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IMPORTANT DATES **October-November 2020**

National Exams:

19-23 October – Year 10

26-30 October – Year 12

2-6 November – Year 8

Melbourne Cup/MSA holiday,
Tuesday 10 November

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From the Principal

Dear members of the OLSH community,

Welcome to Term 4. I trust all students and staff are feeling well-rested after a short week of holidays. The break from routine is always a welcome one. The first three days of the holiday week were given to Mock 2 Exam Revision classes for Years 8, 10 and 12. I thank all the teachers who gave up their holidays to ensure that our students were well-prepared for Mock 2 as a pathway to National Exam success. Now we await their results next week in order to fine tune exam technique for optimum success in the National Exams.

Only 14 school days left for Year 10s, 19 for Year 12s and 24 days for Year 8s. It is difficult to believe but true. Parents and guardians please support your daughter/son to do as much study as possible especially at the weekends, in order to work around the long power blackouts.

Ms Evelyn Sausi, Year 11 English and History teacher attended the Year 12 Written Expression Training and Marking week in Port Moresby last term. The professional learning that is gained from these rich

experiences enables teachers to improve learning-teaching through the sharing of insights and raising of expectations of student outcomes. Ms Sausi will also work towards enhancing the existing expertise of the English department at OLSH.

There have been some staff changes at Secondary over the holidays. Mr Llvai Kavanamur Maths, Sport and PE teacher and Boarding Supervisor left OLSH at the end of Term 3. He received an offer from the marine world which he always aspired to join and had to leave OLSH to make it in time for his training and further study. We welcome Mr Michael Kasai who has stepped in to take Mr Kavanamur's classes until the newly-appointed teacher Mrs Noelyn Darius joins OLSH from 19 October. We thank Mr William Savitas, Year 7 Maths and English teacher who has stepped into the role of Boarding Supervisor.

So we have another packed term of commitment to our 3 As – Attendance, Appearance and Application. We look to our parents and guardians for your support in ensuring that your son/daughter adheres to the 3 As every day. We

need your support in our daily effort to nurture happy young people who enjoy coming to school and grow to have a lifelong love of learning and awareness of responsible citizenship.

Canteen

The Canteen has been permitted to sell hot food and snacks from Monday 5 October. Thank you to all students, staff and parents for your understanding and patience whilst the serving of hot food was suspended by the COVID-19 Taskforce.

The Church is presently in what is known as Ordinary Time, that is, the time in between Easter and Advent. We focus on the ministry of Jesus and his everyday teaching as he moved among the crowds that gathered around him in the towns, countryside and waterways of Galilee. Jesus' message was always one of compassion, peace and reconciliation. Let us pray that we may be people of peace and compassion, always willing to let go of hurt and wrongdoing caused to us. We make this prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

Year 12 Written Expression Marking

As a recent participant in the Year 12 Written

Expression Marking in Port Moresby last term, I learned many new and interesting things. As importantly, I had a lot of fun throughout the marking process. The training focus was on the 2 main areas of the exam paper: Argumentative and Creative Writing.

In addressing Argumentative Writing, the Chief Examiner and Marker Ms Helen H. Vetunawa emphasised that English teachers need to prepare students to understand what the essay question is asking of them. They need to teach the students the skills of writing good argumentative essays. This involves the narrowing down of the question statement, organising counter arguments and demonstrating a clear position they must take for or against the topic in the question.

Creative Writing on the other hand requires the teacher to make the effort to know each student well and to connect with their personal situations in a professional manner. We were reminded that students write about their reality which is often about very painful family situations. Through the marking of the Creative Writing pieces, we gained an appreciation of how the students are in our hands during the school day, to care for and to support them. Teachers were encouraged to develop the skills of creative writing especially from Year 9 upwards: using descriptive and narrative forms of writing, using adjectives and figures of speech like similes, metaphors, alliteration and sentence variation, in order to capture the reader's attention.

The take home message from the training prior to the actual marking experience was that we

are living in an English-speaking world therefore teachers of English have to impart new knowledge and skills to their students every day. It is because of skilled teachers that students are writing better English in their workplace every day.

The Acting Secretary for the Measurement Service Division informed us that previous exam papers would be uploaded online for mock exams and for revision of exam skills. The new STEM curriculum for Years 11 and 12 will be implemented in schools in 2021 and effective in 2022.

I thank the Leadership Team for the opportunity to participate in this invaluable training and marking experience. I look forward to sharing the insights I gained, in my daily classroom teaching and as importantly with my peers in the English Department under the guidance of Mrs Burain, senior teacher of English.

Ms Evelyn Sausi
Years 11 and 9 English Teacher

CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR:
Week 26 of the ordinary Year 'A'
2020.

WEEK REFLECTION.
READING FOR THE WEEK: Mathew
21: 28-32

Message: Conversion is a process. It is an ongoing journey that will end only at death.

Here we need to keep in mind that all of us are still journeying toward full conversion. Some of us are struggling to make transition from being an ordinary Christian to being a good one. Others are struggling to move up from being a good Christian to being an excellent one. And still others are trying to change from being an excellent Christian to being a model one.

Jesus makes it clear that tax collectors and prostitutes were on the path to holiness whereas these religious leaders were not. This would have been hard for them to accept.

In which category do you find yourself? Sometimes, those who are considered "religious" or "pious" struggle with a similar pride and judging others as the chief priests and elders of Jesus' time. This is a dangerous sin because it leads a person into much stubbornness. It is for this reason that Jesus was so direct and so harsh. He was attempting to break them free from their stubbornness and prideful ways. The most important lesson we can take from this passage is to seek the humility, openness and genuineness of the tax collectors and prostitutes. They were praised by our Lord because they could see and accept the honest truth. Sure, they were sinners, but God can forgive sin when we are aware of our sin. If we are not willing to see our sin, then it's impossible for God's grace to enter in and heal.

Bishop Rochus Tatamai MSC was installed as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Rabaul. He is now called:
Archbishop Rochus Yosef Tatamai MSC.

October is the month of the Rosary.



Pray the Rosary everyday in the month of October.

7:00 Am – English Mass
9:00 Am – Tok Pisin Mass
5:00 Pm – Eucharistic Adoration

God Bless you all.

Mr R. Rangatin

