A Student’s Prayer at the Beginning of School Year

We give you praise, O God, for everything that is new and beautiful, for everything which holds promise and brings us joy.

Bless us as we start this new year with our friends and teachers. Help us to make the most of every chance we have to start afresh. May we show love to one another and to all.

May the new beginning of this school year remind us that you give us chances to start over again and again. Help us to forgive others as we receive your forgiveness.

Help us to learn and to work together. Help us to listen when we should and to know the best words when we speak and when it is better not to speak.

We thank you for our friends. Help us to be good friends this year. Help us to be patient with ourselves and with others.

Bless our school and keep us safe. Be with us as we travel each day. Help us to be aware of your love shown to us in the people around us.

Help us show our care for them and to say sorry when we need to.

May the Blessed Mother Mary protect us. And help us to live as well as we can, giving thanks and glory to God as she did.

Welcome back everyone. I would like to welcome all students, families and staff back to school for the 2015 school year. It is good to see happy smiling faces from all. I hope your holidays were relaxing and enjoyable. I have been around to all the classrooms and have spoken to the students and it sounds like a great deal of fun and relaxation was had during the holidays… and most were quite keen to be back at school. It has been a very smooth start to the year and it was fabulous to see the students eager to commence a new school year. A special thank you to the staff of OLC for their dedication and commitment to ensuring that everything was ready to begin on the first day. This ensured an organised start to our learning programme. We welcome Mrs Kristy Leahy (Kindy). Miss Monique Prowse Year 1), Mrs Kristy Hunt (Year 3), Mr Sean McSevich (Year 4), Mr Adrian Torrese (Assistant Principal) and Mrs Lynn Peacock (Education Assistant in PP).

We also welcome back the following teachers who have been on leave: Mrs Gemma Sorgiovanni (PP – Fridays), Alison Martin and Amie Meyer.
We extend a special welcome to all our Kindergarten students and their families. We also extend a special welcome the following new students and their families; Georgia Breheny (PP), Jasper Edwards (PP), Charlie McLennaughn (PP), Max McLennaughn (PP), Azzura Ciciarelli (PP), Isaac Roberts (PP), Jude Bowler-Wright (Yr5), Reuben Duyvestein (Yr2), Sienna Torrese (Yr3), Jasper Torrese (Yr1) and Oliver Darlington (Yr1).

**OLC School Values**

Last term the staff of OLC developed the following School Values;

- **Compassion**
- **Appreciation**
- **Respect**
- **Excellence**

These values will now underpin all that we do at OLC now and into the future. The classroom teachers have spoken to the students about these values and they have developed their classroom rules with these values in mind. Please talk to your child/ren about these values as they are very important to all of us. Many thanks to the staff.

**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Louise and Eduardo Marques on the safe arrival of Francisco.

**Newsletters**

This year newsletters will be emailed home on **Thursday** of each fortnight. If you do not have an email, please see Fran in the front office otherwise your newsletter will be emailed to you. If you have changed your email address please notify the office ASAP.

**Parent Teacher Nights**

Each year these evenings are held so that you can meet your child’s classroom teacher and they will inform you about the daily operation of the class and how the home/school relationship can be further enhanced. A note will be sent home from each teacher providing the date and time of these meetings. All meeting this year will commence at 7.00pm.

**Before and After school**

Please be aware and courteous to the teacher who is helping the students across the road at the crosswalk after school. Please slow down and be aware that students will be crossing here.

Please drive SLOWLY in the school carpark and be aware of students in and around the cars. We have had a few close calls this week. Thank you for your support with these matters.

**School Hours**

A reminder that the school takes responsibility for students between 8.30am and 3.20pm. **Students are not to arrive at school prior to 8.30am and parents are asked to ensure that students are picked up before 3.20pm.** Playgrounds are not to be used by students before and after school as supervision is not provided in these areas. Children who arrive late not only disadvantage themselves but also disrupt classes. Teachers mark registers first thing each morning and it is time consuming to make alterations for late arrivals. Being punctual is an essential life skill for all.

**Student Absenteeism**

If your child arrives any time after 8.50am you must sign them into the school by completing an absentee/late form in the front office. Please do not just send them to the classroom.

If your child is absent from school, a written explanation is required by the class teacher in order to fulfil legal responsibilities. Should a child need to be collected during the school day for any reason, the Student Movement Book in the office must be filled in.
If your child is away from school you must notify the school by 9.30am and an Absentee Form must be completed as soon as your child returns to school. As a requirement from the Catholic Education Office, parents **MUST** notify (by email or phone call) the school by 9.30am if your child/ren will be absent from school for that day. If the school has not been notified by 9.30am of your child’s absence, you will receive a SMS text message (at your expense) to explain the absence. If you have previously filled out an absentee note or notified the classroom teacher of your child’s absence then you do not have to notify the school. This applies to all students of OLC from Kindy to Year 7.

**Uniforms**

- All students will wear sports uniform on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- No Hat – No Play operates in ALL Terms. A school hat needs to be worn. Children should be sun screened before leaving home.
- Only plain white (above the ankle height) socks are to be worn with sports uniform. These are available from the uniform shop. No low cut socks.
- Grey school socks as available through the uniform shop are to be worn with shoes. No boots.
- Joggers and not casual shoes to be worn on sports days. Joggers to be predominately white, **NO SOLID** coloured shoes allowed (see school website for examples).
- School scrunchies are to be used to tie back hair. Please do not use decorative flowers and so forth.
- Chains with crucifixes or medallions may be worn inside clothing. Ankle bracelets, leather bands or other neckwear are not to be worn to school. Only plain sleepers or studs to be worn.
- Shirts need to be tucked in except for sports days.
- School is not a fashion show and individual styles if allowed, through peer pressure, place demands on other families to provide similar experiences for their children.
- Only matching sleeper earrings or studs to be worn. One earring or stud of a matching pair to be worn in each ear. An earring in one ear only is not to be worn. No other body piercing is permitted.
- No nail polish or makeup is allowed during school hours.

