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Acting Principal Mr Patrick Baiwan

Head of Religious Education Mr Raymond Rangatin

Head of Secondary Mrs Fiona Burain

Head of Primary
Ms Grace Savitas

Registrar Ms Norah Sevian

IMPORTANT DATES

December 2020

4th- Teaching staff finish school **11**th- All staff finish school

January 2021

Monday 13 – School Office opens Monday 18 – Teaching staff return to school Monday 25 – All students return to school

TERM 1

25 January to 1 April

Bank Account Details

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

Account No 4700735201

From the Principal

Dear members of the OLSH community,

All good things come to an end and new good things begin. And so ends the 2020 academic year which will be remembered as the year of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a learning community of faith we can say with gratitude, that we did not allow the rigours of the pandemic and indeed there were many, to diminish our zeal to press on striving every day, with our best effort. The students are bringing home today their Semester 2 report. Please spend some time celebrating success and taking on board with your child/children, teacher advice for raising the bar of their personal aspiration higher in 2021. We wish all students who are leaving OLSH at the end of this year, much success and joy in their new school and postschool endeavours. May they always carry with them, the spirit of their OLSH formation.

Mass, Awards and Graduation Ceremony

A dedicated team of staff has worked tirelessly for the past 2 weeks to organise this highlight event in the life of OLSH. We thank our parents for your understanding in supporting us in the matter of limiting parent attendance. It is our hope that all parents will be able to attend the 2021 **Graduation and Awards** ceremony. A full list of graduates and awards recipients is attached. Heartiest congratulations to each of the students for their well-earned award, to the teachers who nurtured them towards this achievement and to the parents who partnered us in this shared goal. I acknowledge and thank the organising Committee led by Ms Dianne Songo, assisted by both Heads of School, Ms Savitas and Mrs Burain, Ms Norah Sevian, Mrs Helen Leong and Ms Belinda Buken. Our thanks to Mr Raymond Rangatin for co-ordinating all aspects of the Mass of Thanksgiving that preceded the Awards and **Graduation Ceremony and** to Fr Mark Kombeng for celebrating Mass. Onwards and upwards for 2021.

From the outgoing School Captain

School Captain Jannice
Anis gave the final 2020
School Captain's Speech
at the Awards and
Graduation Ceremony.
Some excerpts appear
below:

They say "People only remember the first and forget the rest" but I believe that these two years have been a journey and we will take many memories with us.

All of us are blessed with talents that are worth congratulating, and this is what this day is all about. The lessons we have learned in class will surely help us get through that next stage, but we also need to remember that everything we have memorized, they are not the only things that will help us through. We also need to retain the things we have learnt other than the academic stuff. Gaining the courage to stand in front of the class and school when we can barely work the nerve to talk to the person next to us; having the dedication to complete our given tasks when the only thing that we actually know about it is the fact that we have to solve it – those

are but some of the things that we have learnt about ourselves that go beyond our text books. Those are the things that we will need in real life.

And there is yet another thing we all need to remember; it is a lesson that I have learnt through the years. Learn to appreciate others. Remember that we cannot stand on our own.

Of course we solve problems ourselves, answer our tests individually and go through our everyday lives on our own, but one cannot deny how important the people around us are. Our parents, friends, teachers, school leadership, the canteen ladies and ancillary staff here at OLSH have played a vital role in helping us to get to where we are now. Most especially, God has made it possible for us to see through all the challenges and come out of them stronger and better. For all those blessings, I, along with my fellow colleagues, am sincerely grateful to all of you.

Jannice Anis School Captain 2020

2021 School Captains

We congratulate Christopher
Avuchulas and Lourdes Kangol on
being elected as School Captains for
2021. Wayne Kanawi and Melanie
Kelep have been elected as ViceCaptains. We wish all four leaders
success in their leadership of the
student body.

Year 8 Results

The Year 9 2021 week long selection meeting took place on Monday 30th November. OLSH International School had two of its students Dwayne Knox and Steven Knox ranked in the top 12 students in New Ireland Province. OLSH also had 4 out of 11 students achieving 4 straight Very High scores

in the 4 examinable subjects. Most of the OLSH students scored much higher than the 75 cut off mark which is a pleasing achievement in 2020. Well done Year 8 class of 2020.

