Dear Parents,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the passing of Russell Petrovic, father of Harley in Year 2. We ask for your prayers for Harley, Joanne and their family in this time of mourning.

With the term well under way, I have seen great enthusiasm in our students and staff as they undertake new roles for 2013. I would like to remind you of Sr Frances’s role as our school counsellor. Sr Frances is available to meet with parents and children on request to assist with any concerns you might have about your child’s wellbeing. You can contact Sr Frances via the school office throughout the week for appointments on Fridays.

I would like to extend a big thank you (arigatoo gozaimasu) to Mr Chris Anderson for his donation of a great range of Japanese resources to our school. Mr Anderson is a retired Japanese teacher from Mt St Patrick College, Murwillumbah. Amongst the resources were a number of traditional clothing items, dictionaries and posters.

By this time of the year we should all be well dressed in correct school uniform. Please ensure that your child does have all uniform components required and that any items still needed are purchased as soon as possible. Don’t forget that any incorrect uniform should be accompanied by a note of explanation.

It was fantastic to see so many parents at our P&F meeting on Tuesday night. For those who were unable to attend it would be great if you were available to meet at our AGM on Wednesday 20th March at 6:30pm.

Have a great week,

Dan Gubby.
RE News

Upcoming dates
Thurs 28th Feb – whole school Mass 9.30am
Thurs 28th Feb – Confirmation Parent Meeting 6.00pm
Sunday 10th Mar – Parish Family Mass to celebrate the beginning of Catholic Schools Week
Thurs 14th Mar – Catholic Schools Week whole school Mass 9.30am

We warmly invite all parents, carers and family to join us to celebrate these liturgies and Masses.

Sacrament of Confirmation Meeting Postponed
A parent meeting was to be held tonight at 6pm in LC 9 for all parents of children participating in the Confirmation program this year. Due to the weather forecast, we have postponed this meeting until next Thursday 28th Feb at 6pm. It is important that a least one parent from each family participating in this program attend. Babysitting will be provided.

Special Parish Mass for Pope Benedict XVI
All families are invited to attend a special Parish Mass for Pope Benedict XVI next Thursday night at 5.10pm. This Mass will be held in thanksgiving for his Pontificate and to ask God’s blessing on his retirement.

Altar Servers This Weekend

Saturday 23rd Feb  Abby C  Tyrone O  Lucy T  Carly T  Blake E  Tess E
Sunday 24th Feb  Maddy D  Georgia D  Laura D  Kalani A

From the AP’s Desk

Rous Water Education Program
Due to the weather it was unfortunate that the Water Wise Education and Restoration Project had to be postponed for our Year Five and Six students. A date will be determined for this to be held later in the year.

Brainstorm Productions
Today we were very fortunate to have the opportunity to watch a dress rehearsal for the show ‘The Protectors’. This is a live show that gives children strategies to block bullying at school and on the internet. We thank Brainstorm Productions, a local company based in Alstonville, for providing this opportunity at no cost as part of their dress rehearsal.

Contact Details
It is very important that information provided to us for contacting families when needed is up to date. This information is kept in the school office and used if we need to contact parents if a child is unwell or been injured. In recent time we have found that many of the numbers are not up to date, this has been very frustrating when we are trying to reach you.
If you have changed address, home phone, mobile number or emergency contact details could you please contact the school office in order to update this information as soon as possible.
P & F REPORT:
The Parents & Friends Association held their monthly meeting last Tuesday night and the following events have been or are in the process of being organised, with more updates in the coming weeks.

- School Disco 6-8pm on Friday 5th April to be held in the schools grounds. Theme “flouro colour “
- Trivia night to be held in June with more details to follow.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday 20th March 6.30pm – All welcome.

School Uniform Shop
The School Uniform Shop hours are currently every Wednesday from 1.30pm to 3.20pm. If you are able to assist in operating this facility for the P&F, please contact the school office. You are able to pre-order uniforms - order forms are available from the school office and online. Complete and return your form to the school office with payment and it will be processed on Wednesday and sent to your child’s classroom. Payment can be made by: Cash, Cheque or Direct Deposit to:
OLHC  P & F School Uniform  Account  BSB 062565  Account No: 10674602.
Please send confirmation of direct deposit to the office.

School Canteen 2013
Thank you to Sharna Churchill for your wonderful efforts in running our School Canteen in 2012 and for offering to run our canteen again for 2013. Thank you to all of the mums and dads who helped out as well. Once again we will be asking for your assistance in providing this service for our school community. If you are able to assist with the school canteen on either a Wednesday for collating orders or a Friday for assembling and serving orders, please complete and return the slip below.

We will be sending a new menu out next week. Canteen will commence Friday the 8th March, orders must be in on Wednesday the 6th March.

School Canteen
I, ________________________________________________ would love to help out with the canteen by

offering my support on a Wednesday / Friday (please circle choice)

Signed : _______________________________________

Advertising in the School Newsletter
Last year we had a number of families show interest in advertising their business in our school newsletter. We still have a few ad spaces left. If you would like to place a business-card sized ad on the back of our newsletter it will enable us to print off a coloured outer page which will better showcase images of our learning. Please contact the school office if you are interested in participating.
Advertising in the School Newsletter

The cost is $100 per year or $25 per term for a business card sized colour ad each week until the end of the year. Contact the school office.

School Uniform Shop

Opening Hours

Wednesday – 1.30pm to 3.20pm