Hi All,

I am finding it very hard to believe that we have only two weeks left of the 2017 School Year.

As the 2017 year draws to a close, we are finalising our plans for next year. I would like to briefly share with you some of our plans for the 2018 school year.

I am pleased to announce that the School Board has approved a 13 class structure for the 2018 school year. What this means is that we will once again be able to offer smaller class sizes in 2018 and retain all of our fantastic contract staff for 2018.

It is with pleasure and a hint of sadness that I announce that Kellie Baker has been appointed as a Year 3 teacher at St. Catherine’s at Stirling in 2018. Kellie has been at Our Lady of Hope this year working in Room 3 on Thursdays and Fridays teaching our Year 1/2 class. Kellie has made a significant contribution to the development of our school garden and has done a wonderful job this year.

I also wish to announce that our Italian teacher Adele Arnese has been successful at winning a full time position at Southern Montessori School. Adele has been at Our Lady of Hope throughout the 2017 school year, has a strong passion for teaching Italian, and has done a wonderful job with our Italian program.

We wish both Kellie and Adele all the best as they move to their new schools.

Children will meet their teacher for 2018 on Friday 8th December. A letter will be sent home on this day informing parents of the class placements for 2018.

As part of our plans for next year, we are investing in the purchase of over 100 new iPads for student use, which will increase the number of devices supplied by the school (iPads and laptops) for student use to over 200 devices. We will also continue to support and encourage the Bring Your Own Device program for students in Years 4-7. We are upgrading our wireless capacity in order to cater for the introduction of these new devices. Staff will also be undergoing some whole staff professional learning in the area of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) and how to effectively use technology to engage students and improve learning outcomes.

In addition to this, we will be signing every child up to an online learning resource called Literacy Planet, which provides students and teachers with a range of activities in every area of literacy, which are linked to the learning outcomes prescribed in the Australian Curriculum.

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Year 7 Retreat contd.

I look forward to seeing you all at what promises to be a very prayerful and enjoyable final celebration of the school year.

Students can wear casual clothes to school on this day and need to wear their correct full summer uniform to Mass. The air conditioner works very well, so younger students may wish to bring their school jumper.

End of 2017 start of 2018

I would like to remind you that school finishes at OLOH for the children at 3.05 pm on Thursday 14th December for children in Reception to Year 6. Year 7 students will finish school on Wednesday 13th December. Friday 15th December will be a Pupil Free Day. The teachers and other staff will still be at school on that day for transition meetings and other end of year duties.

School starts again next year for all students on Monday 29th January. The teachers and other staff will be back at school officially from Tuesday 23rd January, and the school office will also be open from that date.

God Bless,

Ashley Keane
Principal

OLOH Principal’s Survey for Parents & Caregivers

REMINDER - 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; https://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/olohparentsurvey2017
- by entering the details into your web browser;
- by accessing the link to the Survey via your Skoolbag app;
- or alternatively, if you do not have access to the internet at home, at work or on your phone and you would like to complete the survey, please come into the office between 8.30-9 am or 2.30-3 pm by Monday 4th December and ask at the front office for access to our staffroom computer to complete the survey.

The survey opened at 3.05 pm on 16th November and closes at 11.59 pm on Monday 4th December. I thank you in anticipation of your support.
Religious Education

End of Year Mass

I invite all families to attend our End of Year Mass on Tuesday 12th December at St David’s Church (located at 2 Vizard Rd, Tea Tree Gully).

The theme for the Mass is ‘Radiating Hope’. The students need to be seated by 6.30 pm, ready to sing Christmas Carols with the school band. Mass will commence after the Christmas Carols at 6.50 pm.

Casual Day in Week 9

Our Social Justice Group are organising our final Casual Day of the year to raise money for Catholic Charities. The Casual Day will be held on Tuesday 12th December. Students can wear casual clothes on this day for a gold coin donation enabling the children to wear their summer uniform at Mass that night. (A flyer will be going home next week to give you a reminder.)

Advent Activities

Last Friday, we had a whole school event to celebrate the Advent season. The students put a lot of effort into each activity. Here are some photos from one of the activities:

Mrs Roger’s Year 7 cooking class using fresh produce from Hope Grows Garden!