Looking ahead to 2021, we have been briefed by the Department of Education through the Provincial Division representative Mr. Lindsey Eruel, on the re-introduction of the Year 6 examination in 2021. If parents who have a child/children in this year level in 2021 have any questions in regard to this, please do not hesitate to contact the school or the Division for more information. OLSH has taken this notice on board for our 2021 and will ensure that we prepare our Year 6 class of 2021 for the best results possible.

Mr Patrick Baiwan Acting Principal

Transition Meetings

Following the departure of students at mid-day, teachers at all year levels will participate in a dedicated programme of Transition Meetings until Friday 4 December. The objective of these meetings is that the 2021 teachers will meet and converse with the 2020 teachers at each year level. The process to be followed is: to read the Semester 2 reports of every student at a particular year level and discuss in these teams, individual learning and behaviour needs, in order to plan learning for optimum success in 2021. The Leadership Team will attend these meetings and provide support and advice where needed.

Head of Primary 2021

I am delighted to inform the OLSH community that the Board of Management approved the appointment of Mrs Wiki Thomas as Head of Primary in 2021. Mrs

Thomas is an experienced educator with several years of teaching experience at OLSH. She has deep knowledge of the ACARA curriculum followed at OLSH and most importantly, Mrs Thomas keeps the students at the centre of everything she says and does. Her knowledge of each Prep student's learning and behaviour needs impressed the interview panel as did her professional capabilities and commitment to the mission and vision of OLSH. The Leadership Team is very pleased to welcome Mrs Thomas in our midst and we look forward to working with her, to ensure high quality student wellbeing for learning in Primary School.

Staff movements

We farewell the following staff at the end of this academic year:

- Ms Grace Savitas. I informed the OLSH community earlier this term that Ms Savitas accepted a teaching position at Lihir International School
- Mrs Helen Leong is retiring after more than a decade of service to OLSH. We thank Mrs Leong for all her support for students and staff and wish her a well-earned retirement.
- Mr Salvador Marilag is leaving
 OLSH to pursue further studies.
 Mr Marilag was a well-respected
 teacher and Boarding House
 Supervisor who will be missed
 especially by the senior students.
 We wish him much success in his
 studies and future endeavours.
- Ms Sabrina Smith, Learning Support Assistant concludes her tenure.

We welcome the following new staff and look forward to working with them in 2021:

- Mr Michael Kasai Maths,
 Physics and Visual Arts
- Mrs Esther Sapaleu Accounting, English and Business Studies
- Ms Dulcie Palut Learning Support Assistant

Other changes:

- Mr Michael Saghou, Grade 3
 teacher will do part-time
 teaching of RE at Primary in
 Semester 1 and at P-9 in
 Semester 2. We are interviewing
 applicants for the role of Grade 3
 teacher.
- Ms Norah Sevian will take on the position of Resource Centre Manager from Mrs Leong, in 2021.
- In 2021 aspects of the role of Registrar will be shared between 2 newly appointed staff: School Receptionist-Secretary and ICT Co-ordinator. Interviews are in progress.

Acknowledgements

I thank all the members of the Leadership Team for their dedication and support in making it possible for me to lead the school from Melbourne, through the turbulence and uncertainty of this year. Mr Patrick Baiwan's leadership as Acting Principal is testimony of daily high level dedication to OLSH and a high degree of professional responsibility for every aspect of school life. He was assisted by the Heads of School, Ms Savitas and Mrs Burain and Head of RE, Faith & Mission Mr Raymond Rangatin. During 3 hours of WhatsApp teleconferences every Monday since 4 May, we have discussed every aspect of school life and done our best to bring the school year to the finish line and

importantly, to prepare 3 year levels of students through 2 sets of Mock Exams, for their National Examinations. We have had the support of a professional group of staff both teaching and ancillary, who have cared for our students to the best of their ability and have supported the School Improvement Plan 2020-2022. I acknowledge the leadership and support of Mr Douglas Tsang, Chairman of the OLSH Board of Management and the members of the Board for their belief and trust in the Leadership Team. We look forward to a renewed year of collaboration with the Board, in making OLSH a beacon school in Kavieng and in New Ireland.

Finally, I wish all members of the OLSH community and extended OLSH community the peace, love, joy and hope of the Christ Child as we prepare to mark and celebrate His birth on Christmas day. A Happy and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year to each of you. May 2021 bring many blessings of the baby Jesus to our community. Happy holidays to all families.

CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR: <u>Week 1 of the</u> season of Advent Year 'B' 2020.

WEEK REFLECTION.
READING FOR THE WEEK: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Message: Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations.

