Dear Parents and Carers,

It's great to be back! Following a hectic holiday schedule of visits to New Zealand and Tasmania, it's great to be back in our wonderful community! To ensure a very special return, on Monday our whole school visited the city to see the performance of ‘Alice Through the Opera Glass’ and visit the National Gallery of Victoria. We were also blessed with beautiful weather on Monday.

I would like to thank Mr Brendan Williams and Mrs Michelle Brearley for their leadership of the school during my Long Service Leave. We are incredibly fortunate to have a strong, developing leadership group at our school. I also need to thank the whole staff for their support of Michelle and Brendan (and each other) during the important report writing season!

WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION

I am sure you have already heard about the fantastic experience of attending the Opera and the National Gallery from your children! Following a lengthy period of planning and preparation by Mrs Cathy Kerley, the whole school attended the children’s opera ‘Alice Through the Opera Glass’ on Monday morning, followed by a guided tour of the National Gallery of Victoria in the afternoon. I am very proud that all available staff and students in our community attended, making it a very special event for everyone. The students’ behaviour and manners in public were delightful, and they represented their school community with pride.
Thanks to all the staff who organised and worked together to ensure a very productive day. Special thanks to Mrs Cathy Kerley, who has been planning this event since October last year. We are very pleased to offer a unique learning experience for our students!

**FIRST EUCHARIST CELEBRATIONS - PLEASE NOTE!!**

This Sunday at 10:00am we look forward to inviting new members of our school and parish community to the Table of Our Lord in the celebration of the Eucharist. Late last week we received notice that there is a planned power disruption on Sunday-commencing at 8:00am!! Following discussions with Fr Sebastian, and in order to ensure that family plans for this special celebration can still take place, I can confirm that the First Eucharist Mass this Sunday is definitely going ahead. We ask that all families and parishioners take care when moving around the church on Sunday, as it will be darker than usual in the church. We are making plans to ensure there is sufficient lighting in the church, and have organised an alternative sound system for the day.

**SCHOOL REPORTS - HOME THIS FRIDAY**

Over the last few weeks the staff have been working feverishly to prepare your child's school report, which will be sent home this Friday. A tremendous amount of work is involved in preparing these documents, which may form the basis of your conversation at Parent/Teacher conferences next week. My thanks go to all the staff who have helped to prepare the school reports for families this semester.

**PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on

**Wednesday 26th June from 3.45pm to 7.15pm**
and on **Thursday 27th June from 1:00pm to 6:00pm**.

Students will be supervised in the Library/Inquiry Hub on the Thursday afternoon between 1pm and 3.20. All parents are asked to book a time to come and meet with your child’s teacher. This can be a good opportunity to ask any follow-up questions you may have about your child’s report and to set some goals for the remainder of the year.

Should you not be available during the times listed, but still wish to speak to your child’s teacher, please contact them directly to arrange an alternate time to meet or speak on the phone.

To book an interview please follow the directions on the next page or contact Mel at the office (9729-3411).

**SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION**

This afternoon you will notice some construction work being prepared for the roof of The Inquiry Hub and The Library. The crew will be working until next Tuesday to install solar panels on the large roof area of our school building. Once operational, these panels will generate electricity savings that will benefit the school and parish community in the long term (next 10-12 years). Thanks to Parish Pastoral Council Chairman Mike Dennis for his work in rationalising the fee structures for the school and parish energy needs, and overseeing the installation of the solar panels.
TERM THREE PLANNING
The staff are already working towards planning the curriculum activities for students in Term Three. Staff will be planning in teams on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE - MRS STEVENS
For the last two weeks of this term (and week one of Term Three), Mrs Stevens is taking some well deserved Long Service Leave. During this time the students will be undertake Physical Education lessons with Miss Haneen Bou-Karrroum, a specialist P.E. teacher.

PREP 2020 ENROLMENTS
We are looking to organise our Prep Parent meetings, scheduled in the first few weeks of term three, very soon. If you have a child commencing Prep in 2020, we need to receive their enrolment forms as soon as possible please. If you know a family that is interested in attending Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, tours are still available. Please contact Melissa in the office on 9729 3411.

