Families Supporting Families 2014

*What? Why? So What?*

The main task of this very worthwhile group is supporting, in a practical and coordinated manner, families who are in need of any kind of support as a result of illness, bereavement and other challenging financial, social or physical circumstances. We encourage you to contact the office, or any staff member with whom you feel comfortable, should your family or a family known to you require such support. You may rest assured that any information disclosed would be dealt with confidentially to assist in the protection of the privacy and pride of any family finding themselves in these challenging circumstances.

*Can you help us?*

We’ve had a tremendous response to this in past years, with many generous volunteers formally registering. When not requiring practical support yourself we ask that you kindly consider volunteering to assist in any one, some or all of the ways listed, even if you can only manage to do the task that you may indicate below just once. This request aside, we gratefully acknowledge the many *ad hoc*, often mostly unnoticed manifestations of practical care and concern for others in our community when needed. Class liaison parents are known to be most instrumental in facilitating activity in this regard. Your compassion is what makes OLR the special community that it is!

The *actual delivery* of school lunches that you may have prepared, cooked meals, ironing or shopping will not need to be undertaken yourself, nor need you have direct contact with the family requiring support. Driving or walking children home or from home and possibly cleaning would obviously be exceptions to this. **Meals can be left at the school office and we make sure that they get into the right tummies!**

For ease of communication with supporting families, i.e. those who are volunteering for any of the tasks listed, we will need your contact details. **We now also need to update contact details submitted last year and so we are requesting that you complete a new form, even if you completed one and generously volunteered your services last year.** Please complete contact details below, indicate your preferred task(s) and return this section to school with your child.

In anticipation and appreciation of your generous support once again, and of your trust and courage should you require support.

Sincerely

Narelle Harney
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I would like to help

Name.........................................................................................................................

Suburb..........................................

Phone number/s...........................................................................................................

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Email Address..............................................................................................................

Your Children’s name and Classes:
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I can help with:
  □ Meal cooking
  □ Preparing school lunches
  □ Ironing
  □ Shopping
  □ Driving or walking children to and from school
  □ Other (please specify)..............................................................................................

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Please return this form to the office when it has been completed