Jesus speaks this Gospel as a way of challenging us to remain awake and vigilant in our life of faith. This happens when we keep the truth in our minds and hearts and our eyes on the will of God. The moment we turn our eyes to the burdens of life and fail

to see God in the midst of all things, we become spiritually drowsy and begin, in a sense, to fall asleep.
As the liturgical year comes to a close, today, reflect upon the fact that God is calling you to become wide awake. He wants your full attention and He wants you completely sober in your life of faith. Put your eyes on Him and let Him keep you continually prepared for His imminent return.

Prayer: Lord, we do love You and we desire to love You all the more. Help us to remain wide awake in our life of faith. Help us to keep our eyes on You through all things so that we are always prepared for You when You come to us. Jesus, we trust in You. Amen.

Season of Advent is here!! – Let us get ready for Christmas!!



Another year of education has now come to an end. And what a year it has been!!

Thank you all and everyone. Without your love we would not reach this end.

Have a blessed Christmas and the best New Year Celebrations. See you all on the 25th of January 2021.

Pray the Rosary every day. <u>Sunday Mass Program</u>

7:00 Am – English Mass 9:00 Am – Tok Pisin Mass 5:00 Pm – Eucharistic Adoration God Bless you all.

Mr R. Rangatin

GRADUATING STUDENTS 2020 Year 8

Markie Kalamen Dwayne Knox Steven Knox Robert Korere Joseph Mathai Rhoda Rangatin Rosemary Siangat Denise Tokava Bildern Wai Haddasha Wesley Marsha Wularia

Year 10

Jessica Akaripa **Betty Avuchulas** Belinda Bua Joachim Chan Sarah Kamit Lumencia Kangol **Armistice Mereng** Skye James Jasmine Nauwet **Bethuel Opety** Zeruiah Pitalai Regina Siangat **Leon Thomas Noel Thomas** Grace Tokava Lapan Tuvui Nicole Wai Zillah Wol Sr Thomasita Dom Sr Bernadette Vitus

Year 12

Janelle Anis Jannice Anis Kirsty Butler Natasha Camble Natasha Chan Rose Daniel Shania Ignatius Seth James Lyone Judah Alexia Mossman Gregg Patu Jr Shadrick Patu John Penial Sinclair Sabadi **Antonio Savitas** Chelsea Sios Israel Soi Rita Tapit Adela Vovola Theresia Waula

2020 Speech Day Awards

Prep – Mrs Wiki Thomas
1st Place: Veronica Lapun
2 nd Place: Zachariah Karlus
3 rd Place: Philma Ares
Most Improved: Charles Maiok, Leilani Taulo
Creative Arts: Raymond Rangatin
Music: Anne-Catherine Joel
Religious Education: Zachariah Karlus
Attendance: Leilani Taulo
Library: Veronica Lapun, Angel Ling

Year One – Mrs Lorina Bareng
1 st Place: Simon Lalen
2 nd Place: Bennisha Yali
3 rd Place: Anthony Bareng
Most Improved: Shavinnah Wesley
Creative Arts: Bennisha Yali
Music: Simon Lalen
Religious Education: Samson Liobot
Attendance: Dennis Pauel
Citizenship: Blaise Korere
Library: Dennis Panuel

Year Two – Ms Maxine Moses
1 st Place: Emilia Taulo
2 nd Place: Titianna Kolish
3 rd Place: Nasya Bobo
Most Improved: Daniel Jason
Creative Arts: Antonio Bais
Music: Titianna Kolish
Religious Education: Emilia Taulo
Attendance: Emilia Taulo
Citizenship: Francisca Karany
Library: Emilia Taulo

Year Three – Mr Michael Saghou
1 st Place: Keona Tsang
2 nd Place: Bertcilla Nauwet
3 rd Place: Ariana Sition
Most Improved: Lora Moabi
Creative Arts: Emma Eminse
Music: Keona Tsang
Religious Education: Ariana Sition
Attendance: Edward Yal
Citizenship: Taysalee Rikis
Library: Emma Eminse

