



OLSH news

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TERM 3 WEEK 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of OLSH School Community,
Like many members of the OLSH community, I am slowly coming to the realisation that our friend, Zena, is no longer with us. There have been a lot of words said about Zena over the past week. Veracious, helpful, caring and full of fun are some of the words that I have heard. While I will agree with all the statements, the Zena I knew, was all this and more. The positivity and the radiance that she gave to us over the past twelve months were truly inspirational.



As I said at last Friday's prayer service, Zena never ever told me her diagnosis. We both knew what it was, but it was always something we never mentioned. I remember after she had her diagnosis and just before her treatment began, she came to see me in her office. She arrived with her hair brightly dyed (I cannot remember if it was her purple, blue or bright red stage), the Zena grin and the exclamation, "Hi Boss". There was a big hug and then as we went into my office, she literally kicked off her shoes and stretched out on my couch, legs up with a big laugh and a statement, "I've always wanted to do that."



And then we talked.

We talked about her new home, her horses, her love of country, who was better - Garth Brookes or Lee Kernighan, Gympie Muster, mud, my boots versus her boots, the list went on. We also talked about the wishes and hopes for both our families. Finally, we breached the elephant in the room; Zena's hair! She laughed loudly and gave me the famous grin and told me that, with the treatment, she would probably lose her hair and she wanted to be beautiful. (It was the only mention of the treatment and journey ahead that we ever had.) I told her no matter what happened, she would always be beautiful to everyone who loved her. She told me that I was always 'the Boss'. It was forty-five minutes that I will always treasure.



Over the next twelve months, whenever I saw her, it was always the same. She would always call out, "Hi Boss" and I would reply "Hi Beautiful". She would give me the 'Zena grin' and a big hug. I would always ask how she was going and she would always reply, "I'm fine, Boss." Her positive demeanour and her sense of fun were always there, which included the last time I saw her on Sports Day.

I would like to finish with the last few paragraphs I delivered at our liturgy for Zena on Monday.

When I told my children that Mrs Vincent had died, they were like most people – shocked, as they weren't aware that she was so sick, and they were also sad. Their reaction was the same as most people. One of my daughters asked, "Why?" and the other said, "She was really nice. That's not fair!" I agree, it doesn't seem fair, and I don't have the answer to 'why'.



However, one of the things I do know is, Mrs Vincent is now in Heaven, and we will meet again. One of the first things we did when we came in to the Church, was to light the Easter candle. At Easter, we remember the resurrection of Jesus. We remember, when we leave this earth and go to God, we are welcomed into the wonderful place of Heaven.

I don't know what Heaven is like, however, I think it is a place when every day is like the best day. A day like last Thursday, with beautiful weather, nature singing and a day you just want to go outside and have fun. A place where I can laugh with my friends, dance wildly, sing loudly if I want to, but just have a great, peaceful, fun time.

Every time I come into Church and I see the Easter candle, I think of heaven. I think of the love of Jesus. Now, when I think of Heaven, I will think of Mrs Vincent. I will think of the way she used to let her light shine and the love she had for all of the OLSH school community, children, parents and staff. I will also think of the love we all had for her.

God Bless, *John*

Every face has a place at OLSH.



WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3

I hope everyone had a refreshing break. When I had a class, I always used to call Term 3 “knuckle down term”. Children should now know their strengths and how they can make these strengths even better, as well as those areas in which they may need to improve. It’s a busy term, so I am sure the next ten weeks will go fast.

TERM DATES

Term 3 commenced Monday, 10 July and will conclude Friday, 15 September.

Term 4 will commence Tuesday, 3 October (Monday is the Queen’s Birthday public holiday) and will conclude at 12:00 on Friday, 1 December.

STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Viv Coates and Michael Johns on announcing their Engagement over the holidays. We are now up to four!!!!

Congratulations to Mariah and David Gall on the birth of their daughter Rose Frances.

Sian Mills is on leave for the first two weeks of Term 3. Bonnie Whelan will teach Prep Blue during this time.

Marcia-Grace Byriel will be on sick leave for at least the first two weeks of Term 3. Tina Blake will be teaching 4 White.

Trish Chandra will continue on Long Service leave Weeks 1-3 of Term 3. Azu Velasco will be undertaking Tricia’s role during this time.

