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Important Dates – 2020 August

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

24 August- National Day of
Repentance Holiday

31 August – 4 September - Year
8, 10 & 12 Mock Exam

16 September- Independence
Day Holiday

END DATE FOR TERM 3 - At
2.00 pm on Friday 18 September

START DATE FOR TERM 4 – 28
September 8.00am.

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,

We regret the inconvenience caused to parents of Years 8, 10 and 12 students due to the cancellation of the National Exams Parent Information Evening yesterday Wednesday 29 July. This decision was taken after due consideration about the need for extreme precaution around large public gatherings, given the rising number of active cases of COVID-19 in Port Moresby and its surrounds. Please be assured that we are focused on rigorous preparation of your daughter/son for these exams and will keep you informed of the reappointed date. In the meantime, please feel very welcome to contact the school for any queries or concerns.

With the high rise in the numbers of active COVID-19 cases confirmed in Port Moresby and its surrounding areas, we have refocused our attention on increased vigilance at school on our daily thermal scanning, social distancing and personal hygiene.

Teachers are regularly reminded to ensure that adequate social distancing is being maintained in the classroom and in the school yard and that students are regularly washing their hands. We ask that parents discuss with your child and

reinforce the importance of following these procedures whilst at school.

All parents visiting the school for a variety of reasons, please support our efforts by presenting yourself for the mandatory thermal scanning. In the first instance, please refrain from coming to school or sending your child/children to school if you or they have a temperature or any flue-like symptoms. We need everyone's cooperation to ensure that the school community is kept safe from COVID-19.

Some parents have been enquiring about the possibility of a second lockdown and its implications for learning-teaching at OLSH. After careful consideration given to the matter by the Leadership Team and in consultation with the Board of Management, we regretfully inform all parents that in the event of a second lockdown in New Ireland province, it would not be a viable option for OLSH to offer online learning for the period of the lockdown. The school does not have the technological infrastructure to offer and sustain this facility. We will seek advice from the Department of Education as to how best to cater for our students' needs and do our very best when the lockdown is lifted, as we did in Term 2, with a revised P-12 timetable and full utilisation of the PE and Sport periods to

cover the prescribed curriculum.

STUDENT AND STAFF INTERVIEWS

Year 12 student and teacher interviews with Mr Baiwan, Mrs Burain and me commenced on Tuesday 28 July. Every student in Secondary School, beginning with Years 12, 10 and 8, will be having an individual interview, to review their Semester 1 grades and to agree specific ways forward for improvement of these grades in the upcoming National Exams. Teachers are being interviewed to review their subject grades and to determine how students can be supported in their effort to improve grades. These interviews will continue over the next few weeks.

Should you wish to discuss your daughter's or son's Semester 1 results, please feel welcome to email me at

judeline.wadhvani@gmail.com

indicating your intention to have an online meeting.

Primary teachers are also being interviewed by Mr Baiwan, Ms Savitas and me over the course of the following weeks.

Mrs Christine Luba concludes her Maternity Leave Replacement Teacher Position tomorrow. We thank Mrs Luba for 6 weeks of teaching and pastoral care of Grade 2 students and wish her well. We hope to see Mrs Luba back at OLSH doing some Relief Teacher work over this semester. We welcome Ms Maxine Moses back to Grade 2 from Monday 3 August.

Our School Captains Jannice and Israel have provided a reflection on the value they received from Mr Wakip's presentation on 21 July

So another very busy term for us, each giving our best effort. Attendance and Application the second and third of the 3As introduced at the start of the year, are strongly in focus this term, as we immerse ourselves in Semester 2 learning.

We pray for protection and safety as the world and nation PNG continue to confront the ravages of COVID-19 with courage and resilience. We pray for all the families and communities who have experienced much personal loss of their loved one in this time of grief. Amen.

ALUMNUS MOTIVATIONAL TALK

It was a privilege to have Mr Benjamin Wakip at school on Tuesday 21st July to deliver a motivational talk and encouragement to students. Mr Wakip is a former OLSH student and current President of the OLSH Alumni: an organisation established by former OLSH students who support the school with various developments of the students and school.

Mr Wakip discussed aspects that have greatly influenced students in past years up until today, such as, the education system, curriculum and how they carry themselves as students of OLSH. One key area he talked about was time management. He termed it as Priority Management. As a student, he made study timetables, which he followed. This was what got him through University. He spent time explaining why allocating time aside for studies as a student is important and helpful to achieve good grades.

He encouraged us, especially those in the examinable years, to make our own time table to help in preparations for exams. The students enjoyed this part of his presentation the best.

He shared other experiences and challenges that he faced. One of the experiences that inspired a large number of students was that he was a straight 'A' student and was given four scholarships when he graduated into Uni-Tech. During his second year at University he failed all his courses because of health issues. Despite this, he was not deterred and returned the following year to repeat his courses.

His experience provided great encouragement to the students to never give up on their dreams and to have a positive attitude towards their learning. His personal mantra is "*Failure is not an option.*"

The take away message that we got from that day was that the gradings that students get on paper, do not determine one's capability, but to see it as a challenge to improve, especially students in the examinable years.

We greatly appreciated Mr Wakip for taking the time to visit and share his experiences. The motivational talk has inspired the students positively. We believe it is important for people to visit students at their former school and share their experiences to help students stream correctly into subjects that will help them achieve their future goals. It will help students to expect the types of challenges they may encounter when they leave high school and to let them know that there are a number of ways to achieve their future goals and careers.

As outgoing students of OLSH we would also like to return to OLSH in the future to share our experiences and encourage the students.

**By Jannice Anis and Israel Soi
School Captains**

CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR: Week 17 of the ordinary Year 'A' 2020.

<p>WEEK REFLECTION. READING FOR THE WEEK: Mathew 13:44-52</p>
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Message: "God's call gives true meaning to our lives."

God has called each one of us to be in the kingdom. When we really love and trust God, we too will be able to sort out the important things in life, and will want to share this precious treasure with everyone. We will know what is 'lasting' treasure and how to help others discover God
There are three steps.

1. Hearing God's word.
2. Treasuring God's word. its implications for our lives.
3. *Putting God's word into practice.*

On the 14th of August will be the farewell program for Bishop Rochus Tatamai by all the schools in Kavieng Deanary with some from Namatanai deanary. This is yet to be confirmed for our participation.

We will keep you informed. 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
5:00 Pm – Eucharistic Adoration
You all have a blessed week.
God Bless you all.

Mr R. Rangatin