Dear Parents, Students and Families,

I trust the holiday period provided you with an opportunity to share some family time, a pleasant change to your normal routine and to enjoy a few laughs.

Welcome
The staff would like to share a very warm welcome to all in our community as we begin the 2015 school year.

I would like to share an additional welcome to those staff who are new to our community: Ross Habib, one of our Year 3/4 teachers and Corrine McKenzie, one of our R/1 teachers. In addition to these two new class teachers, Vincent McDeed, who undertook a few roles in our community last year, will this year also undertake a class teaching role 2 days a week in Year 3/4 CM in addition to continuing his classroom support role.

During the holiday period we also heard the very exciting news that Rosy Hevko and her husband are expecting their first child. As a result of this Rosy will commence her leave at the end of Term 1. The process of appointment for a new Year 2 teacher will begin in the coming weeks.

There are a large number of students beginning at OLMC this year; the majority in Reception, but also a large number in other year levels as well.

We welcome to our school the following Reception students: Caleb Goudis, Tyler Clarke, Mason McGowan, Daksh Kewlani, Paige Myers, Aaliyaha-Rubie Gunter, Lina Hipper-Cagliuso, Chontelle Olcorn, Gabrielle Raymond, Zoe Ramos, Jasmine Fawcett, Maebh Mannering, Aston Kalms, Nived Sree, Marlon Seneque, James Byrne, Anthony Cataldi, Oliver Noble, Jeshua Tamas, Francisco Calderer-Benitez, Alice Gibiki, Rihanna Stoffer, Emily Mcfarlane, Daisy Astley, Isabella Aquino-Rivera, Bovanna Virgone, Jax Jais, Aarush Navath, Isaac James, Cohen Gollan, Walter Newchurch, Nicole Capelle, Isla Lester, Claudia Kaplanis, Cheyenne Wyatt, Alice Brown and Aginey Shini.

We also welcome: Lucas McGregor (1/2W) Liam Ramos (2H), Ethan McGregor, Matias Tesfaye (2/3CM), Daniella Ward, Cameron Cassidy (3/4H), Vincent Chowis, Rhovic Barquitt, Natasha Hissey and Samraviit Tesfaye (SC) Liam Cadd (5/6S) Nathan Carr, Rebecca Duncan, Jolly Tlaisun (6/7L)

Meet the Teacher Evening
The other main message I would like to share today is the invitation to attend the Meet the Teacher Evening, which will be held on Thursday 12th February. This evening allows for the opportunity to visit your child/children’s classes, listen to a brief presentation re their class and have a look around the classroom. Most importantly, and hence the name, it allows the opportunity for those who have not yet done so to meet their child’s Teacher. This relationship is one that is of vital support to the learning and development of your child.

The evening will also provide the opportunity to review the Annual Reports of OLMC.

More details are shared in the Newsletter today.

I look forward to sharing this evening with you.

I trust the week ahead is a positive one for you and yours.

God Bless,
Dave Edwards
Principal
From the Deputy Principal/REC

Welcome Back
I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year break. From the stories I have heard from the students, it seems many of you were kept very busy having a great time! It has been lovely to see the enthusiasm with which the students (and their parents) have returned to school. We look forward to a wonderful year of learning.

Uniform Check
Teachers have been asked to check that students are wearing our school uniform correctly. I take this opportunity to remind families that the full summer uniform is to be worn in Term 1. Students are required to wear the regulation school hat as part of our uniform requirements and sandals are only to be worn with the PE uniform on the designated days.

PE Uniforms should only been worn on days when PE lessons take place. This should not exceed 2 days of the school week. Please check with your child’s teacher if you are unsure of their sport day. Students will also be asked to remove any nail polish or jewellery (excluding plain sleepers/studs, medic alert bracelets and watches). We thank parents/caregivers for your support of the uniform policy.

Vacation Care Program
Our congratulations and thanks to the OSHC staff for the highly successful Vacation Care Program held during the Christmas holidays. As you can see from the photos on our back cover, the variety of activities and opportunities provided an exciting, fun and engaging program for the children who attended. This popular service was used by students from our school and the local community and is offered each holiday break. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Please return Forms
Please ensure that you return the following forms to your child’s class teacher ASAP. These forms were sent home with your child yesterday. The information recorded on these forms is vital to your child’s day to day support.
* Head Lice consent form
* Responsibility for books etc / Custody orders
* Student Computer Access agreement (students will be unable to access IT equipment and programs until this form is returned)
* Consent to use images/Privacy & Copyright
* Personal/Medical Information Sheet

Scooters at school
It has been wonderful to see the number of students sensibly and safely walking and riding to school. I remind all parents and caregivers that if your child is riding a scooter to school, you are required to take it home with you. Scooters left in the bike rack have been damaged and broken and there is insufficient room in class rooms for storage.

Loving God, you give us this new school year
and new friends with whom to share it.
Bless all who pray and work and learn together,
And grant a happy year to all.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Meet the Teacher Evening
I draw to your attention the times and date for our 2015 meet the teacher evening. On Thursday 12 February, classes will be opened at 6.15pm. Each teacher will run a 15 minute information session which will then be repeated later in the evening. Please check the times in today’s newsletter. We will also have our AGM reports on display. Looking forward to seeing you all on the night.

God Bless
Nives Kresevic

Consent Forms
Thank you to the many families who have returned the Consent Forms. Could all forms please be returned to your child’s class or the front office as soon as possible. Thank You

Music Tuition
I trust you all had a safe, restful and happy holiday. Welcome back to the new school year.

Instrumental lessons will begin in week 2 for those students enrolled in the Instrumental Program. Confirmation of your child continuing or discontinuing in the program would be appreciated (if you haven’t yet done so), so time tables can be finalized. Please contact Kylie Hall at Hallmark Studios for guitar, piano, voice and violin. For drum lessons, please let me know by the end of the week, so I can then pass on the information to the tutor. Thank you.

If you would like to enroll your child in the program, please see the front office staff or myself for an enrolment form and brochure.

Wishing you a great 2015!
Julie Dobo
Music Teacher
**Sports**

Expressions of interest in playing basketball and netball were sent home with children yesterday. Please return asap to allow teams to be created.

**Canteen Roster**

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If you have a current Catholic police clearance and would like to volunteer some time in the Canteen, please feel free to come and see me or leave your details at the front office.

*Thank you Pat*

**Happy Birthday**

Rebecca Duncan, Paige Langmaid-Taylor, Lina Hipper-Cagliuso, Tayla Tudor and Yanna Mydaras.

**Joke of the Week**

What animal needs oiling?
Mice because they squeak!

**Absentees**

Please remember to phone in all student absences and late attendances. Many calls are made to verify the whereabouts of students not reported as absent. Please call 8447 1405 or 8240 0903 by 9.30am.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter of child safety and wellbeing.

**OSHC**

We ask that families see staff to update their permanent booking requirements for the new year. Please finalise all Vacation Care accounts asap to help with programming for our next session.

Thank you
Mary Kohler

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**Meet the Teacher Annual General Meeting**

School open at 6.15pm

Two 15 minutes sessions will be offered per class/year level.

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School will close at 8.00pm

Second session will be a repeat of the first.

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**School Assemblies Term 1**

**Week 3**

R/1WS
3/4D
6/7’s

**Week 6**

2H
2/3CM
3/4H

**Week 10**

Holy Week