Year Four – Mr Anthony
Kavanamur
1 st Place: Domita Au
2 nd Place: Keiler Yali
3 rd Place: Tanisha Korere
Most Improved: Iesha Wularia
Creative Arts: Wilson Kamit
Music: Desny Peni
Religious Education: Domita Au
Attendance: Tanisha Korere
Citizenship: Brianna Kimbe
Library: Tanisha Korere
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Year Five – Mr Wari Joel
1 st Place: Joseph Timan
2 nd Place: Caylah-Marie Korere
3 rd Place: Aiden Ling
Most Improved: Elliot Mavako
Creative Arts: Joseph Timan
Music: Nukasa Thomas
Religious Education: Joseph
Timan
Attendance: Mikaylah Getzo,
Anthony Vovola (100 %
Attendance & Punctuality)
Citizenship: Mikaylah Getzo
Library: Caylah-Marie Korere

Year 6 Ms Grace Savitas
1 st Place: Daniel Vovola
2 nd Place: Skyla Tsang
3 rd Place: Audrey Nangore
Most Improved: Tianna Merebo, David Poesan
Creative Arts: Angelique Fong, Rhianna Jee
Music: Skyla Tsang
Religious Education: Teni Karany
Attendance: Daniel Vovola, Skyla Tsang
Citizenship: Kaylah Avuchulas
Library: Skyla Tsang

Year Seven -Sr Joan
1st Place: Penelope Lomel Getzo
Citizenship: Penelope Lomel Getzo
English: Penelope Lomel Getzo
Maths: Penelope Lomel Getzo
Science: Penelope Lomel Getzo
Social Science: Penelope Lomel Getzo
Commerce: Penelope Lomel Getzo
PDHPE: Penelope Lomel Getzo
Basic Tech: Penelope Lomel Getzo
Music: Ryan Timothy
Visual Arts: Penelope Lomel Getzo
Religious Education: Penelope Lomel
Getzo
Library: Ezra Charles

Year Eight – Mrs Maiok/ Mr Rangatin
Overall Dux: Dwayne Knox
Internal Dux: Marsha Pansop Wularia
2 nd Place: Steven Knox
3 rd Place: Robert Korere
Citizenship: Marsha Pansop Wularia
English: Marsha Pansop Wularia
Maths: Marsha Pansop Wularia
Science: Marsha Pansop Wularia
Social Science: Marsha Pansop Wularia
Commerce: Marsha Pansop Wularia
PDHPE: Rosemary Siagat
Basic Tech: Marsha Pansop Wularia
Music: Marsha Pansop Wularia
Visual Arts: Marsha Pansop Wularia
Religious Education: Marsha Pansop Wularia
Library: Robert Korere
Straight VHAs : Dwayne Knox Steven Knox
Robert Korere

Year Nine – Mrs Minimulu
1 st Place: Nasha Berenyi
Citizenship: Christopher Lavarabin
English: Jedidiah Kalisa
Maths: Aliceson Ingrin
Science: Joylin Rikis
Social Science: Nasha Berenyi
Business Studies: Joylin Rikis
PDHPE: Aliceson Ingrin & Nasha
Berenyi
IPT: Christine Thomas
Music: Joylin Rikis
Visual Arts: Aliceson ngrin
Religious Education: Joylin Rikis
Library: Joylin Rikis

Rosemary Siangat

Jasmine Nauwet
Bethuel Opety
Noel Thomas
GraceTOkava
Year 12 -Mr Marilag/Ms Songo
DUX: Lyone Judah
1 st Humanities: Lyone Judah
1 st Sciences: Jannice Anis
1 st Business: Rose Daniel
Citizenship: Adela Vovola
English: Jannice Anis/ Adela Vovola
General Maths: Rose Daniel
Advanced Maths: John Peniel
Economics: Sinclair Sabadi
Legal Studies: Lyone Judah
Geography: Lyone Judah
Business Studies: Rose Daniel
Study of Religion: Adela Vovola
Biology: Jannelle Anis/ Jannice Anis
Physics: John Peniel
Chemistry: Jannice Anis
ICT: Lyone Judah/ Rose Daniel
Library: Lyone Judah

2020 High School Attendance & Punctuality Awards

7 - Penelope Getzo
8 - Markie Kalamen
9 - Grace Hanson, Aliceson Ingrin,
Shadrach Nason, Jude Remas

10 - Lumencia Kangol, Zillah Wol
11 - Tyson Tamas, Sharon Ellison, Sharon Komenang
12 - Jannelle Anis, Jannice Anis,
Natasha Camble,Rose Daniel, Lyone Judah,
Chelsea Sios, Israel Soi,

2020 OLSH School Spirit Bishop's Award

John Peniel (100% attendance &

Adela Vovola

punctuality)

2020 Graduation and Awards Ceremony





















