

Friday 4th September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

It is often said that the jobs our primary students will be employed in have yet to be invented. It is a prospect that is both exciting and challenging, and during this time of 'Lockdown', where students and staff are experiencing a different kind of schooling there are aspects your child/ren's learning that have developed more than what we might think. For example, Informational Technology skills are integral to 21st century life, education and employment. Our students have had an opportunity to hone and extend their IT skills more than any school class experience could provide. Each day, I have been impressed with the expertise and capabilities of our students and staff as they explore new online platforms that provide new opportunities for learning.

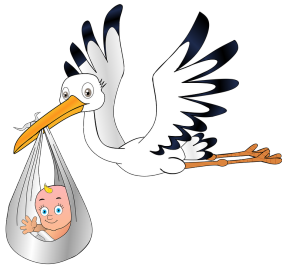
Schools have a strong emphasis on the 'technical skills of learning : Reading, Writing & Mathematics to name a few. These areas are often termed as "Hard" skills, not because they are hard to learn but quite the opposite in that schools provide explicit programs in educating our student's hard skillset. Being able to communicate, problem solve, understand other people's emotions to name a few are described as "Soft' skills and they are just as important as the former. Soft Skills are harder to quantify and they're also more difficult to learn formally. However, these soft skills are transferable skills and are not tied down to any specific curriculum or job. They help to create well-rounded people and people who will succeed in any situation. That is something that we know will be in demand. Our remote learning environment has provided a landscape where being able to communicate effectively, collaborate with others and problem solve are so important and our students' soft skills capabilities have become central to their educational success at this time.



Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrate their birthday this week :Phillip 2M, Ahamiyat 1M, Stelah Prep H, Niamh 1G, Imogen 1S, Maryana 4P, Jay 1G, Mason 3T, Oneill Prep D, Ambel1T, Lisa

1M, Angelina 3N & Georgia 3T. HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE !

FEAST DAY : Next Tuesday we celebrate our School and Parish's Feast Day. Generally the day is one of special activities and an opportunity to join as one in Liturgy and prayer. Last year we were able to celebrate Mass in our newly refurbished church, however this year we need to consider different ways to celebrate Our Lady's birthday. Fr George has provided us with a special message at this time, which will be available next Tuesday. I invite all students to wear something 'Blue' next Tuesday in celebration of Our Lady's Feast Day.



BABY NEWS

Congratulations to Tayla Vella on the safe arrival of Alfie David Vella a brother for Max and son for Jason and Tayla. Everyone doing well .



We also farewell Mrs Shiells (1S) as she gets ready for the birth of her first child.

School Organization: I hope to provide you with a clear plan going forward for next term, when I am provided with information regarding the reopening of schools. I can say that there will be no Camps and Excursions and all monies prepaid for Camp have now been reimbursed. The Government has also permitted schools to utilize funds provided to schools via the CSEF program to support the purchase of electronic devices. Our school purchased enough devices to provide a 1:1 digital device for all students at our school.



**School for Term 3 will
finish on Thursday 17th
September.**

Father's Day Lunch in 1M

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 one disappointment this year was not feeding the 400 this week as part of Father's Day Celebrations. We can all wish all the Fathers, Grandfathers, Brothers, Uncles, Sons and special males in our lives a special day this Sunday.

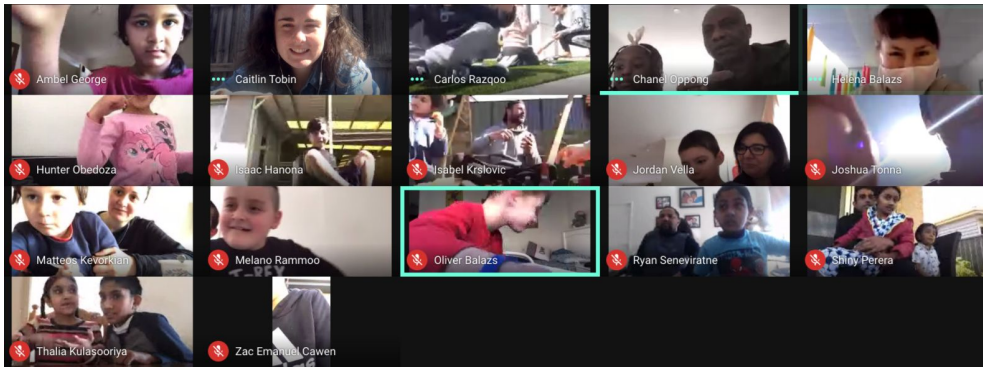
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Family Snack Time Year 1





FROM THE HOME LEARNING DESK:



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STUDENT WELLBEING @ OUR LADY'S



Here is a reputable resource for families by Dr. Justin Coulson.

Justin is an Honorary Fellow at the Centre for Positive Psychology in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Melbourne. He is a consultant to the Federal Government's Office of the Children's e-Safety Commissioner, and has acted (and continues to act) in an advisory capacity to well-known organisations including Beyond Blue, the Raising Children Network, Life Education, Intel Security, and the Alannah and Madeline Foundation.

www.happyfamilies.com.au

This website provides lots of helpful parenting resources to help parents make their **families happier** and more fulfilled.

The Happy Families podcast with Dr Justin Coulson is for parents who want all the answers but don't have any time! In each short, easily digestible episode Dr Justin will address a specific topic, offer his expert advice and provide simple strategies that will lead to positive results fast. Dr Justin's podcast is the quickest way to gain the knowledge and information you need to make your family happier today

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Best wishes to all of our Dads,
Grandpas and the special
father figures in our lives for
Fathers' Day this Sunday. May
you be shown an abundance
of love and appreciation on
your special day! Thoughts
and prayers also to families
who have experienced the
death of their special men –
may you remember happily
the influence they had on
your lives.

God of Joseph, foster-father of Jesus,
listen to our prayer:
Bless all who 'father' and protect new life in any way,
these fathers who teach and guide,
who encourage and lead.
Bless fathers who work hard
to provide for the life that has been entrusted to them.
Embrace them warmly in the intimacy of your love,
these fathers who lift up with strength
those who are helpless and dependent.
Bless them today with all good things:
with health, with laughter, with joy and with love,
with pride in their 'children'
and with the support of many friends.
Amen



OUR LADY'S NATIVITY FEAST DAY

Next Tuesday, the school will celebrate Our Lady's Feast Day! Teachers and students will be celebrating within their virtual classrooms and they will receive a special blessing from Fr.

George.

This is a great opportunity to celebrate and give

thanks for the birth and life of Mary Our Mother. She is a woman of faith, love, hope and justice and an inspiration to us all.

Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church

Mother, help our faith!

Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call.

Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive his promise.

Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.

Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path. And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!

PREP: DRESSING UP LIKE DAD DAY

