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IMPORTANT DATES

November 2020

23rd – 27th Year Level Picnics

December 2020

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

2nd- Last student day, school clean up, Reports, students finish at 12pm

4th- Teaching staff finish school

11th- All staff finish school

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From the Principal

Dear members of the OLSH community,

Welcome to the end of Week 8. We have only 8 school days left. I am pleased to share some of OLSH's wide-ranging celebrations in Week 7.

MSC Week

In the gospel according to Matthew we read about the importance and the lasting effect of solid foundations based on faith in Jesus Christ. *"The rain came down, the floods came and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it didn't fall, for it was founded on rock."* (7:25)

OLSH International is the school founded on the rock of the MSC charism and tradition. Our school has withstood many challenges since being founded as a Catholic school nearly 62 years ago, by the MSC Sisters. We are grateful for the vision that inspired the hopes and dreams of the founding Sisters, strong faith-filled women of courage and hope. OLSH has provided a formative Catholic education preparing generations of students to be good human beings, with a heart for justice and peace, the hallmark of successful citizenship of our nation and the world. Our deepest thanks goes to all the MSC sisters for their inspirational guidance and service to OLSH over more than 6 decades. In particular, we thank Sr Bernadette Vitus for sharing the MSC story with our students in classes from P-9 and 11 last week. MSC Week concluded with a liturgy in the MSC Centre last Friday.

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

This annual highly awaited event of the year took place on Saturday 14 November in the MSC Hall. I thank the team of staff and students who collaborated to organise and host another successful OLSH rite of passage. Ms Dianna Songo has written about the event further in this newsletter. The Year 12 class of 2020 like their predecessors are always welcome back to their alma mater. In the meantime, we wish them God's abundant blessings, much joy and success as they prepare to embrace the world of further study and work which awaits them.

Assessment and Reporting

Teachers are busy finalising Semester 2 assessment and reporting. I am kept occupied with the proofreading of every report sent to me. As in Semester 1, report proofreading has been an informative experience reinforcing the Leadership Team's strong focus on school improvement.

2021 Fees and Early Bird Payment

A reminder that fees for Term 1, 2021 are due. Early Bird Discount expires at the close of business on Monday 30 November. Parents/guardians are also reminded to settle any outstanding fees for 2020.

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, Graduation & Awards Ceremony**
- **Wednesday 2 December - Students' Final Day, Reports, Finish Time 12 pm**

Excellence in Learning-Teaching Continues

This week we showcase Grade 3 learning in Science. Ms Dianne Tauro, Grade 3 Learning Support Assistant provides the context for the learning activity.

Year 3 Science Experiment

In Week 6, we learned about Light and Colours in Science and how to do a simple experiment using the Scientific Method. The students were divided into three groups to carry out an investigation on how rainbow colours appear visible in the sky. The experiment was done using a torch, mirror, container of water and a white A4 size paper. Some Grade 3s describe their learning below.

Ms Dianne Tauro
Year 3 Language Support Assistant

In the results we saw that a rainbow appeared on the paper when the torchlight was shone through the water. To conclude, a rainbow was formed because sunlight was reflected by the water droplets in the atmosphere.

Ariana Sition

If the sunlight shines into the water, it goes to the surface of the water and reflects to the sky and forms a rainbow. From the results, it can be concluded that sunlight and water droplets must interact to form a rainbow. **Willow Leung**

At first we didn't see a rainbow because the torch was not bright and the container was dark. We solved our problem by changing the torch and container and we finally saw a rainbow.