We recently received approval and funding for an additional school officer position for the remainder of 2017. Aimee Tia will be undertaking this position for the remainder of Semester 2.

TERM 3 P & F MEETING

The Term 3 P&F meeting will be held next Monday, 17 July at 7:00 in the Boardroom. On the agenda, will be the new Prep playground, OLSH Traffic Management Plan, 2017 School Disco, Father’s Day Stall plus other items involving the school community. Looking forward to seeing people there.

PICK UP ZONES

Over the holidays, Brisbane City Council installed new signs at our pick-up and drop off zones. Put simply, these zones are No Standing between 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. That is, no cars are to be parked or waiting in this area from 2:00 p.m. for the children to be dismissed.

This strategy from BCC is an attempt to prevent people from parking in this area before school has been dismissed. We often have people arriving early and filling up these zones before the children have been dismissed. This means that we have cars “banked up” down Darra Station Rd and Lee Rd plus at the back of the school on Scotts Rd before school is even dismissed. Often children belonging to the cars at the front of the line are not in the pick-up zone area until 3:00 p.m. The idea of having the ‘no stopping’ zone until 3:00 p.m, is that all the children are already there and we can keep traffic moving. The ‘no stopping’ zone has also previously been recommended by Qld Police. It is my understanding that BCC are going to have these zones enforced.

To the best of our ability we will have children in the pick-up zones by 3:00. I ask for your support with these changes from BCC.

Can you please relay this information to anyone who collects children after school (I.e. grandparents; uncles/aunts etc)

AFTER SCHOOL

A reminder that children are NOT to play on any of the playground equipment after school irrespective of if there are parents supervising or not. This has always been the rule at OLSH and, to be honest, has not been enforced as strictly this year as in previous years. This rule will be enforced this semester.



SCHOOL JUMPERS

A reminder that the only correct jumper to be worn is the school jumper. The blue jumper is to be worn with the blue uniform and red jumper with the red uniform. All jumpers should be named. Also jumpers at school are either to be on a child's back or in their school bag. Please encourage your child to remember this and to take responsibility for their jumpers.

We recently had a phone call where a parent asked us to find a child's jumper. While we encourage children to look after their jumper, ultimately, it is the child's responsibility. It does not teach a child a lesson to pass on the responsibility to the teacher or blame the school for not making sure the child has put their jumper in the bag or picked it up afterwards. Making children take responsibility and own the consequences is an important life lesson to learn.

BOOKCLUB

due back at school on **Thursday, 27th July.**

WEEK 9 TERM 2

student achievement awards



Prep R	Sofia Espinosa Edmond Lal
Prep W	Kiet-Tuan Phung Simeon Vlasisavljevic
Prep B	Charly-Rose Tawk Breanna Hawkins
1R	Abigail Goodings Daksh Sidhu
1W	Angel Kaur Gill Oscar de Vries
1B	Johnny Habchi Angel Tutunoa
2R	Luke Ferrer Georgia Hunt
2W	Aaron Fa'au Mia Chiem
2B	Kaylo Ho Flynn Nexo
3R	Noah Wescombe Amber Blair
3W	Paige Fordyce Oscar Bond
3B	Jayne Lam Scarlett Jordan-Marks
4R	Sara Dillon Raphael Nyirenda
4W	Ella Dunn Jennifer Vo
4B	Zoey Hawkins Eliza Rowland
5R	Isabelle Kowalonek Avalon Gardner
5W	Molly McGhee Nathan Dang
5B	Ciaran O'Neill Wynona Dalida
6R	Charlotte Focken Isaac Ramsay-Bassett
6W	Andrew Renger Jiji Frandi
6B	Emile Fikiri Jennifer Vu



Terrific @School AWARDS

Ruby PB
Kevin PB
Genevieve 3B
Keira O 3R
Chloe 3R
Angel PB
Tim PB





FAREWELL STEPH!

On Thursday of last term we farewelled and wished 'Good luck' to our Parish Youth Worker, Steph Unger. Steph has taken up a position as Student Formation Project Officer at Brisbane Catholic Education. Steph played an important role in nourishing the spiritual life of our school through her music and through sharing her spirituality and faith. She was an excellent advocate for strengthening our school relationship with the parish. We wish Steph every success in her new role and pray for God's continued blessings over the work she does.

