

#### Term 3 Week 4 Issue: 22

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## Important Dates 2020 August

17 August - Year 12
Written Expression
National Exam
24 August- National Day of
Repentance Holiday
31 August - 4 September Year 8, 10 & 12 Mock Exam
16 SeptemberIndependence Day Holiday
END DATE FOR TERM 3 - At
2.00 pm on Friday 18
September

START DATE FOR TERM 4 – 28 September 8.00am.

#### BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bank South Pacific Account Name: OLSH International School Account no: 1013245293 Westpac Bank Account Name: OLSH International School Account No 4700735201

# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart International School

Governor's School of Excellence Continuing the Mission of the MSC Sisters Celebrating 60 years of Oustanding Education



### Friday, August 14th, 2020

## **From the Principal**

Dear members of the OLSH community,

The news of the confirmed positive case of COVID-19 at Newcrest Mining Limited, Lihir bringing the total to 214 confirmed cases in PNG, has renewed OLSH's focus on our safety and prevention measures.

An important email from Mr Baiwan and me was sent to all parents and guardians on Tuesday 11 August and is attached to this newsletter. On behalf of the staff, we thank you in anticipation of your compliance with our requests.

In addition, in consultation with the Chair of Board, Mr Douglas Tsang, the Leadership Team called an emergency Staff Meeting on Tuesday, to go through the New Ireland Taskforce on COVID-19 Circular and in particular, Item 3 -Schools.

Following directive 3.1, of the Circular, OLSH will provide each Secondary student with 2 reusable face masks to be worn to school every day from the time the student enters the Main Gate and undergoes the daily mandatory temperature scanning to the end of the school day. If your child loses or misplaces the face masks provided, there will be additional masks available for purchase at the Reception. A big thank you to Mr Brendan Leung and Mrs Diana Leung for arranging to supply face masks to OLSH at such short notice. Your support is greatly appreciated.

"COVID-19 is not an excuse for any diminished performance by any member of OLSH"

As a Leadership Team, we have made this our daily work statement and together with our staff and students, we will work to ensure peak performance by all members of our learning community. Week 4 is nearly over and we continue to give our best effort to learningteaching every day in every lesson. Only 24 school days left to the end of Term 3.

In Weeks 2 and 3, all P-12 teachers met with Mr Baiwan, Head of Primary and Secondary School as appropriate and me, to review their Semester 1 results, with a view to improving student attainment in Semester 2. We have reviewed all the results, the ability levels and the differentiated target teaching that needs to occur. Data analysis of the student results has also informed us about STEM matters and additional learning support, in enhancing the level of every student's learning.

I have enjoyed conducting the Year 12 and Year 10 interviews with Mrs Burain. Many students admitted they could have worked harder in Semester 1. All students interviewed were open to receiving feedback for renewal of their efforts to improve their grades. Year 10 students have set higher target grades towards which they are committed to work, over the next few weeks leading up to the National Exam.

As I write, I have counted days left for the National Exams:

Year 10 - 39 school days remaining until Monday 19 October Year 12 - 44 school days remaining until Monday 26 October Year 8 - 49 school days remaining until Monday 2 November

Year 12 Written Expression National Exams will take place on Monday 17 August. We believe the Year 12s have been prepared well throughout the semester and particularly in Term 2, to do their best, building on feedback from the two Mock Exam results as well as refining their exam technique.

We wish all Year 12 students much success in these final days of their preparation and pray for them to have a calm mind and heart, recalling all their revision and top teacher tips, when they pick up their pen in the exam hall on Monday morning. Year 11 Semester 1 Review interviews commenced on Tuesday this week and will conclude on Tuesday of Week 5.

These students are being challenged to reflect on and improve their afterhours study habits and especially the amount of time they spend on study at the weekends. They are advised to regard Semester 2, 2020 as the perfect headstart for Year 12 success.

Finally, we pray for the COVID-19 situation to stabilize and ease around the world. We pray that people will continue to remain hope-filled and resilient, supporting their Government's measures to contain the virus. We pray for people in hospital afflicted with the virus and for the bereaved families of those people lost to the virus. We also pray for the people of Beirut, Lebanon and their frontline workers, who are coping with the recent tragic explosion alongside battling COVID-19 and the city's burgeoning demand for medical services. Merciful God, we ask you to provide for all suffering people around the world, Amen.

CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR: Week 19 of the ordinary Year 'A' 2020.

<u>WEEK REFLECTION.</u> READING FOR THE WEEK: Mathew 14:22-33

Message: "If we are finding it hard to live the Gospel, maybe it's because we have taken our eyes off Jesus."

The good news is that Jesus is always there to rescue us when we cry out to Him for help. The reality is that, in this world, we will always have our ups and downs. There are times we will have our faith high and sometimes low. But the constant thing is that Jesus, in His everlasting mercy, goodness and compassion, will always be there for us to lift us up when our faith falters and we must always cry out to Him for help. We are now in the storm of COVID-19 and we must be careful not to let our human knowledge lead us to ignorance. Ignorance to trust in Jesus who is standing peacefully in the midst of the storm of COVID-19 saying, "Look at me! Stop! and listen and trust me then you will be alright." Ignorance to listen and follow instructions on washing of hands, social distancing, wearing of facemasks, coughing into elbows, shaking of hands and exercising good healthy hygiene of stop smoking and the chewing of betelnut.

OLSH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL will be having a farewell program for Bishop Rochus Tatamai MSC. DD on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September in the school. A program will be formulated and later be delivered to the OLSH INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL community. Sunday Mass schedule: 7:00 Am – English Mass 9:00 Am – Tok Pisin Mass 5:00 Pm – Eucharistic Adoration

You all have a blessed week. God Bless you all.

## Mr R. Rangatin

## Wearing Face Masks