For any further information please see the OLC School Uniform Policy on the school website.

**Hair**

Hairstyles, in keeping with the concept of uniform, should be natural and conservative. Student’s personal appearance at primary school level should be totally natural. School is not a fashion show and individual styles if allowed, through peer pressure, place demands on other families to provide similar experiences for their children.

Hairstyles need therefore to conform to the following standards:

- Hair is to be clean, off the face and appropriately groomed and combed.
- Hair is not to be coloured or styled in an unnatural way.
- Hair (for boys) is to be cut to collar length.
- For hygiene reasons hair below collar length must be tied back with a school ‘scrunchy’. Fashion or fad hairclips are not part of the uniform.

**Jewellery**

The wearing of jewellery is not encouraged at Our Lady of the Cape for safety reasons. A watch and/or necklace with a Christian symbol may be worn.

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**Nut Allergy Precautions**

This year we have a number of students enrolled who have an allergy to nuts and nut based products. In order to provide a safe environment for our students, the canteen will ensure that no nut based items are on the menu or used in food production. The school is aware of the need to reduce the risk of an anaphylactic attack and is preparing a protocol in response to nut related allergies.

- Please provide your child with a clearly named lunchbox and stress the importance of not sharing their lunch with other children. This will be reinforced at school.
- If sending items to school for a birthday celebration or a school sanctioned shared lunch, please ensure that no nut based ingredients are used.
- If your child has a nut allergy, please alert the teacher if you would prefer your child not to participate in shared birthday cakes and so forth.
If possible and to reduce the chance of an accidental sharing of food, think of alternatives to nut based products as food brought to school by all children.

Alert the administration and your classroom teacher as to specific reasonable requests and medical requirements.

Have a great week

Cheers

Alan Morrison
Principal
Catechist After-School Programme

Children’s classes are conducted throughout the school terms (commencing second term) on Tuesday afternoons from 3.45pm to 4.30pm.

Commencement Term Dates:
Term 2: Tuesday, 21 April
Term 3  Tuesday, 21 July 2015
Term 4  Tuesday, 13 October 2015

Sacraments:
Reconciliation - Year 3
Eucharist   - Year 4
Confirmation - Years 6 & 7

If you would like your child to participate in any of these Sacraments, please contact Father Ian on 9755 3944, or Ruther Morley on 9755 8816

Medications
If your child holds requires medications for a health condition, please contact Fran in the school office, if you have not already advised the school. All medications need to be held by the office and an Action Plan completed. Please note, it is the parent’s responsibility to ensure all medications held at the school are kept up to date.

Peter Pan DVDs
If you ordered a Peter Pan DVD last year, please collect from the school office.

UNIFORM ORDERS FOR NEXT YEAR

A reminder that the uniform shop is open from 8.45am – 9.15 on Wednesdays during school term and the first Monday of each term at the same time.

Don’t forget the second hand uniforms can be accessed by collecting the key from the School Office at any time during school hours. Many good quality items for a fraction of the price.

Uniform Shop Volunteers
Thank you to Bec Smith has kindly offered to continue to run the uniform shop again next year. Thank you also to Alison Martin who has put her hand up to help. We appreciate your willingness to contribute to OLC in this way!

Lost Property
Please check the lost property for any items your child may have lost. Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled.

Canteen
Please see attached the Canteen Menu for Term 1 – this can also be accessed from our website. Volunteers required – please contact Fflur on 0409 104 409.

Note: Canteen commences 17th February.
Closed next week due to swimming lessons.

Roster
Tuesday 17th Feb Admanda Prestipino Vanessa Hodge
BABY SITTING
If you need a child sitter, Jack Marrell, a responsible 15 year old ex-OLC student (who was very popular with the younger children!) is available to help you out. Reasonable rates.
Please contact Fran on 0421 712 092.

Hi everyone, hockey enrolment time is coming around again. If you cannot make the muster and would like to join the Dunsborough hockey club please complete an enrolment form (available from the school office) and return me at anitatim@westnet.com.au or call me on 0400567797.

We are looking forward to a great year of hockey and welcoming both existing and new players to the club.
Thanks, Anita ness,
Coordinator of Dunsborough hockey club

Junior Hockey
“Have a Go”¶ & Registration Day¶

Friday 20th February ----5pm - 7pm¶

*Come along and “have a go” on our amazing synthetic turf.*
*Lots of fun games to play.*

SPORTFIRST-SHOP-OPEN¶
Sportfirst will have a shop open at the muster.
Stock up on sports gear for the coming season.
Great deals available.

2015-Season-Grades¶
Ages 6-17¶

→ Pre-primary to year 5 (Mixed) modified rules $50 (free including all games and insurance.)
→ Equipment packs available *optional*
→ Years 6-12 (Boys & Girls) $90
→ Years 7-12 (Boys and Girls) $60

Year 12’s not playing A2 or SW may be eligible to play Years 9-12¶

Existing players¶
You can register on registration day, through your team manager or school hockey co-ordinator.

(Semi-finals situated at Bussell Park, Vasse Hwy, Busselton behind the footy grounds)

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First game 3.45pm - 4.45pm Ages 5 to 9 yrs
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EVERY TUESDAY DURING SCHOOL TERM
COST $4.50
Teams Are Made Up On The Day
Call us on 97 553966 at the Naturaliste Community Centre

Salsa - Latin Dancing for FUN!
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Fun and Creative classes for 2-5yrs
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OR EMAIL US FOR MORE INFO:
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