SVDP CAN APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who donated to the St Vincent De Paul Winter Can Appeal. At the end of last term we presented over 8 boxes of canned fruit, vegetables, soups, meat and fish to members of our local SVDP Conference. They commented on the generosity of our community and assured the students that the donations would be of great assistance to many families this winter. We also raised \$415 from our free dress day. This money will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society. Our heartfelt thanks for your generosity in supporting this cause.

ALPHA COURSE

If you or someone you know are interested in a basic introduction to Christianity please come along to the Jindalee Hall for a dinner and short film on July 17th 6:30pm –8:30pm. For more details please contact Anna Scott 0411245395

Kate Lambkin

APRE

Parish Bush Dance

Let's have some fun as a whole parish community by dancing the night away to

Live Bush Band Music

in the

Jindalee Hall

on **Saturday, 29th July**

from **7:00pm.**

Tickets will be on sale after

weekend Masses.

Individual is \$10 and

Family is \$25

BBQ sausages and

steak will be available.

Term 3 Tuckshop Roster

Date	Day	Tuckshop Volunteer	Baking	Condiments
12/07/2017	Wed	Helena Wescombe	Brooke Bostock	Vana Matthews
13/07/2017	Thurs	Kat Zamorski	Jasmine Johnson	Melissa Davidson
14/07/2016	Fri	Kiran & Cate McGrath	Paula Murphy	Roger Persich
19/07/2017	Wed	Michelle Marshall	Brooke Bostock	Amanda Bickley
20/07/2017	Thurs	Ann-Maree Comerford	Pam Doyle	Jacqui Flynn
21/07/2017	Fri	Alexandra Cope & Claudia	Sofia Espinosa	Megan Morrison

SPORTS NEWS

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the following children who will represent OLSH at the Inala District Athletics Carnival on Tuesday 18th July and Wednesday 19th July.

- 10yr Girls** Eriene Fa'au (Shotput); Issa Fontanilla (200m) ; Ava Fordyce (100m); Vivian Nguyen (LJ, 100m, 200m, 800m)
- 10 yr Boys** Thomas Colwell (800m); Lachlan Davidson (HJ); Mbumba Kalenda (HJ, 200m, 800m); Samuel Slingsby (100m); Pranav Vallabh (LJ, 100m, 200m)
- 11yr Girls** Marissa Hanlon (LJ, HJ, Discus, 100m, 200m, 800m); Ava Iffland (100m); Benise Nishimwe (200m); Jennifer Vu (HJ)
- 11yr Boys** Henry Doyle (LJ, 100m, 200m, 800m); Semisi Fa'au (HJ, 100m, 200m); Louis Muirhead (LJ); Isaac Ramsay-Bassett (HJ)
- 12 yr Girls** Theresa Do-Dam (100m, 200m); Tegra Kalenda (HJ, 200m); Hayley McInnes (HJ, 100m)
- 12 yr Boys** Michael Chalk (100m, 200m); Nathan Fitzgerald (LJ, HJ, Shotput, 100m, 200m, 800m); Angelo Fontanilla (Shotput)

We wish them all the best!

