Dear Parents,

Welcome back to OLHC for a brilliant new year. It was great to see the happy children in the classrooms when I visited this morning. The teachers are also very excited and glad to be finally meeting their classes and commencing the year of learning.

We welcome the following new staff: Scott Murphy (APRE and Yr 3 teacher); Charlotte Bryan (teacher, Yr 1); Michelle Dunbar (teacher, Yr 4 for term 1); Vera Lord and Tanya Lehane (new school officers); Marian Carlton (HPE); Anne-Maree Eyles (Music).

This year sees us put emphases on Numeracy, on Resilience, and on engagement with our parents. We hope to do some refurbishment of classrooms above the hall, and also some work on our playground.

Our groundsman topdressed, seeded and fertilised the junior oval over the break, as well as many painting and repair jobs that needed to be addressed. He helped the teachers with furniture and fittings for their rooms. New cabinets were ordered and installed in the Yr 2 classroom. OSHC moved into their new home underneath the parish office.

This year we want to further engage our parent group with the parent portal, and put on there much more information that they require and search for. If you didn’t ever log in, please ask Silvana at the office for your password. Find the parent portal on our school website www.olchendra.qld.edu.au, using the community tab along the top. The school website becomes our first contact for outsiders and our portal becomes our ‘go to’ for everything internal.

Also, don’t forget to read our newsletter each week. It is emailed to you. If you don’t, you don’t know what’s going on!

You can follow us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/pages/Our-Lady-Help-Of-Christians-Primary-School-Hendra/133585013375444 and also our P&F Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/olchendra?ref=br_tf If you ‘like’ us, you’ll get our messages delivered to you and be first to know. You can even ask questions there, and someone will help you out.

The Parent Information Evening is on Thursday 12 February at 6:30pm. Please set this one aside. You will hear from me in the undercover area, and from the class teachers in their rooms.

Kind regards,

Margaret Tomov