The Journey Begins

As we step into this new year,
Restore our spirits.
Renew our passion for sharing your wisdom
And nurture our compassion
For those in need of greater support.
Transform us as we seek to transform:
Guide us as we seek to guide;
Open our minds and hearts
As we seek to open minds and hearts
To the Good News of justice and peace.
Help us listen more deeply
To the world and to your Word,
So we can walk with those in our care,
Attentive to the Wisdom that
Calls us all to the Kingdom of God.

Welcome to our 2015 school year. A special welcome to our Prep children and their families, and a big welcome to children who have joined us in different year levels across the school. Our school year has started in a very positive and calm manner; the children have settled quickly into their new classes and are enjoying the company of both old and new friends. I would like to express my thanks to the staff who spent a great deal of time a week or two before school came back setting up the children’s learning spaces. Our Year 5/6 children and Mrs Devlin’s class have settled into the new building and are enjoying this lovely new learning facility.

Over the holidays we had work completed on our science room, this will provide an exciting space for children to engage in the garden and participate in the ‘Stephanie Alexander Garden to Kitchen’ Program. Some of our children started Art classes with Mrs Donnelly this week and we look forward to children sharing some creative pieces over the coming weeks.

I would like to welcome three new staff members to Our Lady of the Rosary, Mr Kirk Anstee who will be teaching in the Year 3/4 level, Mrs Natalie Cleve will be taking library lessons and Mrs Kim Fisher has replaced Mrs Helen Dyer, our Literacy leader. I know that the children and families of OLR will make these new staff members most welcome.

You will notice a big change in the landscape of our school since the removal of the cypress trees on our school grounds. In the coming weeks we will be inviting interested parents to join our Gardening and Maintenance Group; this group will assist in developing a plan for this area and landscaping possibilities throughout the school. A number of tree trunks have been cut for seats and stepping stones; we hope to incorporate these into future landscaping plans. Families are invited to take a trailer of woodchips from the pile behind the tennis courts; you are invited to make a $10 donation for each trailer load taken. Please be aware that mulch from cypress trees need to sit for several weeks before placing on the garden.

Our current project is focused on addressing the fence on the opposite boundary and working on pathways into the school from the front and back entrance. We are also addressing the pathway next to the teachers’
car park; the roots of two trees are lifting the concrete path and causing a potential trip hazard. Over the holidays there has been some grinding done on the concrete and any raised concrete has been clearly marked to indicate caution. Can I ask parents to please be aware of this area and use with care as we work on solving this issue?

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**
Thank you mums and dads for ensuring children are in their correct school uniform. I have attached a copy of the uniform so that all parents and children are clear on what needs to be worn for both girls and boys. Can I ask that some attention be paid to the correct coloured socks worn? If we are aiming to be, *the best we can be*, we should be encouraging children to take pride in the uniform that identifies us as a school. There have been a number of queries in regard to the new sports rugby top. We are gradually introducing these into the school; children are able to wear their blue windcheaters and families can replace these with the new ruby top when ready. If families would like to order one now, orders can be placed at the office. We are currently waiting for our first order to arrive and will notify parents when these are available.

**PLEASE LABEL ALL CHILDREN’S CLOTHING WITH THEIR NAMES.**

**REMINDERS**
- There should be no one riding bikes, scooters or skateboards in the schoolyard before, after or during school hours.
- **Dogs** should not be in the schoolyard before, after or during school hours.
- There are a few children coming to school very early; this can be problematic in terms of supervision. Supervision in the yard begins at **8.30am**.

Thank you for your understanding with these issues.

**P&F - Parents & Friends**
All parents are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting for our Parents and Friends group. This will be held in the staffroom next Thursday morning at 9am. We are looking for nominations for a President and Vice President. Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter. The P&F is a great way to meet other parents and actively support fundraising and social events in the school. Major Fundraiser—March 21—please put this date in your diary. More information to follow in the coming weeks.

**CONGRATULATIONS**
A big congratulations to Jo and Matt Rogers, Mabel in Prep and her brother Artie, who welcomed a beautiful baby boy in the school holidays.

Have a great weekend everyone. I think summer is back for the next few days!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our beginning of the school year mass and picnic at the church this evening.

*Jenny*  

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This week we received the sad news that Stephen Cathcart died tragically in the Great Ocean Road Bike ride last weekend. Stephen was married to Trish and father of Caitlin, Seamus and Molly. Trish was a much loved staff member at OLR for several years. Caitlin, Seamus and Molly were students at OLR from the late 1990’s to 2008 when the family moved to Barwon Heads. Stephen and Trish gave much to the Kyneton Community - many will remember the fruit shop they established opposite IGA. Please keep Trish and her family in your prayers during this sad time.
Watch - Out - Week

The first week of our school year at OLR is dedicated to WOW – Watch Out Week – a focus on building relationships, identifying strengths and interests, goal setting and understanding expectations. Activities have been planned for the week to reinforce positive relationships and our school ROSARY Pillars –

Be Safe.
Be Co-operative.
Be the Best We Can.
Be Responsible and
Be Caring.

Student Leadership
Year 6 students take on many Leadership roles which are important in the running of our school. Year 6 Students will be meeting to nominate for their Leadership positions on Friday. Leadership is an opportunity for developing new skills and working as part of a team. Year 5 students will be Buddies to Prep Students and their role was also discussed.

African Drumming
The drumming workshops for classes P – 6 were an exciting experience for children. Children enjoyed the experience of playing the African drums and creating music and dance. It was encouraging to see children join in and have fun learning new skills.

SunSmart Day
Students were reminded about the 5 steps to being SunSmart and created posters which will be displayed around the school. As a SunSmart school all students and staff are required to wear hats when they are outside. We do not have any spare hats at school, any child without a hat will be restricted to the shade area at playtime and will sit in the shade for sport lessons when held outside. As outlined in our SunSmart Policy hats need to be worn from April 1 until September 30.

Mass and Family Twilight Picnic – at 6.00 tonight
All families are invited to join the school community for our beginning of year school Mass and followed by our picnic – this is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new families. The picnic will be held in the Church garden. Please bring picnic rugs and chairs. We hope to see you there.

Assemblies
Term 1

Monday February 16
3.00pm

Monday March 2
3.00pm

Monday March 16
3.00pm
Canteen
Welcome back everyone. Please find the new menu for 2015 on the school website, under the ‘community’ tab or pick up one in the school foyer.
For new parents, the first Friday of each month is ‘Pie Day’, which means we have beef pies, shepherds pies and sausage rolls for $2.00 each as well as the usual menu.
As tomorrow is the first Friday of the month it means it is Pie Day tomorrow!
The cake of the week tomorrow will be plum cake, fresh from my tree!
If you are a new parent and have any queries please call Louise on 0412 524 964.
Please also note—there will be no canteen on February 20, 2015.

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CLIMATE LEADERSHIP: CELEBRATING LOCAL HEROES
Saturday 28 Feb 2015
10am-4pm
Woodend
Community Garden and Hub, 47 Forest Street

Come and be part of the
KYNETON TIGERS
Season 2015

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12noon to 2pm
Sunday 22 February 2015
Kyneton Showgrounds Bottom Oval
Come and join the Kyneton Tigers and be part of a vibrant family club with over 200 local boys and girls
Under 10’s (boys & girls)
Under 12’s (boys & girls)
Under 14’s
Under 16’s
Under 18 Youth Girls

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