

# Our Lady of the Sacred Heart International School

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## Important Dates - 2020 MAY

Thursday 18 June - Year 10 Written Expression National Exam (Date changed by National Department of Education.

**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

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# From the Principal: Ms Judeline Wadhwani

On Friday 29 May we will celebrate OLSH Feast Day, the Feast of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart which falls on Saturday 30 May. Due to the restrictions around large social gatherings, our Feast day will be marked and celebrated differently. Classes will have their individual Para liturgy during Pastoral Care. A special OLSH Feast Day treat will be provided at lunchtime for all students and staff.

I continue to read reports from P-12 and to be amazed and delighted at the depth and breadth of learning from Prep to Year 12. The range of topics introduced and skills being learned are awe-inspiring. At the Board of Management Meeting on Tuesday 26 May, Chairman Mr Douglas Tsang on behalf of the Board acknowledged the dedication to excellence shown by all OLSH staff and encouraged us to continue to keep up the high bar of excellence that we have set ourselves in Learning-Teaching. Thanks to technology, I was able to participate via WhatsApp teleconference. Last week I wrote about our focus on how we value Excellence, Equity and Wellbeing in helping our students to become good at life. One of the ways we are doing this is to regularly up skill our teachers through Professional Learning, which continues to be a priority. At this Thursday's Staff Meeting, teachers will be viewing videos of two world-class educational researcher-reformers speaking about the importance of feedback for improvement in learning: John Hattie from New Zealand currently based in Melbourne, from where he leads worldwide educational reform and Douglas Reeves from the USA. Teachers will reflect on how they provide feedback to students in a

timely and productive

manner, which enables

students to ask themselves:

Where am I going?
How am I going?
Where to next?
Year 10 Written Expression Mock
Exams have concluded and the
students can look forward to timely
feedback, in order to produce their
best effort in the National Exam on
18 June. I encourage parents to
have conversations with your
son/daughter about feedback
received and how they are going to
use it to improve the quality of
their work.

Year 12s are preparing for their allimportant Mock Exams in Reading and Written Expression on 2 and 9 June. I encourage students to make best use of the Queen's Birthday extra-long weekend, to maximise their efforts.

We celebrated the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ last Sunday, when He promised, as He was ascending to the Father, to send the gift of the Holy Spirit whose coming we look forward to, with joy-filled anticipation, at the Feast of Pentecost this Sunday.

I wish all members of OLSH community a **Very Happy OLSH Feast Day**. May Our Lady of the Sacred Heart bless and guide our school every day in our effort to be the best school we can be.
And we pray the prayer to the Holy Spirit:

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love; Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you will renew the face of the earth. Amen"

# From the Head of Secondary: Mrs Fiona Burain

High/Secondary School has satisfactorily taken on the new normal practices since the 04th of May 2020. Despite the long break away from the classroom scenario, the adjustment by teachers and students in high/secondary school has been more a smooth and swift with little or no hiccups.

#### Thursday, May 28th, 2020

So to speak, our Year 10 students were right into their Written Expression Mock 1 on day 7 of the term - Tuesday 12th of May 2020. The results are quite pleasing for a first experience and the students have got their heads down again to improve in the second Written Expression Exam next week Tuesday the 2nd of June 2020. The Year 12's are also busy preparing for their first Written Expression Mock exam starting on the 2nd of June to the 9th of June. Their tireless efforts seem promising.

The school is busy as usual at this time with students and teachers working around the clock to complete Semester 1 units and completing assessment tasks simultaneously. We are adamant that despite the challenges posed by the CoVid 19 pandemic we will see our students continue to strive and achieve most pleasing results as evident in both teachers and students are working collaboratively and out of the box to make up for the loss and convert the loss to gains.

The new normal has also seen other positive impacts in the high/secondary classrooms. The rooms are dust free and kept very clean due to students taking on the responsibility to sweep out, wipe down and mop out their Pastoral Care rooms. The new normal has brought an industrious and busy scene each afternoon in the school where teachers and students utilise just 10 minutes to leave their classrooms spic and span

before home-time. Furthermore, the early start at 8:00 am each morning has seen more students coming to school early, although they are a few still adjusting. Thanks to parents for ensuring their children are here on time.

