



OLSH news

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Term 4 Week 1 2017

Dear Parents and Friends of OLSH Community,

Welcome back for the final term for 2017. I hope everyone had a great break and you enjoyed the footy grand finals on the weekend. I managed to support the two teams that did not win.



Over the holidays I did some tidying up of my files at home. One of the things I found was a handout from Maggie Dent, a former teacher, counsellor and parent. I saw her do a presentation about five years ago and I also follow her on social media. One of the things that I liked about Maggie was that she admitted that in all three of her roles she had made mistakes but had learnt a lot along the way. She considers her three greatest productions her sons and she advocates a common-sense approach. Her handout included what she considered a list of the Real Goals of Education or as Maggie said, "What we most desire for our children is to be able to":

- Be able AND willing to care for themselves (regarding their own health and wellbeing, finances, conflict resolution and stress management)
- Be lifelong learners
- Be passionate
- Be ready to take risks
- Be emotionally resilient
- Have social competence to develop healthy friendships
- Experience mastery in some aspects of their lives, developing a set of skills they have mastery over in order to feel and be competent, useful and capable
- Be able to problem solve and think critically
- Be able to look at things differently
- Be able to work independently and with others
- Be creative thinkers and be solution focused
- Care and want to give back to their community
- Persevere and know the value of effort and endeavour
- Have integrity and the moral courage to act from this place
- Act with dignity
- Be able to use the world around them well
- Speak well, write well, read well and work well with numbers
- Have the capacity and inclination to be kind
- Be respectful of self, others and our world
- Respect diversity and strive for understanding
- Know that they matter and can make a positive difference, no matter what
- Truly enjoy their life including working optimistically

God Bless,

John

Every face has a place at OLSH.

TERM FOUR

Welcome back for Term 4. Term 4 is a busy term and seems to "fly" very quickly. Please check the parent portal with the calendar of events for this term. We will also keep you updated by the school Facebook page, letters home etc.

Term 4 concludes on Friday 1 December at approximately 12:00pm.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday 16 October is a pupil free day for all Catholic schools in Queensland. There will be no school at OLSH on this day. Teachers will be engaged in Consistency of Teacher Judgement activities with a number of other Catholic school teachers.

2018 PRINCIPAL POSITION AT OLSH

The position of principal at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School has been advertised. Applications close Friday 6 October.

Prior to the end of Term 3, all families were emailed information about the process for the selection of a new principal. Included in this process is a community consultation process. Information on this was also emailed. I have included the link for this process below. If you follow the link it will return the survey to Brisbane Catholic Education for collating. Your survey response is totally anonymous. The period for response will close on Friday 6 October at 5.00 pm.

[SURVEY - Parent Consultation for New Principal Recruitment, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart School, Darra](#)

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents Day is one of the highlights of the school year here at OLSH. Grandparents are special people and we wish to acknowledge the role they play in children's lives. This year we will celebrate grandparents' day on Thursday 19 October. The day will commence with assembly at 8:30am. At 9:30am we will have morning tea for Grandparents and their Grandchildren plus a classroom visit from 10:00 – 10:30am. We look forward to many Grandparents joining us.

PREP PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

As everyone is now aware, the old prep playground equipment was removed over the holidays and construction on the new playground equipment has begun.

At this stage, it is planned for the playground and new rubber matting to be completed by the early next week, weather permitting. The shade structure will be erected after the playground is installed. It is planned that these posts will be installed on 10 Oct. They have to be in the ground for 5-7 days before the shade structure goes over them. We are planning this for 16 Oct (Pupil Free Day). All things running smoothly, the new equipment will be available for students on 17 October.

For the first two weeks of Term 4 the temporary fencing around this area will remain.

This project is being jointly funded by the proceeds of the school fete, P & F and school funding.

P & F TERM 4 MEETING

The Term 4 P & F meeting will be held next Monday 9 October at 7:00 pm. Included in the agenda is the 2017 internal school review.

The AGM for the P & F will be held on Monday 6 November at 7:00 pm in the board room.

PREP ORIENTATION DAY

A reminder for those families whose children will be commencing Prep in 2018.

An information session for 2018 Prep parents will be held on Wednesday 25 October with commencing at 6:30pm, followed by tea and coffee. This session will include information about the commencement of the 2018 school year for the Prep children, information on school procedures, school uniform etc. plus an address from me. There will also be an opportunity for you to meet the Prep staff for 2018.