OLSH SPORTS CARNIVAL

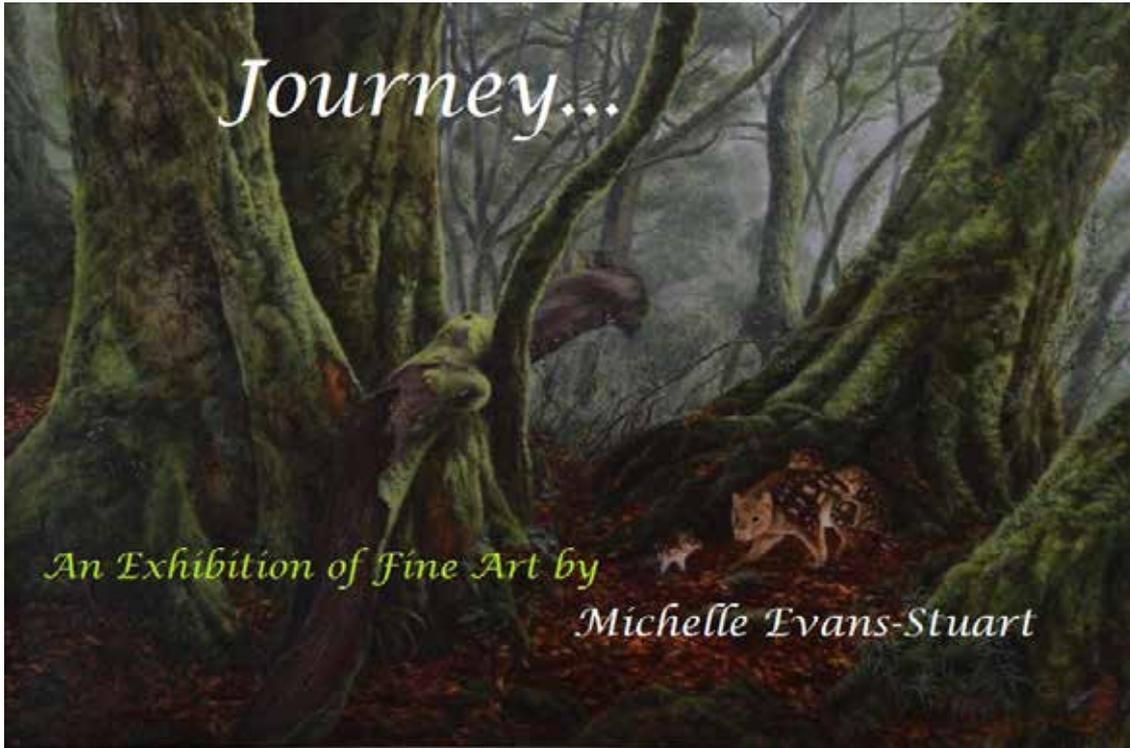
Well done to everyone who participated in the Sports Carnival on the last day of Term Two. It was great to see so much excitement, enthusiasm and cheering on the day. Congratulations to the Blue team who were the eventual winners.

Congratulations also to the Age Champions.

10Yr Girls: Vivien Nguyen
10Yr Boys: Mbumba Kalenda
11Yr Girls: Marissa Hanlon

11Yr Boys: Henry Doyle, Semisi Fa'au
12Yr Girls: Theresa Do-Dam
12Yr Boys: Nathan Fitzgerald





This above exhibition will be held at

**'About a Boy & a Girl' Wholefood Market, Cellar & Café,
18 Proe Street, Newstead**

The Opening Weekend is 22nd/23rd July and the
exhibition will run until 5 August.

The Exhibition features her most recent collection of oil paintings,
with a focus on nature and wildlife, as well as some portraits of some very
special four-legged and feathered companions.

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Michelle will be there all weekend, and will be painting on display.

About a Boy & a Girl is also dog friendly, so bring your furry friends along!
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Getting kids to school ON TIME!

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late.

“Come on Jack! Get a move on. School starts in ten minutes and you’re not even dressed yet!”

If this scenario sounds familiar then you are not alone. Anecdotal evidence suggests that getting children to school or pre school on time can be one of the most difficult tasks for parents.

Missing a few minutes each day may not seem like a big deal but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Current research shows

that mornings for most children are the most productive time of the day with 10.00am the peak period for productivity. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do precious minutes are lost. A child who is fifteen minutes late to school each day misses one week of school every year.

How can you get your dawdling kids out the door without yelling yourself hoarse? Here are a few techniques and ideas for you to try to get your punctually-challenged children to school on time:

✓ **Establish a morning routine.**

Make sure your children know what is expected of them in the morning, and also what you will do. Resist nagging but be willing to take them to school even if they haven't fully prepared for the day.



✓ **Identify and remove distractions such as television.**

If the children are regular watchers before school change the routine and keep the TV off. It should only be turned on when children are completely ready for school.

✓ **Teach some of the basics of time management.**

The average adult underestimates by about 25 per cent the time it takes to do various jobs. Make sure you have realistic time estimates and stop packing so much into the time you allocate. Encourage older children to estimate how long it takes to do activities such as getting ready in the morning. Then they can measure the time taken to do these tasks and compare their estimates with real time.

✓ **Arrive at school ten minutes early.**

Plan to arrive at school early rather than be there on time. This idea works well for perpetual latecomers, whether young or old.

✓ **Model a good routine.**

Its pointless expecting children to be organised in the morning if you are in a muddle yourself. Set a good example by being as methodical as possible and avoid sleeping in unless your children are so organised that they get you breakfast in bed. And pigs might fly as well!

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