

# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart International School

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## Important Dates - 2020 JUNE

Thursday 25 June - Year 10 Science Practical Mock 1 Friday 26 June - Year 10 Science Practical Mock 1

Wednesday 1 July - Year 12 Mock Reading Written Expression (2)

Wednesday 8 July - Year 12 Mock Written Expression (2) Wednesday 9 July - Year 10 Science Practical Mock 2 Wednesday 10 July - Year 10 Science Practical Mock 2

**END OF TERM 2** - At 2.00 pm on Friday 10 July

START DATE FOR TERM 3 -Monday 20 July

END DATE FOR TERM 3 - At 2.00 pm on Friday 18 September SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday 22 July National Exam Parent Meeting - Years 8, 10 and 12 Time and Venue for this meeting will be announced in due course.

#### BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

**Bank South Pacific** 

Account Name: OLSH International School

Account no: 1013245293 Westpac Bank

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Account No 4700735201

### From the Principal

We started Week 7 awaiting news about the outcome of the extended State of Emergency and how it would impact daily life at OLSH. The New Ireland Province Directorate of Education has informed all schools as follows:

- The Year 10 Written Expression National Exam due to have taken place today 18 June will now take place on Thursday 2 July.
- The Year 12 Written Expression National Exam has been rescheduled from Monday 3 August to Monday 17 August.
- All Exams for Years 10, 12 and 8, in that order, have also been rescheduled for later dates. A list of these new dates will be provided in the Week 8 Newsletter.

The rescheduling of the exams for Years 10 and 12 provides these two Year Levels with the additional time to sharpen their desire and efforts to achieve the best marks they are capable of achieving.

Structure, Routine and Discipline. Students especially in the examinable years are advised and encouraged to commit to a structured personal timetable of homestudy and revision. I had this discussion with the Year 10, 11 and 12 students early in Term 1 through individual interviews. A daily and weekend homestudy routine is an essential part of the structure of afterhours learning. Finally, discipline and by this, I mean self- discipline is needed, in order to establish structure and maintain a routine. Good

results are an outcome of how much students desire to achieve them and how hard they are willing to work for them. I ask all parents to continue to encourage your child/children to set up a structured homestudy timetable which becomes part of their daily and weekend routine and to have the self-discipline to persevere especially when the going gets tough.

#### PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following the New Ireland
Province Directorate of
Education Circular Instruction #
7.2:

"The requirement for social distancing is relaxed, but must be applied when and where applicable"

Parents and guardians, please note the following arrangements:

#### WEEK 8

- -Starting from Monday 22 June, Year 6 will move back to their original classroom.
- -There is some maintenance work to be carried out in Room 4. Once this is completed next week, it is anticipated that Years 1, 3 and 4 will move back to their original classrooms

Social distancing will be maintained as appropriate. In addition, there will not be any large gatherings such as assemblies, sports, Friday Mass or any other type of large gathering that used to take place prior to the COVID-19 lockdown.

-The New Normal timetable will continue.

### WEEK 9

From Monday 29 June, Primary School will follow the original timetable that was in place at the start of the school year. A copy of this timetable will be published in the Week 9 newsletter.

SECONDARY SCHOOL

The current New Normal timetable will be followed until further notice.

Report writing by teachers is in full progress. I am preparing myself for the long distance reading of 244 sets of reports. I thoroughly enjoyed reading all the pastoral care reports, I am now looking forward to getting to know how well each student from P-12 has applied themselves.

Canteen Operations have been back to normal from this week. I trust all students and staff who have been regular customers, are happy with this return to normal and are enjoying the hot food available.

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of Corpus Christi or the Body and Blood of Christ. This feast reminds us of the importance of the celebration of the Eucharist, where we encounter and receive the Body and Blood of Christ our source of eternal life. Hopefully the day is not far when we as the OLSH community can gather and celebrate our weekly Friday Mass and receive Holy Communion. Until then we pray to receive communion spiritually and ask for a deeper relationship with Jesus. Amen.

# CATHOLIC CHURCH

CALENDAR: Week 11 of the ordinary Year 'A' 2020 WEEK REFLECTION.
READING FOR THE WEEK: Mathew: 9:36 – 10:8
Message: Share in the mission of Christ. "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless

you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you do not have life within you."

