate the need for and meaning of mercy in our daily lives and the wider world.

Lord, all throughout this Year of Mercy bless our learning and help us to use our talents to serve one another. May we continue to learn through prayer and through receiving the Sacraments regularly to be more like you and to always share your spirit, who lives in us, forever and ever. Amen.
“Yet even now—oracle of the Lord—return to me with your whole heart ... Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love ...”

Joel 2:12-13

Next Wednesday we will celebrate Ash Wednesday Mass and mark the beginning of Lent. The season of Lent calls us into deeper awareness of our need for mercy as we move with Jesus through the temptations in the ‘wilderness’ of our own lives towards the glory of the cross – life always triumphs over death. Lent also holds a strong call for outreach – almsgiving – merciful, loving aid to those in need. The message for this Holy Year of Mercy is: **Be merciful as God is merciful!**

The Lord is gracious and merciful. He is calling out to us so he can bless us. Here is the key to finding God this Lent...a soft heart. That’s why we are encouraged to fast, to pray and to give during this season. Such actions help prepare our hearts to receive God’s blessings. We do them because they help us feel the presence of God. So let’s try our best to keep our hearts soft and open to the Lord, because that’s when changes really happen.

Thus, Lent is a time when we can get in touch with our need for mercy – the mercy of God; the ability to be merciful towards ourselves; and the capacity to be merciful towards those we deal with every day. What attracts (or repels) you about God’s mercy?

- Could you spend some special time each day resting in the tender mercy of a God who judges you with great kindness? How would you do this? What would you need to change in order to make time for this?

- What are the parts within you that long for mercy and forgiveness? Identify these areas and open them up to Jesus, the living face of God’s mercy.

- What areas in our society and in the wider world need mercy rather than harsh judgement?

- These issues/areas of pain and suffering sometimes result from sinful behaviour such as greed, lust for power, lack of sensitivity to another, etc. Perhaps the ‘sinner’ is someone in great need of mercy themselves. Do we need to practise mercy in our judgements of others? In our words? In our thoughts?
Lent is a time when we ask for the grace of conversion. What kind of conversion will we pray for this Lent? In the world? In our own lives?

Prayer and fasting and alms-giving are the three traditional ways of returning to God. These are the ways we can enter into the realm of mercy and become more sensitive and loving today!

Blessed be Christ Jesus,
Who came among us to reveal God’s mercy.
May we open our hearts to receive the merciful love of God
And, in return, become the living face of mercy for our world.
Amen.


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**Stations of the Cross and Parish Retreat**

**Fridays of Lent at 7 pm**
with talks by
**Fr Michael Moore SM**

on Fridays: 19 & 26 of February and 11 March
Parish Reconciliation: Friday 18 March

**Jubilee Year of Mercy**

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**Happy Birthday**

**1st January to 3rd February 2016**

Jehan Desai, Nancy Eliakundu, Rory Shirley, Katende Nachilima, Jeruselem Rebete Zahi, Nyarsuk Augustino, Eric Huynh, Mackenzie Gow, Alison White, Madison Harvey, Davis Kalisa, Nevin Soji, Anna Hinh, Clinton Sunday, Sophia Bayer, Praeya Moodley and Mrs Harris.

Extra special wishes to Mrs Gaudoin and Mr Mammoliti who celebrated very special birthdays during the holidays.
Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to the start of the 2016 school year. The year promises to be full of possibilities in all our 163 vibrant, faith-filled learning communities each of which are centred on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis has declared 2016 the ‘Year of Mercy’. This challenges us all to be ‘merciful like the father’ in our daily lives. Imagine the transformative effect our school communities could have on society, if we were to take up Francis’ challenge, in our families and those we work with, as well as those who find themselves alienated, lonely and despised in society.

Your school community will be creating a range of opportunities for students and families to honour and celebrate this special year and I encourage you to get involved.

If you are new to our system I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you and your family. You are joining Catholic education at an exciting time. We are in a period of significant growth and we have once again demonstrated sustained system-wide improvement in last year’s WACE results.

In the last three years we have opened seven new schools and colleges and 2016 marks the opening of Salvador Catholic College for the first time. I wish the students, parents and caregivers involved in the College’s foundation year all the very best.

All Catholic schools rely on the contribution of the parish, staff, students and parents working in partnership to sustain their vibrancy, educational excellence, and faith life. With your support and involvement in your child’s learning, the efforts of more than 11,000 dedicated school staff and principals can ensure that our Catholic schools help students across the state reach their God-given potential.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you all the best for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Tim McDonald
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<td>Lunches can be ordered for students every Wednesday and Friday. All lunch orders are to be written on a paper bag with the name and grade of the child clearly labeled. Please secure money in the bag and <strong>NO FOREIGN COINS</strong> are to be included.</td>
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<td>5.40pm-6.55pm</td>
<td>Instead of a brown paper bag you can purchase a re-usable lunch order bag either in red, blue or green from the canteen for $8.</td>
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<td>Repeat of 5.40pm session.</td>
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<td>Please let the office know before Friday, 12th February if you have a new Health Care Card or if your circumstances have changed and you no longer hold one. Thank you.</td>
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<td>We would appreciate families with older children to utilise the Kiss and Drive, freeing up parking spaces for the Kindy and Pre Primary Families. Thank you.</td>
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<td><strong>Canteen – Ash Wednesday</strong></td>
<td>Parents please note that OLOL is an <strong>ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL!</strong> This means no nuts, peanut butter, nutella or bars/cakes containing nuts.</td>
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<td>You can download the enrolment documents by visiting <a href="http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au">www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au</a> or see Mrs Harris in the front office. Thank you.</td>
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<td><strong>Parent helpers are required on Wednesday and Friday. If you are able to help even for just an hour, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Samuels or leave your name at the front office, as soon as possible.</strong></td>
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Welcome to our New Students

Welcome to our new Kindy Class, to Jerille Narra (PP), Saoirse Smullen (PP), Ryan Binu (Yr1), Kristina Hon (Yr2), Orson Bloomfield (Yr2), Chelsea Young (Yr4), Joko Narra (Yr5), Samantha Narra (Yr6) and Gregory Malet (Yr6).

