September 2015

Dear Parents,

Punahou’s Thurston Memorial Chapel and Luke Center for Public Service welcome you to the 2015 – 2016 school year. This year is especially exciting, as we celebrate 175 years of living and learning together at the waters of ka Punahou.

**Theme**

Each fall, the Punahou community chooses a theme to guide the spirit of the New Year. This year’s theme is “Me ka ha’aha’a” (with humility).

We will have opportunities to honor our roots, acknowledging the people and events of our history. We will also stretch our wings, discovering ways to reach beyond ourselves as we soar into the future with hope.

It seems uniquely appropriate to embrace this milestone year with humility (*me ka ha’aha’a*), borne of gratitude and nurtured by *aloha*. We are eager to see how this theme finds meaning in our lives together.

**175 Acts of Service**

During the school year, your children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of service-related activities that may include donations of canned food, money, and books to worthy organizations. In addition to these on-campus opportunities, Luke Center provides information about ways that students and their families can learn about and get involved with needs in the community. In honor of Punahou’s 175th anniversary, we encourage you to be part of 175 Acts of Service Around the Globe. For more information about how you can participate, go to www.punahou.edu/175. We look forward to partnering with you to make connections that will bring deeper meaning to each of these service activities.

**Aloha United Way Fund Drive**

Beginning September 22, students and faculty will have the opportunity to learn about agencies that meet community needs. Chapel presentations at all grade levels will introduce the 2015 Aloha United Way Fund Drive. Student monetary donations will be accepted until October 9. As always, our emphasis is on students’ wholehearted participation, with less emphasis placed on the amount of each gift.

**An Upcoming Service Theme**

The campus community will be invited to think about issues of Hunger and Homelessness in November, and learn about the many facets of these persistent challenges and the people they affect. A culminating campus-wide food drive, benefitting the Hawaii Food Bank, is one way students can respond and participate in a caring action.

We humbly welcome you to partner with us for this 175th anniversary year at Punahou!

From your friends at the Chapel and Luke Center for Public Service

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