Taysalee Rikis

Glimmer, Shimmer & Shine

On the evening of the 14th of November, dusk was transformed into an array of shimmering colours with eruptions of joyous laughter. Adorned in their formal attire and masquerade masks, the Year 12's paraded one by one into the MSC Hall, to mark the beginning of their Valedictory Dinner program. The evening saw a gathering of individuals who emitted feelings of love and a sense of belonging. The assortment of food offered and the hospitality shown by the Grade 11s who acted as ushers and waiters, enhanced the light-hearted chatter and the continuous joyous laughter of people having a great time. As Ms Songo read Mr Marilag's words of encouragement and humorous quotes to the Grade 12s, a fit of laughter broke out as well as a sense of longing for his presence to be amongst the crowd. On behalf of this graduating class, John Peniel and Alexia Mossman spoke about their experiences and life here in OLSH and how these memories would surely linger for a lifetime. The cutting of the cake was followed by a beautiful tribute song titled 'Walk on Water' sung by Rita Tapit. With candles lit and the gentle swaying to the rhythm of the music, the song signified their next steps into what we call real life and the decisions the Year 12 class will have to make on their own. Ms Songo raised a toast to the Year 12s challenging them "not to be just persons of success but to be persons of value" as they stepped out into the real world as individuals. But as they say, all good things must come to an end and what an ending it was. All Year 12s lit their tribute candles and with mixed emotions of both happiness and sadness, acknowledged each parent, teacher, guest and helper on the night with hugs and words of appreciation. I am pretty confident of saying this will be a night the Year 12 class of 2020 will remember for a while to come.

Ms Dianna Songo

Year 12 Pastoral Care Teacher

CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR: Week 33rd of the ordinary Year 'A' 2020.

WEEK REFLECTION.

READING FOR THE WEEK: Mathew 25:1-13

Message: We will be judged on how well we used our talents to work for God's kingdom.

This parable of the talents is a perfect example of our lives here on earth. God created each and everyone of us and placed us here on earth for a purpose. He put into each of us different talents so that we can use them to work on His behalf here on earth. There is so much work here on earth to be done and God cannot do it on His own, so He creates us and gives us different strengths to accomplish specific assignments for Him. Now, how do we identify that specific assignment that God has given us? We know our talents by identifying those passions and hobbies that we find ourselves doing effortlessly, with self-drive, and also which benefit positively those around us. For example, you may have a passion for helping the needy and the orphans, therefore you use any coin or time you have at your disposal to be of service to them. That is one of the talents that Jesus is talking about! Others may have passions, knowledge or training in being a doctor. Now, Jesus tells us that that is a talent that has been given to you by God. You know, it's God's work to heal but He has delegated that work to you as a doctor to take care of the sick by treating them. And treat them the best you can, with all the knowledge and ability given to you by God. This example applies to all other professions, occupations and skills in the labour market. Now, let us interweave the example above with this parable. God created the world and entrusted all the possessions in it to man and this man is me and you. We were given different capabilities to make sure we **take care** of everything around us including the environment, animals and fellow human beings.

Now, at the end of time, God will ask you, "How did you use that talent or knowledge or skills or expertise that I gave you to serve me and your neighbor?" He will also ask a doctor, "Why did you send away a sick widow without treatment just because she did not have enough for the consultation fee?" These questions will be asked to each one of us by God, if we failed to be of service to other people when we had

the opportunity, capacity and capability to do so. Therefore, let us use our skills, passions, expertise, knowledge etc., to serve those around us, the best way possible, with all the love we have and with utmost justice and by doing this we will be doing the work God created us for. Jesus says, if we do our work well, more will be given to us and we will grow rich but if we do not put our talents into actions, they will be snatched from us. Again, Jesus says that one was given five talents, another two and another one. This means that for one kind of task, like taking care of the sick in a hospital, different people are given different strengths. Maybe a nurse could be the one with five talents, a doctor or surgeon with two talents and the lab technician or pharmacist one talent. So depending on where your talent lies, do what is expected of you in the best way possible because that is where you will receive your blessings. Do not belittle your talent just because other people despise it, just follow the voice of God from your heart.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, help me to identify my talent so that I may work for you in the best way possible by being of service to other people who require my services. Give me enough graces so that I may never, despise my talent and may I never use my talent to hurt, injure, harm or impose pain to those who come to me for service. **Amen.**

There will be a funeral mass for the late Mr Emmanuel Silakot this Friday 20th November 2020 at the cathedral 8:30 am. The Year 11 class and the Year 4 class will be representing OLSH International at this mass.

Pray the Rosary every day.

Sunday Mass Program

7:00 Am – English Mass

9:00 Am – Tok Pisin Mass

5:00 Pm – Eucharistic Adoration

God Bless you all.

R Rangatin

PHOTOS

Grade 3 Learning about formation of a rainbow



Year 12 Valedictory Dinner



Year 12 Class of 2020