We welcome you and your families all into our school community and hope you enjoy your time with us.
**LATE BOOK**

If any child is late for school they must fill in the **LATE BOOK** at the front office.

**SIGNING IN & SIGNING OUT**

If you need to take your child out of school for an appointment or for any other reason during school hours, please fill in the appropriate book at the front office.

**ENTRY TO SCHOOL**

Any visitor or parent entering the school during school time must complete the sign in and out booklet located at the front desk.

**CHILD ABSENTEE**

If your child is away from school please notify the school by 9.00am on 9349 1233 and leave a message on the Absentee line. All absences must be followed up with either:

1. an online note lodged via the school website [http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/absentee.html](http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/absentee.html)
2. a hand written note

Parents who have failed to contact the school will be notified of their child’s absence via SMS. Please contact the school once SMS received. This is a government requirement.

**HOLIDAYS**

A “Student Extended Leave During Term Time form” must be completed for any long term absences during Term Time. The form can be collected from the front office or on the school website. [http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/pdf/forms_extendedleave.pdf](http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/pdf/forms_extendedleave.pdf)

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

The newsletter is emailed fortnightly on a Wednesday and is an extremely important link between school and home. Parents are requested to read the newsletter and to take note of relevant information. [http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/newsletters.html](http://www.ololnoll.wa.edu.au/newsletters.html)

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking is undertaken every Wednesday from 8.15-8.45 am in the Computer Room during school time. For further information regarding School Banking please see the front office staff. A box will be left in the Kindy/Pre Primary classroom for you to place your child’s banking in. The banking will be collected for processing and returned at the end of the day.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop is open every Monday morning from 8.30 –10.30am and in the afternoon from 2.00 until 4.00pm.

For those parents wanting to purchase pencil cases, they will be available from the Uniform Shop on Monday for $4.00.
Medical Action Plan

If your child requires a Medical Action Plan please complete a Medical Action Plan form, which can be collected from the front office.

Thank you.

Before and After School Care Program at OLOL

The Before and After School Program is now open from 7am-8.30am and 3pm-6pm Monday to Friday.

The service provides Breakfast and Afternoon tea as well as Art and Craft, Sports, Cooking, Drama, Science along with Theme days and a variety of toys and games.

The service is flexible to your individual family needs, you can find more information at- www.oshclub.com.au

Please come in and see me to ask any questions you may have about OSHClub or just to have a look around.

I hope to see you soon,
Jackie (Service Co-ordinator).

School Banking

School Banking commenced today and will run every Wednesday from 8.15-8.45 am in the Computer Room. For further information regarding School Banking please see the front office staff. If your child is in Kindy or Pre Primary a box will be left in the classroom for you to place your child’s banking in. The banking will be collected for processing and returned at the end of the day.

Thank you.

If you have a child at Servite College and a child at Our Lady of Lourdes you can apply for a $50 discount per child at Servite.
Please collect the form from Servite and bring into the office for signing.
Thank you.

Community News

Tuart Hill Junior Soccer Club

Our Club Information/Registration Day is Sunday 7th February, from 10am to 12pm at the Tuart Hill club room, Woodchester Reserve, Woodchester Rd, Nollamara.
Places are available in all age groups from U/6 to U/13’s.
Tuart Hill is a great family club run by volunteers to help grow community spirit within our local area.
For further information, please contact Angie on 0416 267 567 or email angie@tuarthilljuniorsc.com.au

Piano Tuition is available at OLOL during school hours by a qualified musician, inspiring and encouraging instruction with 20 years’ experience and a Master of Music Degree. AMEB exam preparation if desired.

For further information please call Lara Mechteriakova on 9440 5951.
Dear Parents/Carers

As part of our endeavour to promote communication and to assist families in our school community, Parent Class Representatives are assigned to each class group.

It is a wonderful opportunity to be a part of your child’s education and the Our Lady of Lourdes School community.

Role of the Parent Class Representative

- Welcome new parents to the school.
- Introduce parents to the P&F association members and make them aware of their activities.
- Invite parents to support and attend school functions and activities.
- Attend P&F meetings whenever possible. (not mandatory)
- Communicate regularly with the P&F.
- Organise a class communication list. E.g. Email addresses and telephone numbers. (Don’t forget to get permission from parents to circulate their contact details.)

What the Parent Class Representative is NOT Responsible For

- The Parent Class Representative does not circumvent the Parent/Carer/Teacher relationship. If any Parent/Carer has any concerns regarding their child’s education, the Parent Class Representative must advise the concerned Parent/Carer to converse with the teacher or Principal directly.

If you would like to volunteer for the role please register your interest by completing the form below and return to the front office. You can also contact me via email: j_wood@iinet.net.au or by phone on 0413 189 801 to discuss the role.

Thank you

Joanna Wood
President P & F

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Name:  
Class Rep for:     
Email:  Phone:  