

# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart International School

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

## November 2020

6th - Year 10 Picnic 10th - MSC Day & Melbourne Cup Day Holiday P - 9 10th- Year 11 Leadership Formation Day 10 am-12 noon 14th - Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

23rd to 27th - Year Level Picnics

## December 2020

1st- End of Year Mass, Graduation & **Awards** 

2<sup>nd</sup>- Last student day, school clean up, Reports, students finish at

4th- Teaching staff finish school 11th- All staff finish school

#### **Bank Account Details**

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#### From the Principal

Dear members of the OLSH community,

This week the Catholic Church marked 2 important dates in the liturgical year: All Saints' Day last Sunday 1 November, a day on which we remember with joy and gratitude the many saints gone before us, as well as the everyday living saints who serve communities with courage and dedication. On Monday 2 November, the church marked All Souls Day to remember the loved ones in our families and communities who have gone to their eternal rest. We remember all loved ones in the OLSH community who have passed away this year. Eternal rest grant unto them, may their souls rest in peace. Amen.

If you watched the Melbourne Cup on television on Tuesday, you would have been amazed at the stark contrast on Flemington Racecourse from earlier vears. Please note the change of Melbourne Cup Day Holiday due to the Year 8 exams. Tuesday 10 November will be observed as the MSC Day/Melbourne Cup holiday.

#### **National Examinations 2020**

The Year 8 National Examinations began smoothly on Monday this week and concluded them at 11.30 am today. As I write, we have successfully finished 3 weeks of National Examinations. Safe to say, 5 November seemed such a long way off from 4 May when all students returned from the period of lockdown. In true OLSH spirit, they went straight into the requirements of the COVID-19 New Normal. They supported all staff, responding with courage to changed timetables, shorter recess and lunchtimes and the suspension of their favourite Sport periods and PE lessons. Yes here we are on the final day of the National Examinations and it is with a great sense of pride and joy that I acknowledge and thank all OLSH students and staff, parents and the extended community for your support in making it possible for us to safely and successfully reach the end of the examinations period. In particular I would like to thank every OLSH teacher who has played an integral part in bringing students at Years 8, 10 and 12 to the finish line of their exams. My deepest thanks go to Mr Patrick Baiwan Acting Principal for his tireless dedication to ensuring the meticulous administration of the National Exams every day for the past 3 weeks, as well as attending to exam administration matters at the intervening weekends. Mr Baiwan was ably supported by Mrs Rachel Baiwan, **Examinations Co-ordinator** and Mrs Fiona Burain, Head

of Secondary. Now to look

forward to the pleasing results that we are hoping will be the outcome of the hard work of our students and their teachers. Parents and guardians please note that Year 8s will not be

# 3 As - Appearance, Attendance and Application

required to come to school

on Friday 6 November.

We still have 4 weeks of school to go and we want to ensure students stay focused on the 3 As. I have been reading P-12 Semester 2 Pastoral Care reports. A number of teachers have mentioned regular lateness to school and a high rate of student absence which impact daily learning. Parents and guardians we need your support to ensure that your child/children get the best education. Punctuality and regular attendance are key factors to ensure this happens every day at OLSH. They are also important values for success beyond OLSH. Please bring your children to school on time or please ensure your child is leaving home in adequate time to be punctual every day at school. Please also ensure that they wear their OLSH uniform with pride. Thank

# Changes to end of year dates

Please note these changes on page 1 under Important Dates. For the final week of Term 4, I particularly draw parents' and guardians' attention to the following changes:

- Tuesday 1 December End of Year Mass, Awards & Graduation
- Wednesday 2 December -Students' Final Day, Reports, Finish Time 12 pm

A reminder that teaching staff will finish on Friday 4 December. The school office will close on Friday 11 December

Prep Learning – From our youngest students

#### ANIMAI MOVEMENT

This term in Science we are studying the movement of objects and animals. The aim is to understand why and how certain things move the way they move. We started by investigating how objects move by experimenting with a variety of objects and found out that some objects can roll and bounce longer than others. We found that there are two factors that determine this and they are: the shape of the objects and the material they are made of. This week we are looking at animal movement and we start by classifying the animal according to the way they move. From here on we will identify similarities and differences in each group to determine what their movements are based on.

In this lesson the Preppies were put into groups to create a poster for animal movements; crawl, walk, swim and fly.

Mrs Wiki Thomas

Prep Teacher



Creating a poster for animals that fly



Searching for any crawling animal for their poster



Making a poster of animals that walk.



Poster of animals that swim

CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR: Week 31st of the ordinary Year 'A' 2020.

WEEK REFLECTION.

READING FOR THE WEEK: Mathew 5: 1 - 12

Message: "Saints not only remind us of our own call to be saints but inspire us to pursue it".

Last Sunday was the feast of 'All Saints'. The Church Triumphant: Those who have gone before us and now share in the glories of Heaven, in the Beatific Vision, are not gone. Sure, we do not see them and we cannot necessarily hear them speak to us in the physical way they did while on Earth. But they are not gone at all. The saints in Heaven are in full union with God and make up the Communion of Saints in Heaven. What's important to note, however, is that even though they are enjoying their eternal reward, they are still very much concerned about us. The saints in Heaven are entrusted with the important task of intercession. God wants to use the intercession, and therefore, the mediation of the saints in our lives. He uses them to bring our prayers to Him and, in return, to bring His grace to us. They become powerful intercessors for us and participators in God's divine action in the world. The feast reminds us that when all is said and done, there is only one thing in life that counts – to be a saint. St Peter Claver wasn't a martyr. He didn't spend days in prayer. He didn't spend his nights doing penance. He didn't have any visions. He didn't write great books on religion. He was an ordinary person like you and me. St Peter Claver, was a Spanish Jesuit priest and missionary who, due to his life and work, became the patron saint of slaves to African Americans. He dedicated his life to the aid of enslaved Africans who were brought to America and earned

Last Sunday was the installation of Fr.
Julius to Administrator of the Cathedral.
He is now officially the parish priest of
OLSH parish. He takes over from Fr.
Mark, who is now the Catholic
Education Secretary.

the title of "apostle of the Negroes.

Next week will be MSC Week. A program for the MSC week will be given out for all to see and follow. Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020: MSC Holiday – No School Day.



Pray the Rosary every day.

7:00 Am – English Mass 9:00 Am – Tok Pisin Mass 5:00 Pm – Eucharistic Adoration God Bless you all.

Mr R. Rangatin