

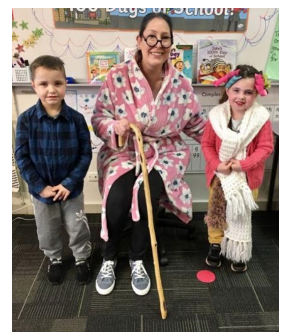
Friday 7th August 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

We continue our remote learning program this week albeit within tightened community restrictions operating throughout Victoria. The Government's aim is to reduce community movement and contribute to the Health department's strategies to reduce COVID-19 transmissions. I wish to thank all our families who have supported our Government's efforts wholeheartedly by staying home and participating in our HELP (Home Education Learning Program).

Whilst remote learning is disruptive to our school operations and also creates significant additional work for our teachers, your efforts in ensuring that your children are online ready to learn each day has been a real success story for our program. In speaking with our teachers this week they value the face to face connection with their students and the children appreciate meeting with their classmates in the google classroom. Having a different face to see during these lockdown times is priceless ! Attendance rates are exceptional with over 97% of our students being online daily - once again gold stars for our parents.

PREP 100 DAYS Today our preps celebrated 100 days of school this year, and what a different 100 days they have experienced ! Judging by the photos our teachers have also aged considerably during these 100 days away from the hairdresser and beauty salons.





***Forewell Mrs Vella** This week we also farewell Mrs Tayla Vella (4M) who is off to 'Baby School' to prepare for the arrival of a baby brother or sister for Max. Best wishes to Tayla, Jason and Max at this special time.*



**★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!**

Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrate their birthday this week : Isabelle 5E, Ishmael 3W, Alexander 3T, Jacob 5E, Justin 5N, Paul 6A, Constance 3W, Zyon 5E, Archie 1S, Orshena 2S, Charlotte 4M, Thomas 4M, Derrick 6C, Zac 1T, Xavier 1S & Liam 4P. HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL

Thank you for your ongoing support of all of our staff and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at this time. principal@olps.vic.edu.au

Take Care, and remember Super Heroes wear masks - are you ?

Paul McEntee

Paul McEntee
Principal



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK:

For those who don't know today is National Principals Day. Special thanks to everyone for their kind words esp 6G day, who shared with me some kind words and some of the reasons they are grateful for having me as their fearless leader. I'm humbly share these kind words.



Thought I'd share a few with you to actually prove I'm not telling fibs !

Alyssa:

To Mr McEntee,

We are very thankful for all of the things you do for our school and you are a great leader. We appreciate all of the things you do, for example in the morning you greet us at the gate and in the afternoon you make sure we all exit safely. Another thing that is great about you is that you take time out of your busy schedule to talk and interact with your students and make sure that everyone is having a good time learning at our school. We are very glad that you trust us with many things for example you trust us to have our chromebooks at home. We are very happy to be at this school because you are always doing nice things for us. You are an amazing principal and we are extremely glad to have you leading and guiding our school.

Damian:

Dear Mr McEntee,

We all appreciate having you as our wonderful principal. You are always helping us get through primary school no matter what has been happening, this makes us all have a smile on our face whenever we walk past you in the hallway or on the yard. We love all the funny jokes you tell us every Monday and Friday at assembly. Keep doing what you have been doing all these years we have had you as a principal!!

Andrew:

Dear Mr McEntee,

The whole of Our Lady's Primary School appreciates you for being there when we leave school and we enter school and we all appreciate you for keeping us safe, and our teachers safe. You always make us smile when we enter school. Thank you for buying us all this equipment for us to play with. You always make us happy. Thank you for trusting us with our laptops and ipads, that you have given us from school so we can still do our work at home while in lockdown. You are the best principal ever!!!!!!

Just remember when spelling Principal remember he is your PA!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Sunday's Gospel

Mt 6:25-34

Jesus tells us NOT to worry



This gospel passage was aptly chosen by the Church to mark the feast of St Mary of the Cross – Mary MacKillop. The teaching of Jesus, conveyed through the gospel passage, characterised much of the life and work of Mary MacKillop. Mary was a prolific writer, sending messages to her sisters in the schools and communities across Australia. We are fortunate that many of these letters have been preserved and provide an incredible insight into the attitude of Mary MacKillop. One of the quotes attributed to Mary MacKillop that captures the essence of today's gospel is,

"Do all you can with the means at your disposal and calmly leave the rest to God." (1891)

GOSPEL CHALLENGE

WRITE WHAT IS WORRYING YOU ON A PIECE OF PAPER EACH DAY
SCRUNCH THAT PAPER UP AND PUT IT IN THE BIN! LEAVE THE REST
TO GOD!

SNAICC is the national voice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. The theme of 2020's National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day on 4 August is 'We are the Elders of tomorrow, hear our voice.' Hearing children's voices today ensures them being influential Elders and leaders tomorrow. Find out more here: <https://aboriginalchildrensday.com.au/>

We pray for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in our school community. May they always feel that Emmaus is a place where they are cared for, appreciated and their culture is celebrated. Amen.



Sacrament Programs of Eucharist and Reconciliation

We are certainly living from day to day and unable to plan ahead in this current situation. So rather than wondering what the future is for Sacraments 2020, the Parish has made a decision that First Reconciliation and First Communions be cancelled for this year. We will advise you of any other updates we receive. We pray that this time passes soon and we have the opportunity to celebrate with our students and families together again.

STUDENT WELLBEING @ OUR LADY'S



Yes...these are changed times and with this there have come many different challenges for all of us, whether it is related to work, family, home life, health, lifestyle etc. More importantly these are times we need to find inner strength and courage to find ways to deal with these challenges.

