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Important Dates – 2020 JULY

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 29 July National
Exam Parent Meeting
Years 8, 10 & 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

Account Name: OLSH International
School

Account No 4700735201

From the Principal

And so ends what might well be considered a most exceptional term in OLSH history. There may have been others before my time; however, none of them would have had to survive in a pandemic, with the community doing its best to stay resilient and doing the daily task of learning, teaching, preparing meals, maintaining the school facilities and grounds, in the midst of lengthening power outages and the need for measures to keep safe from the deadly COVID-19 virus: in short, keeping the school functioning by closely following the New Normal and hoping for the best.

Add to this mix, the Principal being thousands of miles away, locked down for a second time in Melbourne, Victoria and reliant on three things to lead the school from a distance everyday: the grace of a loving Provider God, the goodwill and active support of the school community and finally, the availability of technology, restricted to WhatsApp and email.

We can rightly be proud of the manner in which the whole school has worked as one heartbeat, to have reached the end of Term 2. Going forward based on our success, we are assured that *"all things are possible for*

those who believe". (Mark 9:23)

REPORTS

The extended power outages this week and their impact on the generators, have affected our ability to complete report collation and printing. I would like to proofread and provide a high-quality report to parents and guardians. We are doing our best to complete all Primary reports and send them to you on Friday 10 July. If the power supply works against our best intentions, P-12 reports will be sent home in the first week of Term 3. I thank you for your patience and understanding.

LEARNING-TEACHING

OLSH prides itself on its commitment to providing a high-quality education to every student. Already 2 weeks of Semester 2 learning-teaching have been accomplished since 29 June.

Our focus next term will especially be on preparing the students at Years 8, 10 and 12 for their National Examinations. We ask for the support of all parents and guardians as our vital partners in this important task of educating your daughter/son for a successful future. Please read their reports with them and help them to understand both, their strengths in each subject, as well as areas for improvement. Please also help them to understand and follow the advice or recommendations from each teacher.

I have spoken to Mrs Burain, Head of Secondary School of my intention to interview every Secondary student from 7-12, starting with the students at the 3 examinable years and then cascading to the Year 11, 9 and 7 students. I am looking forward to these interviews and to having positive conversations with all Secondary students.

SAVE THE DATE

Parents and guardians at Years 8, 10 and 12, please note the change of date for the National Examinations Information Night to Wednesday 29 July. All parents are required to attend this important meeting presented by Mrs Fiona Burain, Head of Secondary School and Mrs Rachael Baiwan, Examinations Co-ordinator. You will receive all exam-related information and have the opportunity to ask questions of the presenters.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

During a busy atypical term when all of us were challenged everyday to think on our feet in responding to so many unusual situations in school, I was delighted to read and to hear of the many instances of deep learning. A small cross-section was showcased in each week's newsletter.

I thank the students for their work and the teachers for responding to my request to collate and present the student work for publication.

Lylene Judah, Adela Vovola, Alexia Mossman, Kirsty Butler (Year 12); Bethuel Opety, Jessica Akaripa (Year 10); Joseph Timan, Macford Macnai (Year 5); Brianna Kimbe, Israel Charles (Year 4); Leticia Kalogo, George Mohe, Rachel Ellison, Sharon Ellison (Year 11)

Mrs Fiona Burain, Mr Wari Joel, Mrs Lorena Bareng, Ms Louisa Johns, Mr Raymond Rangatin, Mr Anthony Kavanamur, Ms Evelyn Sausi and Ms Diana Songo.

TERM 3

Please note that school reopens on Monday 20 July. School will commence at 8 am for all students from P-12. All students are expected to attend school on this day.

We are delighted that OLSH alumnus Mr Benjamin Wakip has accepted our invitation to present a motivational talk to our Year 8 students on Tuesday 21 July. We believe this linkage between former and current students is vital not only in maintaining the continuity of OLSH's evolving story, but also to inspire our students to aspire to greater heights and listen to experiences of the challenges and difficulties that need to be overcome with resilience, in order to achieve one's goals.

I wish every student, staff member and all OLSH families a restful time for body, mind and soul over the upcoming holidays. Each of you has worked tirelessly to ensure that we got to the end of term to the best of our ability. I am reminded of the words of St Paul in his Second Letter to Timothy: *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith"* (2 Tim 4:7)

As you commence your well-earned time of rest and relaxation,
*"The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace."*
(Numbers 6:24-26)

CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR: Week 14 of the ordinary Year 'A' 2020.

WEEK REFLECTION.

READING FOR THE WEEK: Mathew 11: 25-30

Message: "We should try to be gentle towards others, as Jesus himself was gentle."

MY YOKE IS EASY and MY BURDEN LIGHT.

Today, gentleness is not regarded as it once was. Our word 'gentleman' testifies to this. Today, violence is more popular than gentleness. TV, Videos, Movies, computer games and the follow up daily storytelling and discussions on "battered woman" and "abused child" has given it a widespread audience. All this has taken its toll on us. In the houses and communities, people shouting, kicking things, throwing things and even strike one another.

Jesus taught us to be gentle. Just like the father in 'The Parable of the Prodigal Son. Jesus wants us to be 'Gentle and Humble in spirit.'
To pray to God 'Simply and Trustfully' like a child with its father.

Have you ever tried to get a solution for an emotional problem using money but your emotional situation remains the same?

Well, I have Good News for you today! The answer or solution to your problem is Jesus Christ. He knows all our weakness and that sometimes the little strength we have can fail us.

Therefore, He invites us to offload all our problems on Him and in return, He will give us His yoke, which is good to bear and light. Jesus tells us that in Him we will find rest when we go on our knees and pray.

The yoke that Jesus in giving us is that of humility and meekness. Jesus is saying that we always feel burdened and troubled because we lack humility and meekness. He tells us to be humble and meek, just like Him and we will find rest.

Therefore, when you fall sick, when you are financially constrained, when you are down emotionally, when your friends, family and neighbours desert you, when your boss at work fires you, when you are angry etc., find rest at the feet of Jesus. Go on your knees, with a humble and contrite heart and tell Jesus all your problems.

Jesus Christ will never let us down when we seek his help. He says that whatever we ask of our Heavenly Father in His name, we will get it. Therefore with humble hearts let us take our burdens unto Jesus and we will find rest.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR FAITH OF GOODWILL AND PRAYERS RIGHT THROUGHOUT THIS TERM
HAVE A BLESSED 2ND TERM 1 WEEK SCHOOL HOLIDAY.

Sunday Mass schedule:

7:00 Am – English Mass

9:00 Am – Tok Pisin Mass

5:00 Pm – Eucharistic Adoration

You all have a blessed week.

God Bless you all.

Mr R. Rangatin