Finally, on a much less positive note, students need to be conscious of their dressing. We kindly ask parents to assist us by seeing your son or daughter off appropriately dressed for school as we have been regularly reminding them to do so. Although we still are not having the usual Friday School Mass students are expected to dress in their formal Friday wear with black dress shoes/sandals. Please send a note to Pastoral Care teachers to excuse your son or daughter if he or she is not in the correct uniform.



May the month of Mother Mary.

APRE NEWS LETTER: Term 2 week 4 2020 CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR: Week 7 of Easter Year 'A' 2020.

<u>WEEK REFLECTION.</u> READING FOR THE WEEK: Mathew 28:16-20

> Message: "Hallelujah! Jesus ascends to Heaven!"

In today's life, when some of our leaders, say political leaders, die or go to jail or retire to a different place, their influence dies away. This is because they do not leave behind a helping hand to propel their mission and vision. The above scenario is different from what happened to the disciples. Jesus' mission was well communicated and the Holy Spirit is the helper, who until today continues to give us the strength to proclaim the Good News. The ascension of Jesus marked the coming of the Holy Spirit. So be strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit as we endeavour to spread the Word of God to all nations. Prayer: Holy Spirit giver of life and strength, come and dwell in us. Always give us the strength to combat the evil one. Help us to Right now we feel happy and at peace knowing that. The disciples too were filled with great joy after experiencing this Holy act of Ascension of our Lord.

They now awaited the power, strength and guardianship of the Holy Spirit as promised by Jesus Christ overcome sin and evil temptations. Give us courage to overcome persecutions as we proclaim the Good News to the world. Amen.

HAPPY OLSH FEAST DAY TO YOU ALL FOR TOMORROW – FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020 Due to social distancing, school mass is on hold until the lockdown under the SOE is lifted. The OLSH Feast Day celebrations for 2020 will be different compared to past years. All classes will be conducting a Para liturgy in their own classrooms. The format of the liturgy will be provided for each class to conduct with their class teachers and class patrons.

Remember the month of May!! The month of Mother Mary. Pray the Rosary during the month of May every day for God to stop the work of Covid -19 and for the souls of those who have died of the disease and for the comfort and peace for those who have lost their loved ones because of covid-19. May God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit with the grace of Holy Mother Mary continue to protect us from Covid-19.

God bless you all. Mr R. Rangatin

#### YEAR 10 WRITING-CRAFTING STORIES

Title: A farmer's dog

On a farm in Texas, there lived a young farmer named Ben. Ben was a hardworking young lad who worked tirelessly day by day to provide his local produce to the town people. He lived a simple life, but with all the laughs and smiles he had, he still felt empty deep inside knowing he was alone.

One day, on his way back after delivering vegetables at the market, he walked passed a market stall and heard a bash. He quickly stopped and turned around to see a brown little puppy in a small eye. He somehow felt a sense of connection between him and the puppy and couldn't stop smiling as the little pup wagged its tail. He ended up buying the pup and named him lucky.

#### By Bethuel Opety

## Title: A Dog is a Man's Best Friend

The cool breeze of the approaching dawn tickled Sam's nose as he cuddled more tightly around Ozzy who was already wide awake. Ozzy loved the feeling of the sun's rays so he gently pulled himself out of his owners grip and tenderly slid out of bed, not daring to disturb his loving best friend. For San's parents, the mother was up preparing breakfast and the father working really hard on his new painting. However, the sun was not the only reason why Ozzy wanted out of bed; he desperately had to do his dog business.

But something always bothers Ozzy and the other dogs of the neighbourhood. There was a big German shepherd owned by another boy in the area that was nearly four times the size of Ozzy. The dog terrorizes almost every dog in the area and acts like he owns the block. Well, for Ozzy's other dog friend, who happened to be a she had always craved for the moment when she could get her revenge on the bully. She hated the bully as much dogs hate cats.

#### By Jessica Akaripa

#### **PHOTOS**



Learning in High School (Year 12)



Learning in Primary (Prep)