Jesus came from God with a special mission and authority to pass on God's message. Through the apostles and then the bishop's, we share in Jesus' life and mission. We are called to join Christ in his mission in and to the world.

Last Sunday was the celebration of the feast of Corpus Christi or Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. 14<sup>th</sup> June (Feast day reading: John 6:51-59) The Feast day also reveals the strength of Jesus to speak the truth with clarity and conviction. Jesus was facing opposition and criticism. Some were upset and challenging His words. Most of us, when we find ourselves under the scrutiny and wrath of others, will back down. We will be tempted to be overly concerned about what others say about us and about the truth, we may be criticized for. But Jesus did exactly the opposite. He did not give in to the criticism of others. It is inspiring to see that, when Jesus was faced with the harsh words of others, He responded with even greater clarity and confidence. He took His statement about the Eucharist being His Body and Blood to the next level by saying, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink His Blood, you do not have life within you. "This reveals a man of the utmost confidence, conviction and strength. Of course, Jesus is God, so we should expect this from Him. But, nonetheless, it is inspiring and reveals the strength we are all called to have in this world.

The world we live in is filled with opposition to the truth. It is opposed to many moral truths, but it is also opposed to many of the deeper spiritual truths. These deeper truths are things such as the beautiful truths of the Eucharist, the importance of daily prayer, humility, abandonment to God, putting God's will above all things, etc. We should be aware of the fact that the closer we grow to our Lord, the more we surrender to Him, and the more we proclaim His truth, the more we will feel the pressure of the world trying to steal us away. So what do we do? We learn from the strength and example of lesus.

Whenever we find ourselves put in a challenging position, or whenever we feel as though our faith is being attacked, we must deepen our resolve to be all the more faithful.

This will make us stronger and turns those temptations we face into opportunities for grace! Reflect, today, upon the way that you react when your faith is challenged.

Do you back down, give into fear and allow the challenges from others to affect you? Or do you strengthen your resolve when challenged and allow persecution to purify your faith? Choose to imitate the strength and conviction of our Lord and you will become a greater visible instrument of His grace and mercy.

**Prayer:** Lord, give me the strength of Your conviction. Give me clarity in my mission and help me to serve you unwaveringly in all things. May I never cower when faced with the challenges of life but always deepen my resolve to serve You with all my heart. Jesus, I trust in you. **Amen.** 

The **S**tate **O**f **E**mergency (SOE) within the country of Papua New Guinea has ended but we still have to practice the health hygiene as to washing of hands, coughing into your elbows and also our goodness of saying please, excuse me, thank you and our Appearance, Attendance and Application to everything we have to follow and do for the good of ourselves. You all have a blessed week. God Bless you all. Mr R. Rangatin

### **HEALTH & HYGIENE SURVEY**

Grade 10 students undertook a survey on the level of hygiene of the students attending OLSH .This assessment task came at a time where personal hygiene was very crucial and that health and hygiene was of paramount importance especially due to the deadly pandemic COVID-19.

The assessment task was aimed at finding the level of personal hygiene practiced at OLSH International School. This was also good in that it instilled the skill in our students of how to conduct a survey and how to prepare a report, in preparing them for college or university life.

The survey results showed that most students at OLSH take personal hygiene very seriously except for a few students in high school.

Grade 10 students emphasised in their report, the importance of personal hygiene and gave invaluable recommendations.

Their work samples shown in the photo below will be placed in the Library for other students to see and use, in line with the survey

Ms. Louisa Johns Year 10 Personal Development Teacher

#### **SURVEY CONCLUSION**

To conclude, the survey has shown that most students in Year 10 think a lot about their personal hygiene, mainly their hand hygiene. The hand washing practice has increased in the Year Level due to large factors such as the outbreak of COVID-19.

The survey showed that students follow instructions on when to wash their hands in the morning, due to the New Normal practice.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. The school creates awareness of hygiene and healthy teeth.
- 2. Teachers remind students daily by a quick check on their teeth every morning.
- 3. 67.9% students consider that brushing teeth is a good practice. So 38.1% need to be taught about the negative outcomes of not brushing teeth.
- 4. Clearly teach facts about habits such as chewing betel-nut because it is common practice, so that students can understand the impact it has on teeth hygiene.

