

Friday 24th April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As I write this, over 1 billion children worldwide are locked out of their school ! COVID 19 has arguably triggered the biggest change in life as we know it. It has changed how our school operates and disrupted the daily routine of school and family. However, you as parents are to be applauded for your attitude and effort to enable remote learning to be operational. Our community's health and wellbeing requires a different mindset and a 'stay at home' attitude until we are advised otherwise. Nothing will ever replace school and teachers, and we all acknowledge that teachers and students work best at school. The day is not too far away when you will look back on COVID 19 as a time when you learnt of, and celebrated your families resilience and can do attitude.

Thank you to all families in years 3-6 who now have a chromebook at home for their children. It is important that children use the device appropriately and only for school work. It is each parent's responsibility in ensuring that appropriate and safe protocols of operation are enforced. Teachers will share information for you regarding the safe use of the device. If you have not collected your Chromebook, please email principal@olps.vic.edu.au to arrange collection. : Do not ring the school.

Next week we will commence P-2 Ipad rollout. We do not have enough I pads for all students and they are impossible to purchase at the minute. A form will be going out today indicating which families do not require an Ipad. Hopefully IPads will be available for collection on Tuesday.



Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrate their birthday this week: Briana 4C, Mia Prep C, Kundanika 5E, Francis 4C, Oliver 5E, Hudson 1E, Damian 6G, Charbel 1T, Adrielle 3W, Aiden Prep H, Jonathan 4C & Marina 1G. . **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!**

Clear communication is paramount during the Pandemic, and our school is relying on the COMPASS platform as our main communication avenue. Our teachers thank you for taking their calls and they will be making contact with all families weekly, so if you see a Caller id block call it may be your child's teacher. There will be an attendance form that requires daily completion and there will be also regular updates during the week. If you require onsite schooling you are required to complete this each Thursday , so we can organise staffing for the week.

Next week we will be moving towards an online delivery of **HELP** (Home Education Learning Program). This means that our students will be utilizing their **Chromebook or Ipad** and the **Google Classroom Platform** . Please check COMPASS notifications that will provide further information for child's online learning program.




Stay safe, stay strong and stay hopeful. You owe it to yourself and the family who you love- which I know is being challenged with this current situation !!!!

Paul McEntee

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Principal

From the Enrolment Desk



 <p>Prep Enrolments 2021</p>  <p><i>God's Love and Care for All</i></p>	<p>Due to COVID-19 enrolments for 2021 will be accepted and processed remotely until the school is fully operational.</p> <p>Please email the school at office@olps.vic.edu.au</p> <p>and an enrolment booklet will be mailed to you..</p> <p>In the email please indicate current address , name and phone number.</p> <p>Our thoughts and prayers are with all families during these difficult times.</p> <p>Take care</p> <p>Paul McEntee School Principal</p> 
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STUDENT WELLBEING @ OUR LADY'S

...PROVIDING A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



Home Education Learning Program

How you can support your child

Important Message for Parents

Helping your Children to Surf the Wave of Anxiety

It's important to validate your child's feelings when they may have fears or experience frustration at not being able to do the things they used to do. How do you do that? Validating is another way to describe or name feelings and explain that it is normal to feel this way.

If you sense that your child is scared or anxious because they are checking where you are and may not want to leave your side or coming into your bed of a night.

Here's what you can say:

"It looks like you are feeling scared or anxious. I've noticed that you want to make sure where I am and don't want to leave me. I've also noticed you are coming into my bed during the night. It's normal to feel this way when there are big changes and we are not certain how long it will go".



Here are some behaviours to look out for that may show they are anxious...

If your child has clenched fists and speaks aggressively or shows in other ways they are angry or frustrated...

An appropriate response from you may be:

"I can see you are angry about all of the changes and that you can't see your friends. It's understandable that you feel this way."

(Remember, anger often masks the fear that someone feels due to a threat of some kind).



If your child is sad because they can't see their grandparents or extended family members...

Name the feeling for them and remind them it is understandable they would feel this way.

Then, make a plan with them to contact the people they are missing.



Reassure them...

Let your children know we are all working it out as we go. Some of it will go smoothly but there may be some bumpy bits along the way. Reassure them that this time will pass just like the feelings they are experiencing.

If your child is putting on a brave front because they don't want to seem 'weak'...

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Let them know that you can see they are trying to be brave. Let them know that it is normal to have a mixture of feelings because none of us

have been through anything like this before. Let them know that sometimes even you have moments of worry, etc.

Then, importantly, bring them back to realising that the reason you have a plan as a family is so that you have some control.



In recent weeks Christians stopped to observe Good Friday - a day that makes most sense to those whose belief is that Jesus' self sacrifice, born out of love, might see Jesus and ourselves rise to new life and live forever in God.

This weekend the nation stops to observe ANZAC Day – a day that makes most sense to those whose belief it is that every armed services person who has fought and those who have died for us has done so born out of love - so that our nation, and indeed the world, might rise to a new way of being – of freedom and justice and love Let us remember the fallen and in a special way might we remember those who lie in foreign soil far from home and those who lie in unmarked graves, loved by their families, revered by our nation, and known only unto God.

If it is your belief that Jesus rose again, let us pray that each of the fallen, who has died out of love for us, might in their turn rise again and be known unto God and live forever. May God bless them and love them

Sacramental Dates FOR 2020

We are still waiting on Advice about how the sacramental programs will run this year due to the unforeseen circumstances of the Covid-19. We will keep you informed as soon as we have more information.

BOOK CLUB IS HERE—Virtual Catalogue while Students Learn from Home

In these unprecedented times we're all being asked to change the way we work and live. Our tradition of putting books into the hands of kids isn't going to change, but for Term 2, we're doing things a little differently.

**Doing things differently does not change
our goal, that goal is more important than ever!**

**For the first time in the history of Scholastic—
we will have a **Virtual Book Club for Term 2****

Every child will still have the opportunity to access their Book Club catalogue.

The same carefully selected, best-value books will still be available, so the enjoyment Book Club is known for will not change!

[Scholastic Book Club Catalogue Issue 3](#)

**Orders can only be placed till the 8th May
on-line via the parent LOOP ordering platform
All orders will be mailed directly to your home address
from Scholastic at a cost of \$5.99 postage**

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Hume Library Express delivery service

Hume Libraries is providing a contactless delivery service. Please request your items online or call your library branch to make arrangements. Limit of 20 items in 1 box of 5-7kg per household. Maximum of one delivery per household per month. Deliveries to addresses within Hume only. New memberships can be made online or by phone and your new library card will be included with the delivery. StarTrack couriers will make a contactless delivery to your front door.

Programs Online facebook.com/humelibraries

Hume Libraries Facebook page is the new home for programs including:

10am Storytime
2pm STEAM@home
Rhymetime
Baby Bounce
Bilingual storytimes

Other special programs including:

- manga drawing workshop
- digital photography workshop
- cartooning
- magic show and lessons
- more literacy & learning programs to come

Book Club @ Home

Junior bookclub (7+ years)
Middle Years bookclub (10-14 years)
Youth bookclub (14+)
Discussion notes provided

Digital Resources

Even if students don't currently have a library card, they can sign up online to access our digital content:

Borrowbox for ebooks and eaudiobooks
Storybox Library for videos of picture books read by celebrities
Brittanica Online for information, photos, video and more
BusyThings for games to educate and entertain for 3-7 year olds
Kanopy including Kanopy kids for free streaming of films and documentaries

Again keep safe and well.

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