Dear Parent,

We ask you to make sure that your child comes to school with a hat and a water bottle. We have sunscreen in each of our classes for the children to use before they go out to play. This is part of our Sun Smart policy and we ask you to support us in making sure we protect our children from the harmful rays of the sun as well as keep them well hydrated at all times.

As you would have noticed we begin each day with all classes having 10 minutes of morning movement. Our reason for doing this is based on research by Doctor John Medina who is a renowned molecular biologist focused on genes involved in human brain development. He has proven that exercising even for a short time in the morning results in better cognitive function throughout the whole day. This means that there is a direct correlation between improving learning and exercising. Thank you to Jo McManus our wonderful PE Leader who organises all the great activities for the children to enjoy each morning.

Introducing our school leaders and our 2015 curriculum design

All staff are leaders in their own ways but we have staff assigned to specific roles in the school who are leaders in the different areas of our school curriculum. They are focused on:

- Improving student learning and student growth across the curriculum
- Improving the curriculum we deliver across the school for ALL students
- Contemporising and personalising learning and teaching through innovative practices.

Christine Carabott who is in the role of Deputy Principal and Numeracy Leader is Learning and Teaching Leader for the Year 3 and 4 classes and supporting Numeracy initiatives across all levels.

Christina Trypis who is the Director of Learning and Teaching and Student Wellbeing Leader is Learning and Teaching Leader for the Year 5 and 6 classes and supporting the implementation of Faith, Life, Inquiry and Student Wellbeing initiatives across all levels.

Halina Lipski our Religious Education Leader is planning with teachers and working in classrooms supporting the implementation of RE initiatives across all Year levels.

Geraldine Maguire our Literacy Leader will be planning with teachers and supporting Literacy initiatives in all levels.

Carmel Menzies our ICT Leader is planning with teachers and working in the St Mary MacKillop Library to support with the implementation of ICT initiatives.

Tim Wickham is Student voice Leader and will be working with all staff to develop student voice projects and initiatives across all levels.

Prayer for God’s Blessing

We ask God’s blessing on our lives. God hears the prayers of the people.

Father,

We ask your blessing on our lives. Send us your Holy Spirit that we may live in your love and share that love with others.

May we be a living sign of Jesus to those around us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.
Congratulations to our 2015 Student Leaders

Our Leaders

School Captains
- Vivian Le
- Charlie Vu

Vice Captains
- Sophie Ilievski
- Zac Quattrocchi

WOODS-Blue House
- Ana Ibarra Rogel
- Richard Ngo

MAZENOD-Yellow House
- Bawi Tha Lang
- Lachlan Meilak

MACKILLOP-Green House
- Andy Nguyen
- Vivian Huynh

CHISHOLM-Red House
- Amy Phan
- Angus Hamilton

COME AND JOIN US AS FOR OUR FABULOUS FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Every Friday from 2:45pm to 3:10pm we have our Assembly in the School Hall. It is a time for the whole school to come together to hear the Gospel, pray together, celebrate children’s achievements and birthdays. We reflect on the week with our PowerPoint presentations which capture the main events of our week.

We are working hard to provide our students with a greater voice in all matters to do with school and learning and that is why you will see our students running the Assembly. We hope that you will join us as it is a great way to keep in touch with what is happening in the school.

Yours sincerely,

Patrizia Bertani

Ms Patrizia Bertani
Principal
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ROLE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS COMMITTEE

President
The President’s position carries a task of trust and responsibility and requires skill and time. The President should exercise authority with tact, be impartial and open to other points of view.
The main role of the President is to:
* Be the main representative/spokesperson for the P&F
* Liaise with the Committee members and set the agenda for meetings
* Be the main contact for agenda items
* Open the meetings punctually and ensure the agenda is followed
* Ensure those present at the meeting have the opportunity to discuss each item on the agenda prior to a decision being made
* Make sure, particularly on contentious matters, as many points of view as possible are expressed
* Make sure everyone is given an opportunity to speak and encourage members to speak by addressing questions to them
* Work towards a collaborative approach with other members of school community
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Vice-President
The Vice President plays an important role by assisting the President with P&F responsibilities and replacing the President and chair meetings in the absence of the President.

Secretary
The Secretary is very important to the efficient operation of the P&F. Duties and responsibilities include:
* Taking minutes at P&F and Committee meetings
* Photocopying and distributing minutes to Committee members along with agenda prior to the next meeting
* In consultation with the Principal and President:
* Providing a summary of the matters discussed at the meeting for display on the parents’ notice board
* Dealing with any incoming/outgoing correspondence

Treasurer
The Treasurer carries a task of trust and responsibility. Duties and responsibilities include:
* Taking charge of monies of the P&F
* Keeping accurate financial records of all receipts and expenditure
* Banking all money regularly
* Reporting regularly on the P&F’s financial position at meetings
* Preparing a financial report for the Annual General Meeting

Committee Members
Committee members have a responsibility to:
* Attend PFA meetings as regularly as possible and send apologies if unable to attend
* Help organise P&F activities and projects
* Work towards the best possible outcomes being achieved
* Be mindful that discussions should be on topics which are relevant to the whole school community
* Facilitate and nurture positive home/school relationships within the parent community
Election of the Our Lady’s School Parents and Friends Committee

**Nomination Form**

P & F Meeting – Wednesday 11 March 2015 at 7.00pm

Nominations are invited for the Our Lady’s School Parents & Friends Committee 2015.

**Nomination**

I, (your name) __________________________________________

Parent of  (name and grade of your child) ________________________________

Nominate: (name of person) __________________________________________

For the Position of:  (one form per nomination)

President    Vice President

Secretary    Treasurer

**Signed**

Nominator: ___________________________  Date: __________________

**Nomination Acceptance**

I, (nominee) __________________________________________

Parent of  (name and grade of your child) ________________________________

Accept the nomination as indicated above.

Nominee’s Signature: ___________________________  Date: ____________

*ALL NOMINATION FORMS ARE TO BE HANDED TO THE PRINCIPAL BY 9:00AM WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2015*
A reminder that all Year 7 2016 Applications for Catholic Secondary Colleges close at the end of February.

Please make sure your Applications are fully completed and at the Catholic Secondary College by this date.

Dear Families,

For afternoon tea, a large fruit platter is served in addition to the items listed above. Afternoon Tea and the Daily Activities may change due to circumstances on any given day. Our program is designed for children of different ages and differences. Outside play is encouraged when the weather is fine. Children have a choice to participate in inside or outside activities.

2015 enrolments are open now and you can fill the enrolment forms online from our website, www.childrensservices.ymca.org.au before your child attends the session.

For more information please contact our staff at Our Lady’s School from 2:45 p.m-6:00 p.m.

If you or someone else is picking up your child (children) early on your behalf and if you child/ren are not attending the after school care, please let OSHC coordinator know (phone number: 0401 700 401).

CANCELLATION POLICY REMINDER

Cancellations must be made in writing or online with one week’s notice. Normal fees apply if these requirements are not met. You’re assistance with this enables us to remain compliant within the boundaries of our licence, child to staff ratios and to provide the best possible care to the children attending.
Gospel
MK 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: ‘If you want to’ he said ‘you can cure me.’ Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. ‘Of course I want to!’ he said. ‘Be cured!’ And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, ‘Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.’ The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!

Say ___________ of this to anyone; but go and __________ yourself to the __________, then make an offering at the __________ as Moses __________; then all will know you are __________.

temple
show
commanded
nothing
healed
priest

How were people with leprosy treated in Jesus’ time?

What are some things we can do for sick people today?

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