"God of Love, as we gather at the start of a new working year, we pray that You open our minds to know Your voice, open our hands to do Your work and open our hearts to receive Your Spirit. The old year has gone. The weeks and months to come are pure gifts. Fill this New Year with Your grace and compassion, so that all who come into our lives may see a reflection of Your Spirit."

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to the beginning of the 2017 school year. I hope all families have had a restful holiday and the opportunity to relax with family and enjoy the good weather. The staff have been working hard to prepare for the new school year and the children have settled in very quickly. I thank Pat Torpey and Lynette Brugliera who have met with me to ensure as smooth a handover as possible and I wish Pat well in his new appointment to St Justin’s Wheelers Hill.

Let me introduce myself. I retired at the end of 2015 after 21 years of principalship at Our Lady’s Ringwood and St John Vianney’s Parkdale and many years of teaching before that. In term 3 of last year I was Acting Principal at Our Lady’s Bayswater. I am delighted to have the opportunity to be part of the school and faith community of Our Lady’s Surrey Hills for terms 1 and 2. The children and staff have welcomed me warmly and we as a school will extend that welcome to Father Mark Reynolds, our new Parish Priest. Please introduce yourselves to me at school or pop into the office to say hello.

We welcome many new families to our school and trust that this will be the beginning of a long and fruitful association with the school. Welcome to the Neumann, Wynd, Ravenagh, Glass, Guan, Xu Brosolo, Tung, Parisi, Willis, Augier, Power, Hawking, Blackburn, Monkhouse and Campbell families.

We also welcome our Preps and new children:


Prep N: Maddie, Ruby, Lucy, Bronte, Emmy, Zara, Izzy, Katy, Matthew, Kelvin, Marco, Oliver, Ben, Tom, James, Sebby, Lenny and Harry


Thank you to the PFA and Bernadette Potter for organising the welcome morning tea. It was wonderful to see so many families there.

A full staffing list will be in next week’s newsletter.

Sincerely

Bernadette Hubbard

A proud Catholic tradition of Care and Achievement
**Dates Ahead**

There are several meetings and events already planned for term 1. Please make a note of these in your diaries as they are advised. With a change of parish priest we have held back some dates until we can confirm these with Father Mark, so please check the dates each week for new entries. They will be in the newsletter and on the Skoolbag app as they are confirmed.

**FEBRUARY**

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**ADVANCE NOTICE**

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY TUESDAY MARCH 14TH**

Staff attending Professional Development at St Luke’s Wantirna

**Parent Teacher Information Exchange**

On **Wednesday February 15th** we will be conducting Parent / Teacher Information Exchange sessions. Our interviews will commence at 2:00 pm, with formal classes concluding at **1:45 pm**. Parents who are able to pick their children up at this time are asked to do so. Staff will be available to care for children who cannot be collected at this time. An on-line booking service will be made available early next week.

The interviews are a valuable opportunity for teachers and parents to share information on a child’s development. Whilst two formal interviews are conducted each year, please feel free to see your child’s teacher should you have any issues or concerns. It is also important for teachers to receive any positive feedback – it helps create a wonderful sense of satisfaction in an ever increasingly difficult job and can better inform teachers of strategies and approaches to learning that are effective for your child.

**Sick Bay Linen**

I am once again looking for volunteers to assist with the laundering of the Sick Bay linen. If you are able to assist this year, please drop me a note via email or text message on the address/number below as soon as possible, stating your name and contact telephone number, so that I can get the roster organised and distributed. In past years, we have had sufficient help to ensure that each person is only required once or twice a year. For those who are new to Our Lady’s School and think that they could help out, the job is not an onerous one. It entails stripping the bed on the Friday after school, washing and returning the linen and making up the bed on Monday morning.

Lynette Brugliera: lbrugliera@olsurreyhills.catholic.edu.au      Tel: 0409338659

*Our Lady’s Primary School, Wattle Park*
Please note: Closing date and time for any items for the newsletter is now 9am each Wednesday. Late items will not be included until the following week. All items to be emailed to principal@olsurreyhills.catholic.edu.au or jleung@olsurreyhills.catholic.edu.au No hard copies can be accepted. We are unable to publish business ads but are happy to promote local community events.

TUCKSHOP
Tuckshop resumes on Friday 10th February 2017. Orders must be placed in a brown paper bag and placed in your child’s classroom basket by Wednesday 8th February, in order to be processed. A tuckshop list is attached
Regards
Rachel Voshege

Help Needed
Would any families who live locally to Catherine Street, Box Hill (off Albion Road, Box Hill) be able to help to pick up or drop off my Grade 1 boy. Any help short or long term would be appreciated and a booster seat is provided. If you are able to help me please contact Aime on 0412107083.
Thank you
OLWP Tuckshop Price List

Spaghetti Bolognese ........................................... $2.50
Lasagne ........................................................... $2.50
Pizza Single ....................................................... $1.50
Ham & Pineapple ................................................ $1.50
Pie ................................................................. $2.50
Party Pie ........................................................... $1.00
Sausage Roll ...................................................... $1.50
Party Sausage Roll ............................................. $1.00
Tomato Sauce .................................................... 0.10
Chips .............................................................. $1.00
Plain Salt & Vinegar Twirlies
Popcorn ............................................................ $1.00
Sweet Sea Salt
100% Juice Box ................................................... $1.00
Apple Tropical Orange
Frozen Fruit Stick ............................................... $0.50
Flavoured Milk (low fat 250 ml) .......................... $1.50
Chocolate
Strawberry
Paper Bags ......................................................... $0.10
X 20 $1.00

Orders can either be written on a large paper bag or you may order a paper bag (10c) and submit your order on a piece of paper or envelope. Please include the correct money as change cannot be given.

Please include:
Name
Grade
Order
Amount enclosed

Place orders in baskets outside classrooms on Thursday morning before school.

Any queries or suggestions please contact Annette Voshege

Rachel Voshege
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