Ross Williams
Principal

The Rotary Club of Emerald and District Inc. in partnership with Ferntree Gully Motor Group (Comprising of Ferntree Gully Nissan, Volkswagen, Holden, Suzuki Isuzu), are holding the ‘Great Community Raffle’. FTG Motor Group are donating all the prizes at no cost. This enables Our Lady of Lourdes School to retain ALL proceeds from the sale of tickets sold by our community. (ie: Tickets cost $2.00 each, if we sell 1000 tickets—the school will get full proceeds of the $2,000 returned.)

This is a great fundraising opportunity for our school.

The Prizes for 2019 are:
1st Prize: Nissan Qashai ST Auto —$33,970.00 Drive Away,
2nd Prize: $1,000.00 Westfield Voucher
3rd Prize: $500.00 Westfield Voucher

A book of raffle tickets was been sent home on Tuesday 28th May with your child. We are asking that each family take a book of tickets and if you could sell one, two or ten tickets, that would be terrific. It would be wonderful if someone in our school community won the car or one of the other great prizes. Good luck!

At the very latest, could any sold/unsold Raffle Tickets be returned to OLOL by Thursday 1st August, 2019 ~ Thank you

Raffle Drawn on Monday 19th August, 2019 at 6:00pm at Ferntree Gully Nissan, 1000 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully.

Everyone is welcome to attend the draw.
Dear Parents,

Once again we are using an online booking facility to make it easier for families to book interview times that suit your family best.

**Parent/Teacher Interviews are for Years Prep – 6 and will be held on will be held on:**

**Wednesday 26th June between 3:45pm and 7:15pm**

and on

**Thursday 27th June between 1:00pm and 6:00pm**

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) and follow the simple instructions below.

**BOOKINGS OPEN Friday 14th JUNE AT 9:00am**

**Interviews are compulsory for all families and are strictly 15mins.**

Enter THIS school event code. Then follow the 3 simple steps.

When you click *finish*, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

**BOOKINGS CLOSE Tuesday 25th JUNE AT 11:30AM**

For parents that don’t have internet access, please feel free to contact Melissa Angerosa at the school office on 9729 3411 to book your interview time/s.

**Interviews are compulsory for all families with children in Years Prep - 6 and are strictly 15mins.** If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly and make alternative arrangements.

If there are no suitable times available on the schedule for a specific teacher, parents will need to contact the classroom teacher directly to arrange an alternative time outside of the allocated schedule. Parents can change their interview times any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au), and using the code dt8ty. Parents wishing to change their interview time/s after the closing date should contact Melissa Angerosa at the school office on 9729 3411.
Vinnies’ Winter Appeal

On Friday 28th June at 9:00am, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Sacred Heart at Mass. During this celebration we will be remembering how Jesus made a difference to society by working for a change of heart in individuals and by calling for greater justice and equality. Can we make our society a better place, with more equality, less poverty, more tolerance, less discrimination, more peace, less violence?

The Mini-Vinnies’ team is asking all members of our school community to bring along donations of non-perishable food items (such as noodles or canned food), toiletries (such as soap or toothpaste) or clean clothing or blankets in good condition. Each class will have a shopping trolley to colour in spaces as they bring donations to school. We hope each class can completely fill their trolley.

Your donations will then be given to St Vincent de Paul who will distribute them to families in need.

We hope that by encouraging the children to participate in this collection and in our Mass of celebration, they may become more aware of the needs of our society, more ready to play some part in meeting them, and try to see others with the eyes of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your support,
Mini-Vinnies’ team and Chris Dawson – Student Wellbeing Leader
Term 2, 2019 - Dear Parents,

Note: No morning care Friday 21st 2019. If you need care please call 0448793271.

Service time only- 0422247106. Call school a day before - 9729 3411

Welcome to OSHC! - Program Details-

Last week children played an indoor soccer game, blocks, and they ran a canteen using pretend money and delivered pretend food. This week, children have been playing indoor games due to the wet weather. Board games have been played, such as Boggle, Monopoly, 3D Ludo, along with card games and the dolls house. Weather permitting, they will also have the opportunity to play on the oval, basketball, tiggy team game, octopus and ‘What’s the time Mr Wolf?’ Next week children will have a choice to do Reconciliation Week Aboriginal paintings, or colour flags of a country they choose. On the early finish day, we will be making stress balls by filling balloons with sand. We will also be making cupcakes and decorating them.

If you have any further suggestions, please let the OSHC team know.

Here are some photos I would like to share of last week

From
Juhi, Marianne & staff at OSHC