On Thursday 26 October from 9:00 – 11:00am we will have a Prep orientation session for the 2018 prep children.

2018 INTENTIONS

To assist us with 2018 planning if you know that your child will not be returning to OLSH (other than current Year 6 students) next year can you please let the school office know.

DROP OFF ZONES

As we begin Term 4 I remind all members of our community of the correct procedures for the drop off zones on Darra Station Rd and Scotts Rd.

The area on Darra Station Rd outside the front of the school is a 2-minute passenger drop off and collection zone only. The area at the back of the school on Scotts Rd is also a drop off zone. Please ensure that you do not park in these areas. Police do regular patrols of the Darra school precinct.

In the morning families using the drop off zone are asked to simply stop, kiss their child goodbye, have the children get out of the car and then move on. This should take approximately sixty seconds. We are asking no one to stop for any longer than this or to park. *DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR.* We are trying to move cars on as quickly as possible.

In the afternoon for families using the loading zone, we will call for your child/ren a maximum of three times. Your child/ren then put their bags in the car and hop in. You then drive off. If your child is not there after three calls you will be asked to move on and re-join the queue at the rear. *DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR.*

I wish to emphasise that when you enter these zones please enter from the rear (i.e. do not drive in front of other cars in the zones.) This is a dangerous practice and I have had a number of reports of this occurring particularly in the morning and on Scotts Rd. If you are doing this procedure I ask that you please stop.

I thank the majority of people for their patience and for following the correct procedures.

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

For a variety of reasons which I will go into at the P & F meeting our school did not participate in the recent Woolworths promotion. However I am aware that some people have collected these tokens and there was a box set up at Woolworths Darra for our school.

I will be donating all the tokens that our school has received to St Patrick's School Mitchell in western Queensland. Mitchell is located approximately 7 hours from Brisbane and currently has only 24 children. We have previously supported this school when the town was flooded back in 2012. Ironically many members of the Mitchell community are currently experiencing drought conditions. St Patrick's are extremely grateful that our school in Brisbane is supporting them.



Welcome to Term 4.

This will be a very busy nine week journey that will include many exciting educational experiences for our students. I recently saw this prayer and thought it was a very suitable one for the beginning of the busiest period in the school year.

A blessing of one another at the beginning of the term:

May we be blessed with gratitude
for the gift of another new day of life.

May we be blessed with love,
love for God and for all people.

May we be blessed with hope;
the possibility of growth in each moment.

May we be blessed with compassion
for all of creation and for our deep connection.

May we be blessed with generosity
in all that shall be asked of us this day.

May we be blessed with laughter;
the joy that will refresh our hearts.

May we be blessed with patience
in the difficult challenges that may arise.

And may all who hear the Word of God be blessed forever.

Amen

Parish/School Family Mass

This Sunday we celebrate our Family Mass with the Parish. Please join us at Darra church at 9am on Sunday (8th Oct). All welcome and if you would like to participate (as either a reader, server, welcomer, singing or taking up the offertory) please let either myself or Luisa Laughren know. We look forward to celebrating together on Sunday!

October is the month of the Rosary

The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the month of October to praying the Rosary. OLSH supports this traditional with the students participating daily in praying the rosary.

The prayers of the Rosary come from Our Lord himself, from inspired Scripture and from the Church - it is not surprising then that the Rosary is so dear to our Blessed Mother and so powerful with heaven. The Rosary can have great effects. Many are the favours granted to private individuals through its recitation and in history we see many great triumphs attributed to praying the Rosary.

Starting this week, students will participate each morning in praying a decade of the Rosary.

Fr. Patrick Peyton's famous slogan was "the family who prays together, stays together". While there are no absolute guarantees that praying together will help everyone stay together, it is a great way to help everyone better connect with God and each other and to please God as well. Family prayer can create an extra special bond between all the family members and teaches them to pray. Maybe in this month of the Rosary, your family may like to pray a decade of the Rosary together - even ask your child to help lead the prayer like they do at school.

Our Lady of the Rosary - pray for us!

Have a great week,

Kathryn Lambkin | Assistant Principal, Religious Education



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Tues, Wed or Thurs afternoons from 3:30pm

Where: Jindalee Parish courts, 111 Yallambee Road
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