

Friday 11th September 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

As we approach the end of the term, our staff have not only focussed on the end of term plus what term 4 will look like and also future planning for 2021. The school year continues albeit with an abridged version of what we would like to do, but obviously Covid restrictions will curtail how we can complete the school year and I will keep you updated when the school has further details regarding what we can do next term.

Our teachers have been able to provide 'novel' ways to experience some of the activities and events that make up a 'normal' school year. Our Year 4s had a home camp experience this week and grades have celebrated father's day in many different ways. Feast Day celebrations were also acknowledged by the school and Fr George also shared a special message with the school community.

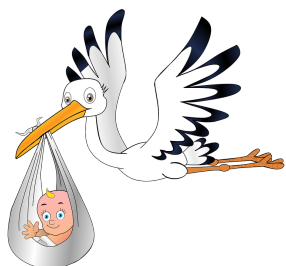


It's so important to keep in contact with our students and families at this time and we are fortunate to have Mr Cliff- our IT Guru who has kept our school 'wired up' in every household. Cliff spends most days at our school problem solving issues as they arise and we are fortunate that golf courses are closed so Cliff can give us his full attention. He has one special request to families please find a safe place to store the device over the term break, preferably away from the student. The devices are going to be electronically 'locked down' so they will not be able to be used during the term break- they deserve a holiday as well. Let's try and keep Cliff's happy smiling face going until the golf courses open again.



Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrate their birthday this week : Bearla Prep C, Hannah 4C, Diego 4P, Elektra 3N, Marina 2M, Hunter 1T, Lucas Prep H, Zoe 5N, Eduard Prep D, Zoey 3W, Kirsten

5C, Ryan 1T & Daniele 2L HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE !



BABY NEWS: Next week we farewell Bianca Dowd (Prep D), Jade Herd (Prep H), Alysha Lok (Year 2L) and Jo Horton (Learning Support- Year 2) . Our expectant mothers are looking forward to a special time in their lives as they prepare for the arrival of their

little bundles of joy. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

School Organization: Due to the stork visiting our school there are some changes to teaching positions next term. I am happy to announce that all grade positions will be filled by current staff who know our students and our school program. If you child is in one of these classes you will receive further details regarding the organisation of the staffing.

Year 2L: Ms Carolyn Freebairn and Miss Sarah Mizzi

Year Prep H: Ms Mikaela Kelly and Ms Brooke Fitzgerald

Year Prep D; Mrs Amy Moate and Mrs Yolanda Grillo.

There will also be changes to the structure of the school program in relation to how/ when the students return to school next term. The Catholic education Office Melbourne advised by the Education department has issued this information ofr the return to school in term 4:

- **Week commencing Monday 5th October:** Remote and flexible learning will continue for all students.
- **Week commencing Monday 12th:** Students in Prep to Grade 2 return to full-time onsite schooling.
- The existing remote learning program will not continue for year levels: Prep- Yr 2.
- Years 3-6 continue remote learning : date for return has not been set and is subject to Health Advice. It will be on or after Monday 26th October.

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

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

I hope to have further information regarding Term 4 and in the meantime please check your COMPASS alerts for additional information.

Please take care and hopefully enjoy the sunshine over the weekend.

Paul McEntee

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Principal



FROM THE PJ DESK:



FROM THE FOOD DESK:



FROM STAFF MEETING COVID STYLE DESK:



STUDENT WELLBEING @ OUR LADY'S

Thursday the 9th September was officially 'R U OK?'

Day...

a day assigned to focus on the importance of reaching out to others and thinking about whether you need to reach out to someone.



Every day in our work and interactions we are the eyes of noticing those who may not be okay.

When we notice that someone is 'out of sorts' there are **4 simple sets we can take to give our support.**





If you're worried about someone
start by asking "Are you OK?"

No, I'm not OK.
Dig a bit deeper:

"What's been happening?"

"Have you been feeling
this way for a while?"

"I'm ready to listen
if you want to talk."

Yes, I'm fine.

But your gut says they're not:

"It's just that you don't seem to
be your usual self lately."

"I'm always here if
you want to chat."

"Is there someone else
you'd rather talk to?"

Listen with an open mind

Encourage action and offer support:

"How can I help?"

"What would help take the pressure off?"

"What do you enjoy doing? Making time for that can really help."

"Have you thought about seeing your doctor?"

Make time to check in:

"Let's chat again next week."

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10 September 2020

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OUR LADY'S NATIVITY FEAST DAY

Yesterday's feast day was definitely a unique one compared to other feast days that we have celebrated previously. Although we were celebrating differently, I'm sure Mother Mary felt really special on her birthday. Students' work and photos just show how much the students honour Our Lady and the sense of belonging that they have developed in our school community and parish on this day. Enjoy some of the photos from the celebration day!

YEAR ONES' IMAGES OF MARY



Maria Krikor's Post

our Mary work)



Longo's Post

a photo of your Mary work)



OUR LADY'S DAY OF LIFE

*Dear Mother Mary ,
Thank you for being loyal to the lord and for appreciating us for who we are . I want to wish you a happy birthday. Everyone knows you made a great commitment to giving birth to Jesus and without you nothing would be the same ,not even the bible . I hope you have a great day up in heaven with everyone you love. I will ask you to keep watching over us . Thank you for everything .*

Mother Mary is a virgin ,a wonderful woman and wonderful mother . She committed to giving birth to the one and only Jesus Christ and listened to God's wishes .We should all follow Mary's footsteps because she was a great human . She respected each and everyone for who they are . I hope Mary is celebrating her birthday in heaven with all her friends and family . From Lydia- 5H



Year Two's dressed up in blue and drew some images of Mary and described her special qualities.



Mary's Qualities Shown in the Scripture:

Mary was trusted to have a baby and was very brave. She was also faithful of this opportunity and honest to be true and willing to take this chance of having a baby. Mary is loving to everyone.

Mary was trying to protect Jesus and was confident enough to go somewhere to keep him safe.

When Mary was blessed with a baby she felt blessed, overwhelmed, speechless, nervous, scared

Mary was very upset to see her son get nailed up to the cross



Maya, Mylee, Mariyah and Mia from 5E Explored some of Mary's qualities through Scripture Stories.

Year Fours wrote some beautiful poems for Mary Some students dressed up as Mary

Mia

Marvellous

Open-minded

Trustworthy\Thoughtful

Honest\Happy

Extraordinary

Remarkable

Magnificent

Awesome\Amazing

Radiant

Youthful



ROSE

Mother of Jesus

Our lady

Thankful

Honest

Excellent

Respectful

Marvelous

Amazing

Right

Young



Young, beautiful, kind,

Trustworthy, thankful

Like a mother who will never leave you

I love Mary don't you?





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