

Thursday 26th November 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Following announcements by the Victorian Government on Sunday, we are now at the 'Last Step' of the Victorian roadmap for reopening. There are some impacts on school operations, however the protocols regarding large gatherings and groups entering our school are still in place. Some changes include:

- Drinking fountains and taps can be reopened for normal use.
- Guidance on face masks has been updated, including the use of face masks indoors for our staff and visitors to our school.
- Schools can conduct on-site tours for prospective students and their families, however school activities involving visitors must comply with public gathering limits. (150 indoors). This has allowed us to have our Confirmation ceremony for all our eligible Year 6 students.

Generally the protocols currently in place will continue until the end of the school year. So there is no change to parents and visitors entering our school site.

Fee and Levy Payments 2021: The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted upon the financial wellbeing of many families. I want to thank all families who have supported our school have paid their fees for this year. In light of this, I have been in consultation with our school accountant and next year we will be providing a reduction in both our Levy and School Fee payments. This will be for the 2021 school year only.

In regards to the Student Levy, the school will be covering the costs of all stationery and classroom requisites. This will result in a \$75.00 reduction of the levy for all grades. So the school fee levy for 2021 will be \$225.00 per student. There will not be the need to come and collect stationery this year as it will be in the classroom ready for the start of the 2021 school year. In 2021 there will also be a focus on the amount of school excursions that all children will participate in. Meaning there will be more excursions as well. I will be able to provide more information regarding the Family Fee payment when we have a clearer picture of our fee collection for this year. At this stage I ask that all families honour their 2020 payment commitment. It's vitally important that we continue to have a healthy collection rate for all families. I also urge all families to consider commencing a fee payment plan via Ezidebit, if you already haven't done so.

A more detailed response to Fee and Levy payments will be sent to all families in the near future.



Birthday wishes to all these children who celebrate their birthday this week: Jacob 1G, Chloe 1G, Grace 2S, Dante 3W, Angela Prep B, Jonathan 6C, Isla 1M, Kaleb 4P, Adrian 2L, Chanel Prep B : **HAPPY BIRTHDAY EVERYONE !**

Sacramental Program 2021: Next year there will be additional programs to accommodate the students who were unable to receive the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Reconciliation in 2020. The dates are currently being finalised and will be available in the newsletter next week.

Term 4 School Events & Important Dates :

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- Thursday 3rd December - Year 6: 'Big Day In'
- Friday 4th December- Kolbe 2021 Yr 7 Transition Day
- **Tuesday 8th December** : Confirmation at Our Lady's Church: 7.00pm
- Thursday 10th December- Year 6 Graduation: 12.30-2.30
- Friday 11th December- Meet Your Teacher Day:
- Friday 11th December - Reports Go Home
- Monday 14th December- School 'Mini' Fete
- Tuesday 15th December- School finishes for 2020- 3.30
- Thursday 28th January- 2021 School Year commences for students

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, don't forget to put the Christmas tree up this weekend

Paul McEntee

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Principal



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This week marks our first Sunday of Advent. Given that we will not be gathering in the church as a whole school like every year, Advent is even more special this year. Classes will be conducting their own class liturgies in the hope of coming together again next year to celebrate all our significant liturgical celebrations. To make it as real as we can for the children, we will be bringing the church to them in the classroom. Each week, one of our school leaders is going to introduce the theme of the particular Advent week from a different church. This week, Mrs. Robbins is going to bring Our Lady's Parish Church to the classroom with this wonderful reflection on the theme of hope.

[Click on the link to reflect on the meaning of Hope during Advent with Mrs.](#)

[Robbins.](#)



First Sunday of Advent

Have you thought? Beginning Advent

The season of Advent begins this week and continues through the four Sundays of Advent and ends at Christmas Eve. The first week of Advent focuses on the return of the Lord and the following weeks focus more specifically on the anticipation of the birth of Jesus. Rather than simply commemorating an historical event, Advent is a time of preparing our hearts to 'receive' Jesus into the world each year. Advent is traditionally marked by the colour of violet – the same colour as used in Lent. In recent years, some parishes have moved to a more blue/mauve colour for Advent to try to distinguish it from the season of Lent.

