

**Friday 18th September 2020**

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I find myself writing this last newsletter for the term with a strong appreciation for our school community. Today our staff spent time with Paul Spence, a person who has shared his life experiences with many of our families during our sacramental preparation times. Having an online meet with over 60 people does present some challenges but Paul's clarity of thought was conveyed across the airwaves this morning.

I finish the term with a reassurance that our parents, children and staff have worked diligently to provide our school community every opportunity to shine and be a place of comfort during challenging times. I thank the many parents who have conveyed their appreciation of the efforts of our staff in connecting with their children and providing them with opportunities for growth and learning. During this time of 'remoteness', I have valued how our staff and parents have been there for the children of our school and we go forward into our final term, reassured that during a time of vulnerability, each of us have gone above and beyond expectations and will value the moments of joy we take with us.

**Farewell:** We say goodbye to Ms Herd, Ms Dowd, Ms Lok and Ms Horton as they 'prepare their nests' for their special arrivals next term. Take care and keep safe and you leave us many beautiful memories of your dedication and care towards our students.



*Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrate their birthday this week and also during the holidays: Isabella 2S, Isabella 5H, Hunter Prep B, Faith 1M, Andrew 6G, Nathalie 4M, Sara 3T, Anokina 2M,*

*Elyan 3T, Joshua 3B, Like 5H, Isabel 5C, Sebastian 3B, Joshua 1T, Samuel Prep D, Michael 1M, Carlo 6A, Vanjie 2A, Jacob Prep B, Lakisha 1S, Louie 5H, Sara 6A, David 1T, Tia 3B, Kinan 5E, Jouil 2S, Sama 2A, Olivia 3N, Oliver Prep H, James 6A, Aria Prep C, Kaylan 2M, Izabella 5C, Paul 5N, Kefin 3N, Christiano Prep B, Benjamin 3T, Isaac prep H. HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE !*



**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR DEVICES ARE  
STORED IN A SAFE PLACE AWAY FROM  
STUDENTS DURING THE TERM BREAK.  
THEY ARE NOT TO BE USED DURING THE  
HOLIDAYS- THEY NEED A HOLIDAY ALSO !**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THIS MATTER.**

**School Organization:** The Catholic Education Office Melbourne advised by the Education department has issued this information for the return to school in term 4:

**Week 1 commencing Monday 5th October:** Remote and flexible learning will continue for **all** students.

**Week 2 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 from this time onwards.

**Week 4 commencing Monday 26th October** Students in Grades 3-6 return to full time onsite schooling. This date has not been finalised and is subject to Health Advice.

**Onsite Schooling Week 1:** Those students who cannot be supervised at home, the existing model of onsite schooling will remain in place. Parents requiring onsite schooling will be required to provide a Work Permit. The current process that we are using to enable parents and carers to indicate the days for which onsite schooling is required will continue for the first week. Please check your COMPASS feed for the form, which will be required to be completed by families requiring onsite schooling for week 1.

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](mailto:principal@olps.vic.edu.au)

Please take care and enjoy the break from the school routine and hopefully enjoy some sunshine and relaxation over the coming weeks. Never a more deserving time for our families to reflect, recharge and renew for the coming term.

*Paul McEntee*



Good luck to all our finalists

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Paul McEntee  
Principal

# STUDENT WELLBEING @ OUR LADY'S

Enjoy the term break from Mrs Vescio



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

### **Weekly Gospel Challenge**

**Matthew 20:1-16- Parable of the workers in the vineyard.**



The justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others.

**CHALLENGE :REACH OUT TO A FRIEND AND TELL THEM SOMETHING THAT IS POSITIVE ABOUT THEM.**



Our Lady's Catholic Primary School students have always been advocates for social justice through their Catholic identity. One of the main organizations that we collaborate with is COTS (Christmas on the Streets) which supports people who are experiencing homelessness. Due to COVID-19, the government has provided crisis housing so that people are not exposed to the virus on the streets. Even though our friends have found a home to stay in, they have been struggling with finding food and clothing. Every week, Roseanne and her team prepare more than 300 meals and deliver them to people who are in crisis housing.

Our Lady's students have contributed to this great cause and have been writing positive letters and notes to their friends so that they can be printed and delivered with each meal. We hope that these letters bring hope to our friends and anyone who is struggling during these tough times. Here are some of the letters that the students wrote:



Dear Friend (s)...

I pray that your doing well during this unpleasant time , Stay strong during this pandemic . I know COVID 19 has affected you because it has changed everything for my family and friends . I hope your all warm ,happy and you feel safe . we all will keep fighting this virus for you , us and all of Australia . I wish the best for you , have hope .

Kind Regards , Faith T

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## Dear friend

I hope you are safe during these tough times i know this year has been a bit different with the covid 19 spreading all around the world i hope you stay strong and healthy and i know it is really hard because we cant see our loved ones but we still have god with us and you can pray every night for as long as you wont and to stop your risk of getting covid you could wear a mask,wash your hands and if your not in a so good mood you could do things that you love like if you love dancing dance,if you like listening to music listen to your favorite song and lost more and forget about all about the bad things that have happened in the past and think about all the good things that have happened in your life stay strong.

Ps:the font i used was called happy monkey make sure to stay happy :)



KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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# VIRTUAL TOUR

Thursday **15 October** at **5pm**

We are **delighted** to invite you **virtually** into our College.

This is a great **opportunity** for you to meet the **Principal**, and hear from other **staff** and **students**, from the **comfort** of your own **home**.

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close on Friday 9 October 2020.



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