Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that we are only a bit over 4 weeks away from the end of the school year.

Remembrance Day

Last Friday we held our Campus Remembrance Day Ceremony. It was once again a beautiful ceremony, where all those present remembered and thanked all the people who have suffered in war, in order to keep our country safe and free, and to try to make the world a better place. The children led the ceremony and we were fortunate to have a Catafalque party and members of the Defence Force present for this very special service. All of the children from both schools participated in the service in a very respectful manner and I was very proud of the manner in which the children conducted themselves.

A big thank you must go to Deb Thompson who is the Campus Defence Aid, for the great work she does in making this an appropriate, respectful and reverent experience and to the classes from both schools who participated so reverently and respectfully... Lest we forget.

State Election Issue – Fair funding for Catholic Schools in South Australia

You would all be aware that there will be a State Election in March next year. As part of this election campaign, I encourage you to speak to your local member of parliament about their commitment to appropriately funding your child’s education. Catholic Schools currently educate 20% of the students in South Australia in 103 schools. Catholic Schools currently receive significantly lower State Government funding per student than the National Average. Catholic Schools also receive no funding for capital development from the State Government. This means that all buildings on Catholic Schools need to be funded by the schools themselves, which means that parents pay higher than the national average in school fees. Children who attend Catholic Schools should be entitled to fair funding from the State Government. Families of children who attend Catholic Schools, pay their fair share of State taxes and should be able to expect funding that is comparable to that offered to Catholic Schools by other State Governments around the country. I have included two fact sheets in this newsletter, which graphically illustrate the funding facts as they currently stand. I have recently sent letters about our desire for a better funding deal to both the Labour and Liberal candidates in our electorate. As part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that we are doing the best we can as a school community to support your children in their learning and development I would appreciate your feedback on how effectively the School is operating.

We are well underway in our planning for the 2018 school year. If your children will not be returning to Our Lady of Hope in 2018 or if you know of someone who is still looking to enrol their child for next year, can I please ask that you inform the school ASAP. We are currently placing children into classes for next year and having up to date information allows us to do this more effectively.

God Bless,

Ashley Keane
Principal

OLOH Principal’s Survey for Parents & Caregivers

As a part of our ongoing efforts to ensure that we are doing the best we can as a school community to support your children in their learning and development I would appreciate your feedback on how effectively the School is operating.

Our 2017 Principal’s Survey can be accessed via the following ways:

- By clicking on the link to the Survey below:  
- By entering the details below into your web browser;
- by accessing the link to the Survey via your Skoolbag app;

Absentee Advice: Please remember to advise the Front Office of your child’s absence for any reason by 9.00 am via the SkoolBag App, SMS 0407602435 or on 8289 8344.

Volunteers Morning Tea

We will be having our annual Volunteers Morning Tea on Tuesday 21st November at 11.00 am in the staffroom. We are very fortunate at Our Lady of Hope School to currently have 143 registered volunteers.

This is a wonderful example of how we as a community, work in partnership together.

We look forward to seeing as many of our volunteers as possible at our Campus Volunteer Morning Tea. If you have not already RSVP’d, please do so this week as it will assist us with catering requirements.

The morning tea is an opportunity for the staff to thank you all for the wonderful work that you do in many areas i.e. listening to reading, working in the canteen, helping with class activities, excursion assistance, Scholastics, school banking, sporting carnivals and after school sports, Parents and Friends Committee, Mother’s and Father’s Day stalls, OLOH Day Picnic, Sports Day, fundraising and the list goes on.

We appreciate the time our Volunteers offer to the school, whether it is a regular routine or just when you have time, everything you do makes a difference.
Principal’s Awards contd.

- Gracie A - For trying her best even when things are hard.
- Brodie S - Even when he really wanted to give up a hard task he pushed on until it was completed.
- Imogen R - For consistently completing work to a high standard and applying a growth mindset to unfamiliar tasks.
- Tomas A - For working collaboratively with all class members and becoming a more active participant in class discussions.
- Sofia M - For working hard in class and becoming more independent in overcoming challenges.
- Harry F - For showing determination when researching information for his passion project.
- Joshua S - For putting time and effort into his handwriting and taking pride in his bookwork.
- Liam J - For putting time and effort into his handwriting and taking pride in his bookwork.
- Alexander P - For showing perseverance in trying to work through his home learning activities each week.
- Larissa D - For completing her work with improved organisation and determination.
- Brooke B - For always trying her best in all areas.

