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Important Dates - 2020 JULY

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday 29 July National
Exam Parent Meeting
Years 8, 10 & 12
23 July - Remembrance
Day Public Holiday
27 July- New Ireland Day Public
Holiday
30 and 31 July - Year 10
Science Practical Exams

10 August - Year 12 Written Expression National Exam (Readings)

P-12 Parent-Teacher Interviews Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13, August 3.30 - 5.00 pm

17 August - Year 12 Written Expression National Exam END DATE FOR TERM 3 - At 2.00 pm on Friday 18 September

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

Bank South Pacific
Account Name: OLSH International
School

Account no: 1013245293 Westpac Bank

Account Name: OLSH International

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Account No 4700735201

From the Principal

Dear members of the OLSH community,

Welcome back for Term
3. The school calendar shows it will be an energy-filled term once again in th core area of Learning-Teaching.

The OLSH Board of Management appointed Mr Patrick Baiwan as Acting Principal for the period that I will be away from OLSH. I take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Baiwan most heartily on his appointment and to assure him, the Leadership Team and staff, of my consistent daily support from afar to ensure OLSH functions everyday as a school where your child/children are welcomed and have happy and successful learning experiences. A letter about Mr Baiwan's appointment from Mr Douglas Tsang, Chair of the OLSH Board of Management was emailed to the OLSH community yesterday. It is also attached to this newsletter.

Secondary School reports were sent home on Monday 20 July. Year 11 students received their reports on Tuesday 21 July. Please discuss their report with your child and celebrate their achievements whilst also taking into consideration for immediate action, the

advice of their teachers regarding areas of improvement.

I hear that COVID-19 cases in PNG are on the slow rise to 19 (the number stood at 7 when I had to leave in March). As a Leadership Team, we have agreed to renew our efforts at ensuring social distancing and enhanced health and hygiene practice. Please discuss the importance of these issues with your child/children. We need to do our best every day to be aware, vigilant and practise healthy habits regularly. In Melbourne as of midnight on Wednesday 22 July, all of us are required by law to wear a mask, every time we go out of our home.

On Tuesday 21 July, OLSH alumnus Mr Benjamin Wakip did 3 presentations to Year 8, Year 12 and Year 10 and 11 students respectively. These experience-based presentations were intended to motivate our students as they approach their National Exams, to be more and do more. OLSH is appreciative of Mr Wakip's time and effort but most importantly his dedication to put back into OLSH, what he received in terms of his formation all those years ago.

SAVE THE DATES

National Exam Years 8, 10 and 12 Parent Information Night

Wednesday 29 July at 7.00 pm

P-12 Parent-Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 11, Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13, August 3.30 - 5.00 pm

All parents are encouraged to attend these interviews for an invaluable opportunity to meet your child's teachers.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

Tomorrow 23 July we celebrate National Remembrance Day when we remember and honour the PNG armed forces who died in the line of fire, in both World Wars and in subsequent peace-keeping effort within PNG and abroad. These soldiers courageously gave their life so that the people of PNG may live in safety, enjoying the freedom we do. We are grateful for their act of supreme sacrifice.

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
From the rising of the sun to its going down,
We will remember them. Lest we forget."

CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR: Week 15 of the ordinary Year 'A' 2020.

WEEK REFLECTION.
READING FOR THE WEEK: Mathew 13: 1-9

Message: "Responding to God's word involves receiving it, treasuring it, and putting it into practice."

This is the parable of the sower. This parable was given by Jesus to the disciples and the people at the sea shore. The sower is Jesus Christ. The seeds are the Good News that Jesus proclaims to the people of His creation. The different types of grounds and soils are the different hearts of people who Jesus proclaims His Holy Word to.

Some of us have very hard hearts, like those made of stone, such that even when Jesus preaches to us, we do not listen or take much regard to that Word.

There are those of us who have hearts with very little faith, love and other virtues that are required to put into action and sustain the Words of the Gospel of Christ.

These hearts are like that rocky ground with very little soil to sustain the growth of that that seed from germination to fruition.

Others have hearts that are very like the thorny bushes that choked the seeds by being sinful and full of worldly pleasures that tend to repel, subdue, choke or push away any Good News that Jesus proclaims to us.

Jesus wants all of us to have hearts that when they receive His Good News, they heed to the Holy Gospel teachings of knowing God, loving Him, serving Him, praising and glorifying Him all the days of our lives. When we practice this we are supposed to continue preaching to many others the same Gospel of Christ so that they can repent their sins, mend their evil ways and return to the bosom of our Heavenly Father. These hearts that do this are now like the rich soil that makes the seed to grow and produce as much fruit as Jesus Christ requires of us.

5:00 Pm – Eucharistic Adoration You all have a blessed week. God Bless you all. Now my dear friends, let us turn our hearts to become like the rich soil where some seed fell and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Let our hearts implement the Good News that Jesus preaches to us and make sure we continue the work that Christ has commanded us to do of redeeming as many souls as possible back to Him.

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, help us to turn our hearts to become the rich soil that will sustain Your Good News and also spread it to the whole world. May we be able to redeem souls back to you in hundreds, sixty or thirty folds. Amen

Welcome back everyone to term 3!! Bishop Rochus Tatamai is now the Archbishop of Rabaul, but still remains as the administrator for Kavieng Diocese until a new bishop be appointed. Let us be mindful to continue to pray for God's Holy Spirit to provide us with a bishop to continue to the work of being the head of OLSH International School Board structure.

Sunday Mass schedule: 7:00 Am – English Mass 9:00 Am – Tok Pisin Mass

Mr R. Rangatin

Mr Benjamin Wakip delivering motivational talk to students











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Dear Parents, Students and Friends

COVID-19 has dramatically changed our way of life and I hope everyone is well and staying healthy during these unprecedented times. These are also challenging times for all of us and OLSH certainly feels it. However, we are a strong school with a strong history and strong support. We are also blessed to be where we are with the abundance that God has given us.

With all the restrictions that are currently in place domestically and internationally, we at OLSH have had to be creative in ensuring we continue to deliver our primary objective – educating our children. We have implemented certain policies and procedures at school which all of you should be aware of to allow us to continue to operate as safely as possible.

However, the travel restrictions have had a big impact on our ability to get our Principal, Ms. Wadhwani back to OLSH. Ms. Wadhwani is currently still stuck in Melbourne and is not yet able to return to Kavieng. She has affirmed her commitment to OLSH and continues to work online daily with the school leadership and teaching staff. This new norm is testing us but we continue to pass the tests and find solutions to the problems.

As much as Ms. Wadhwani continues to perform her Principal's duties online, the Board feels there is a need to have someone to lead on the ground. It is therefore with great pleasure that we would like to advise everyone that Mr. Patrick Baiwan has accepted our offer to take on the Acting Principal role for OLSH whilst Ms. Wadhwani is away. We believe that this will allow our Head teachers to focus on teaching whilst Mr. Baiwan can take care of the local operations and administration of the school. Ms. Wadhwani will continue to oversee the academic and strategic requirements of the school – which she is able to do reasonably well online.

Thankfully our internet provider has upgraded our internet service (at no additional cost) so our online connections are much improved. Ms. Wadhwani will organize online meetings with students and parents over the next couple of months to keep in touch. Should you have any question for Ms. Wadhwani please feel free to email her on judeline.wadhwani@gmail.com.

She will be more than happy to address any questions you may have and if needed, we will organize a video call with you at the school.

Please remember to wash hands, social distance and stay healthy!

Regards

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