Research tells us that when we acknowledge gratitude each and every day, this helps to strengthen our brain, change our mindset and help to deal with our wellbeing. Here is a list of ideas to help you and your family think each day about...**What are you grateful for?**

This may be a new tradition in your family to share your thanks each day.

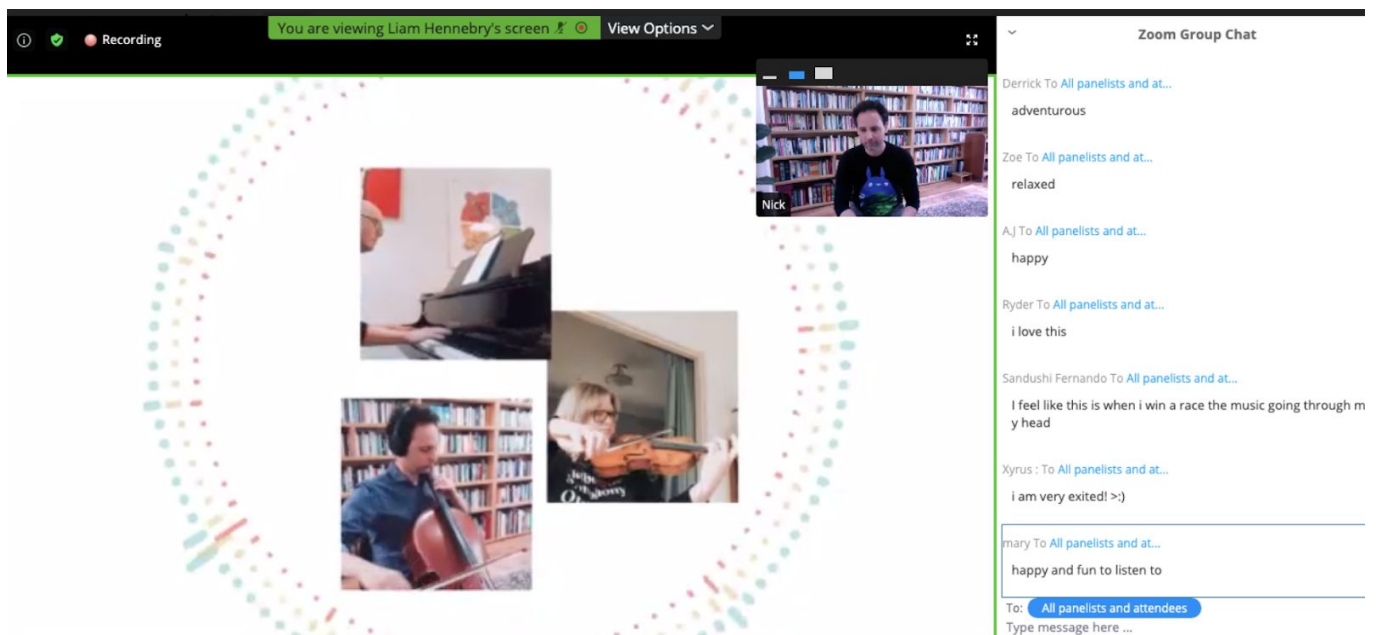
25 DAY GRATITUDE CHALLENGE

1. Someone you're thankful for
2. Something that makes you smile
3. A food you love
4. Someone that goes unnoticed
5. A favorite book and movie
6. A favorite animal
7. Something unique about you
8. Something beautiful
9. Something that challenges you
10. Beautiful art
11. Something happy
12. A favorite song
13. Something funny
14. Something unique
15. Your favorite foods
16. Something that's helped you
17. Someone in your family
18. A favorite sound
19. Something sweet
20. Freedom
21. A good friend
22. A favorite smell
23. Someone who has taught you something
24. Someone who has helped you
25. Someone you love



Special thanks to Mrs B who organised our 'incursion' with the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra today

It was a different type of excursion where our school was entertained by the MSO and we were able to 'chat' with the musicians.



Zoom Group Chat

Sylvia To All panelists and at...

I agree Savion.

Xyrus : To All panelists and at...

im feeling happy

Sylvia To All panelists and at...

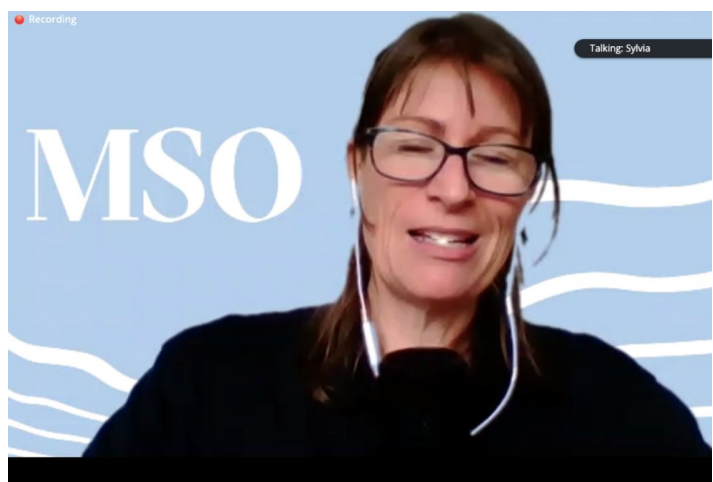
This is one of my favourites!
Anyone heard it before?

Savion Naoum To All panelists and at...

same

Manuel Younan To All panelists and at...

this sounds lik the queen is entering



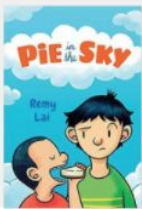
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