Relationship:
- Koby M - For showing us all how to get along with others in a positive manner.
- Emilio P - For showing friendship and including others in a positive way.
- Tahlia A - For being a friendly class member who is willing to help others.

Responsibility:
- Domenico P - For always following the class and school rules.
- Sophie H - For following the class rules and helping to look after our classroom.
- Isabella S - For being a responsible organiser in class when checking diaries or reading books.

Official OLOH Facebook Site

The link to the official OLOH Facebook site is: https://www.facebook.com/olohschoolgreenwith"

Term 4 Fees

Term 4 fee statements were mailed out in Week 1. Fees were due to be finalised by the year for Friday 10th November.

If you are experiencing difficulties paying your fees, please make an appointment to see the Bursar, Charmaine Gillard, for a confidential conversation about your circumstances.

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities


Southern Cross

The Southern Cross is the official newspaper of the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide. If you would like to read the November 2017 Digital Edition, please click on the link: http://www.thesoutherncross.org.au

Weekly Archdiocesan Newsletter

For interesting news and articles around the Archdiocese of Adelaide, access the Weekly Archdiocesan Newsletter by clicking on the following link: http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/parishes-and- mass-times/newsletters-from-archbishop-s-office

Music Exam Results

Congratulations to both Amelia S from Room 14 and Rohan F from Room 18 on their recent Grade 1 AMEB Exam for Alto Saxophone: A (Honours). Well done!

Canteen

The canteen is urgently in need of help between 12.00 and 1.00 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and some Thursdays. Help is also appreciated at other times. Even 30 minutes can be of great help. If you are interested in volunteering, you do need to have a current Volunteer Accreditation. If you do not have one and would like to help, please visit the Front Office for more information.

Sue Firman, Canteen Manager

P&F

We will be opening Room 5 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2.30 pm. Come in for a chat - tea and coffee available for $2.
Religious Education

Class Mass

The next class mass will be tomorrow (Friday 17th Nov.), held by Room 8 and 13 at 9.15 am. If you can attend this celebration, that would be great. We hope to see you there!

Christmas Hampers

It is that time of the year again, but earlier! Denise from St Vinnies has asked us to put together class food hampers. Contributing to class hampers is one way of helping children to understand that they are continuing Jesus’ work by caring for someone less fortunate.

All food donations need to be given to your child’s teacher.

The food items that St Vinnies require are as follows: ham (450g), carrots (440g), peas (420-440g), beans (440g), potatoes (420g-440g), corn (400g-420g), Christmas Cake (700-800g), custard (1L), Christmas pudding (700g-800g), tinned fruit (825g), beetroot (425g), 100 teabags, long-life milk (1L), cordial (2L), mince pies (½ dozen), lollies (no chocolates please) and Bon–Bons (pkt 6–12).

All donations will need to be at school by Thursday 30th November in Week 7.

Feast of Christ the King

Sunday 26th November will be the Feast of Christ the King. In the gospel reading, we will be exploring the coming of God’s kingdom. We will question “Who will be part of the kingdom?” Our Gospel reading provides us with the answers. We will not be judged on how much we know, how good we appeared to others but instead on what we have done, how we have acted towards others and how we have extended love and concern to others, particularly those in need.

We reflect upon how our Christianity extends into our daily lives and whether we see our activities as being a part of God’s call to follow Jesus.

Giving is the Greatest Act of Grace

Last Sunday there was a Sustainable Living Festival in Gawler. This Festival celebrates sustainability and aims to teach, encourage and inspire us to live a more environmentally friendly lifestyle. Room 4 students entered a competition. They used recycled coffee jars and turned them into cookie jars. They made the cookies with help from volunteers from their class. Then all 23 students designed an eye-catching label. They could only use six labels (as they only had six jars) so they voted on which labels would be used.

Once the competition was over, these jars of cookies will be donated to Fred’s Van, where they will be given to families in need. The students now have a better understanding about giving new life to materials that would otherwise be thrown away but also the understanding of giving to others less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you to Room 4 for great initiative in sustainability and your care for families in need.

Suzie Subotkiewicz
Hope Grows News!

We have been very busy in the Hope Grows garden this term. We have again been planting new vegetable seedlings and our first spring crops have been harvested, which were snow peas! Of course, we had a taste test and then offered them to Room 10 and they loved it!

At our last assembly, we had a Mini Hope Grows morning market and sold some herbs, kale and spinach. All proceeds went to purchasing more seedlings. Thank you for your support!