A couple of weeks ago, our Year 7s discovered different ways to grow potatoes, including in a garden bed and even in a rubbish bin!

They dug up potatoes and picked all of the leeks in preparation to make a delicious potato and leek soup.

The students washed, peeled and chopped all the vegetables.

All of the students had a taste (and some even had seconds!) We had a lot of fun!
Term 4 Fees

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

Advance Notice from the Canteen

The canteen wishes to advise that the last day for lunch orders this term will be Wednesday 13th December. There will be limited items only for purchase over the counter on Thursday 14th December. Sue Firman, Canteen Manager

Advance Notice - Uniform Shop opening in 2018

There will be a special opening of the uniform shop during the week before school goes back on Wednesday 24th January from 9 am – 11 am only. Please try to come in during this time if you need anything before school starts as the opening on the first day of each term is notoriously busy.

Openings during school terms will continue each Monday from 9.30-10.30 am and 2.30 – 3.30 pm and there are only two Mondays left for this term.

Orders can also be placed by completing an order form (available from the office or our website) and returning it with your payment (in full) to the uniform slot in the front office. (Orders will only be processed during uniform shop opening hours).

School hats are available for purchase from the front office at any time.

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.

Upcoming Diary Dates

Friday 1st December
9.15 am Room 1 and 2 (Reo) Liturgy
Monday 4th December
Uniform shop open 8.30-9.30 am and 2.30-3.30 pm
Tuesday 5th December
9.15-10.45 am 2nd Transition for new students in T1/2018
Wednesday 6th December
School Banking
Thursday 7th December
6.00 pm Year 7 Mass & Graduation
Monday 11th December
Uniform shop open 8.30-9.30 am and 2.30-3.30 pm
Year 6 Liturgy & Lunch
7.00 pm School Board Dinner
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After School Sports Results

Under 9 Indoor Soccer Heat
20/11 OLOH Heat defeated by SFX Sharks 6-1
27/11 OLOH Heat drew with Metro Stars 3-3
Under 11 Indoor Soccer Power
20/11 OLOH Power defeated by Vista 16-1
27/11 OLOH Power defeated by St. David’s Jets 6-4
Under 7 Netball Diamonds
16/11 OLOH Diamonds defeated GGLPS T-0
23/11 OLOH Diamonds drew with Highbury Angels 1-1
Under 9 Netball Storm
20/11 OLOH Storm defeated Keithcott Knights 12-1
27/11 OLOH Storm defeated OLOH Raptors 12-2
Under 11 Netball Gems
17/11 OLOH Gems forfeited to GS Lightning Bolts
24/11 OLOH Gems defeated Heights Phoenix 14-9
Under 13 Netball Strikers
17/11 OLOH Strikers forfeited to Lightning Strikers
24/11 OLOH Strikers – Bye

Secondhand Uniform Shop Sale Procedure

If you have any uniform items in good condition which you would like to sell, bring them into the Uniform Shop or drop them off at the Front Office. Please ensure you follow the procedure below:

- All items should be washed and in good condition;
- All names on clothing should be removed;
- Collect a form from the Uniform Shop or Front Office and complete your details regarding payment of funds into your account if the items are successfully sold within 12 months;
- A service fee of 20% from all items sold goes to the school.

Oblate Feast Day: Please come and celebrate this special feast with our Oblate Priests. Mass at Dernancourt Parish at 7 pm followed by a shared supper in the Hall.

Anointing of the Sick Mass: Saturday 16th December at 10 am. Followed by a shared morning tea in the foyer.

Regional 2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Tuesday 19th December at St David’s Church, 7.30 pm

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December
Normal morning Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent
9 am at Our Lady of Hope Chapel
10.30 am at St David’s Catholic Church

Christmas Eve Mass Times
- Children’s Mass at St David’s Church 6 pm
- 6.30 pm at Our Lady of Hope Chapel
- St David’s Church at 9 pm and Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY
- 9 am at Our Lady Of Hope Chapel
- 10.30 am at St David’s Church
- NO EVENING MASS

The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities

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