Living the Gospel – Stay Awake!

By the time the Church begins to celebrate Advent as a period of preparation towards Christmas, the stores have been filling with Christmas paraphernalia for weeks. It starts out small with a few decorations and wrapping paper and eventually takes over every retail outlet. In the midst of this excess of Christmas consumerism, it is often difficult to draw attention to the season of Advent and the need to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Christmas. It is important to stay awake, as we are cautioned in this week's gospel. Awake to what is happening around us in the world and awake to what is happening within us.

- Greg Sunter

STUDENT WELLBEING @ OUR LADY'S

...PROVIDING A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



GRINNERS ARE WINNERS

Congratulations to the following classes for consistently being safe, responsible and respectful in class last week:

With a perfect score...

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HUME LIBRARIES SCHOOLS NEWSLETTER

Hume Library Express and Click and Collect

Hume Libraries will continue to support students and families by providing book delivery and click and collect services throughout Term 4. To be eligible you need to be a member of Hume Libraries. You can join online or if you need assistance call or email one of the following libraries:

Broadmeadows - 9356 6900
Craigieburn - 9356 6980
Sunbury - 9356 6970
Libraries@hume.vic.gov.au



STAY CONNECTED



Summer Reading Club and School holiday activities

The Summer Reading Club will look a little bit different this year. Information will be available in December. Be sure to keep an eye out on our website or Facebook page for activities throughout January. Especially our "Summer of Stories", quick storybites from around the world delivered by our amazing storytellers.

LEARNING @ HOME



Assignment Helper Packs

Available for free to all Primary and Secondary students, who live in Hume and are library members. Our Youth Services Team can find you books or links to online resources for your project and have them sent to you via Hume Libraries Express, Email or Click and Collect. Call 9356 6129 or email to libraries@hume.vic.gov.au.



Library Online Storytimes

Tuesday 1 December 10am Live streamed Zoom storytime event. Going to school
Tuesday 15 & Wednesday 16 December 10am Christmas storytimes (English with Helen and Josie)

19 December 11am Christmas (Assyrian with Muna)

19 December 10am Happy New Year (Turkish with Nez)

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN TERM 4

Staying connected with these special online events!



Parents as Reading Partners

4.00pm, Monday 9 November (via Facebook)
Learn more about how to encourage a love of books and literature and how to choose a book that's just right for your child. Information is also available via [Niche Academy](#). Just follow the hyperlink.



Alannah and Madeleine Foundation Media Literacy Workshop

6.00pm, Monday 23 November (via Facebook)
In a world full of so much information, news and social media how can we support our children to navigate the media and technology landscape?
The Alannah & Madeline Foundation, supported by Google.org, have developed a new education resource called Media Literacy Lab, a partner resource to the eSmart initiative. Join this workshop for parents/carers of teens aged 12 -16 years to learn more about media literacy in schools and discuss ways we can spot and address misinformation and media manipulation at home with your children.



Australian Library and
Information Association

Speechie Library Talk

11.00 am, Monday 16 November (via Zoom)
Would you like to develop your child's language and literacy? Meet your local speech pathologist, enjoy a reading of one of Speech Pathology Australia's Book of the Year winning books and find out more about how you can support your child's language and literacy development at home.
[Register in advance for this presentation.](#)
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



Gaming Writing Workshop – Choose Your Own Adventure

4-6pm, Thursday 19 November (a live interactive video workshop via Zoom).
(Suitable for 12-16 year olds)
Hosted by 100 Story Building.

Ever wondered what would happen if a character in a book went through a different door? Or jumped out of the window? Or just turned around and walked away? Using 'branching' story lines that video games rely on, you plan a choose-your-own-adventure story with one beginning, two middles, and four endings! [Book this workshop!](#)

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