7-11 Cans For Kids

A Cans For Kids Logo.

Hello. The Cans for Kids Volcanic Relief Competition is going very well. We are aiming to reach $1000 as our goal.

This is a place where all of our cans go and then get counted again and put into different piles.

Some of our many cans in our big pile.

With the money we raise Ms KR will buy supplies for the kids and families in the refugee camps. With this money, we are thinking we might buy medical kits containing band-aids, bandages, antiseptic wipes, itching cream and mosquito/bug creams. We could also buy something for the kids to keep them entertained and busy learning, such as skipping ropes, kites, balls, crayons, pencils and paper. We are also hoping to raise enough to build toilets and provide clean filtered water.
REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

Your OLOH Science Committee is excited to be constructing a Sensory Garden in partnership with Hope Grows. To create this garden, we are asking for the following donations:

- A roll of artificial grass
- Bag of coloured gravel and garden bark
- Old Floor Tiles
- Old Bird Bath

Donations to Room 14
Mr Longo, Key Science Teacher

GARDENING DESIGN PROJECT
ROOM 17 & 18

As a class, we were looking at God’s Creation. We looked at Genesis and Aboriginal Dream Time stories. We recognised that our environment is a special gift from God and that we need to take care of it. We watched documentaries such as “War on Waste” and we discussed how we can reduce rubbish in our environment. We made posters promoting recycling and did presentations on saving the environment.

Mrs Pierens considered using the Garden at the front of the Middle School building as a project for Room 17 and 18. We wanted to create our own garden environment so we can nurture it and look after it. Our task was to design a garden of native plants. We chose to use native plants to reflect on how beautiful our country really is and by planting native plants, it means that we can help save our native wildlife. We spent lots of time researching different native plants and planning the design of the garden.

Both Room 17 and 18 put lots of effort into their garden projects and everyone’s ideas contributed to the final design. We were so lucky to have this opportunity to design a garden in our school. We now hope that everyone will be able to enjoy and respect our garden for years to come.

On Thursday 23rd November, Rooms 10-16 will be having a Science Incursion. This incursion will form part of a Science Day, where I will also be planning a special session for the students in between the two Science performances. I will demonstrate a Stomp Rocket, talk about the Science behind how a Stomp Rocket works, and touch on Newton’s 3 Laws of Motion. Finally, I will get students into groups to make and test their own Stomp Rockets at the end of the day.

Before I start to purchase materials, I would like to ask our generous school community if you have any of the materials that you would like to donate for this event. As students will be placed into groups of 4, I am looking at maybe 40 of each of the following:-

- empty two litre plastic drink bottles
- duct tape
- 12 inch piece of ½ “ PVC pipe
- 6” used piece of bicycle inner tube

Thanking you in advance.

Cos Longo, Science Key Teacher

Science News

Build a Stomp Rocket!
You are invited to our
Volunteers’ Morning Tea
Tuesday, 21st November
at 11:00am
in the Staffroom

Please RSVP by Tuesday, 14th November
by email to info@olah.catholic.edu.au or
in person to the front office or
by telephoning the front office
on 8289 8344.

Funding Facts
Fair Funding for
SA Catholic Schools

Catholic schools educate 1 in 5 students in SA
Catholic schools make a significant contribution to the vitality of South Australia, educating close to 20% of students.
We welcome students from a diverse range of backgrounds, including:
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- migrants and children of refugee experience
- students with disability
- students on school card and reduced fees.

How does school funding work?
On average, SA Catholic schools are funded by the State government (14%), the Federal government (54%) and parent contributions via school fees (32%).

Students in SA Catholic schools short-changed $15.8 million* in 2017
South Australian State government funding to each student in a Catholic school is the lowest of all States and Territories in Australia.

*Calculation based on current student enrolments. Funding source data: NCEA Annual Report 2015.
Parent membership of the Board is vital in the operation of Our Lady of Hope School as it plays an important role in forming policies, discerning the school’s directions and overseeing the financial and capital programs of the school. Please take the time to consider being involved in the decision-making and policy review in YOUR child/children’s school, by nominating yourself or someone else for membership of the Board on the nomination slip below.

2018 School Board Nomination Slip

I wish to nominate ……………………… for the Our Lady of Hope School Board

(Printed name) .......................................................... (Signature)

I ___________________________ accept the nomination and understand the commitment I

(Print name)

would be making if I were elected. ___________________________ (Signature of Nominee)

Please return to the front office in an envelope marked Confidential – School Board Nomination

by Friday 1st December