



# OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

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T: 9729 3411 Email: [principal@olbayswater.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olbayswater.catholic.edu.au)**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE:**

T: 9729 3411 (7.30am - 9am &amp; 3.20pm - 6.15pm)

*We acknowledge that we are on the land of the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation'.*

Dear Parents / Carers,

## Reminders

- Friday 19th June  
Student Reports are sent home
- Wednesday 24th June  
Parent / Teacher Interviews
- Friday 26th June  
End of Term 2 ~ 1:00pm finish



Yesterday we welcomed all Year 3-6 students back to onsite learning, which also meant that our whole school was back together again! There was some celebration on Tuesday morning, including singing and dancing, mostly from me! The full return to onsite learning brings an end to the remote learning structure that was so very well implemented by staff over the last eight weeks. I want to again thank all the staff for their efforts in ensuring that students had the opportunity to continue their learning during remote learning this term. As we transition back to onsite learning, the staff will be working together (as well as seeking feedback from the students) on which aspects of remote learning might be considered for continuation over the rest of the year. We have certainly learned that many of our students, across all levels of the school, have developed an independence and resilience in their learning that will be of great benefit as we plan for future learning. We also know, from the feedback we already have, that many students had difficulty maintaining social connections during remote learning, reminding us of the significance of our well-being programs and providing opportunities for peers to re-connect. We promise to be mindful of the students' needs, academic, faith and social, as we transition back to classroom learning over the next three weeks.

## STAFFING NEWS

I am very pleased to announce that Miss Ashleigh Bransden is returning to join our staff for the remainder of the school year. Ashleigh is very well known to the Year 1-6 students, as she has worked as a Learning Support Officer at our school for several years. Ashleigh will work across different year levels on Thursdays (and some Fridays) for the remainder of 2020. Welcome back!!

## STUDENT (AND STAFF) HEALTH

A reminder to all families of the strong expectation that any student who displays symptoms of being unwell (runny nose, headache, high temperature, gastro symptoms, etc.) should not attend school until they are well. I have also clearly expressed this sentiment to our staff (which means that I am working from home today).

Although the State Government has stated that students do not need to practise physical distancing, we are taking all practical steps to ensure that students exhibit good personal hygiene, including the regular use of hand sanitiser in classrooms and before and after break times.

## SCHOOL REPORTS

Our teachers are busy working to complete the modified school reports which will be sent home on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. As you will understand, the reports will differ from previous school reports, as the teachers have had limited time to work in the classroom with students over the last nine weeks of school. The staff are preparing an assessment of each student based on their known level of understanding across curriculum areas. As per State Government expectations, the staff will comment on how the students transitioned to remote learning.

For most students, the teachers have a great deal of evidence of remote learning to call on in their report writing. Families will have the opportunity to discuss school reports and student progress at the upcoming Parent/ Teacher Interviews.

## PARENT/ TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Due to restrictions on visitors to the school at the moment, we are offering families the opportunity to participate in online Parent/ Teacher Interviews this term. The interviews will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, between 12:00-5:15pm. Once booked, families will receive an email (via the address given when registering) with a link to a Google Meet (online video conference). If you would prefer a phone call, please contact the classroom teacher prior to the meeting using the same email address.

Interviews will be strictly 10 minutes long, with 5 minutes allowed for connection, etc.

## ARRIVING AND DEPARTING SCHOOL

I have received very positive feedback from parents regarding the morning drop off routine (except for the singing and dancing on Tuesday!). The students have responded very well to the new routine, and it seems that parents are able to make a quick (and positive) departure from the school grounds. We will continue to offer this drop-off facility for the rest of Term Two, then seek feedback from parents on whether it is feasible to continue into Term Three.

The main reason for the success of this new procedure comes down to the strength of the communication between parents and their children, so thank you for explaining, and supporting the changes we have made for the safety of all in our community.

## **PREP ENROLMENTS (We need you!)**

Now that we are returning to (hopefully!) some normality, we need to refocus on building our wonderful school. We are obviously extending our call for new Prep enrolments into Term Three, when we hope to be able to offer school tours (after school hours, at this stage). If you have a child in a Kindergarten program, could I ask that you please see Mel in the office to collect some flyers to display at the Kindergarten Centre. If you are aware of any family, friends, neighbours, etc. that are interested in visiting our school, please feel free to collect and pass on school information. A reminder that, as we had a waiting list for our P-2 program this year (we have five families waiting to join our community) we want to ensure that all our current families are included in our enrolment projections for 2021. We do plan to confirm an offer to those waiting families for a place at Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School.

The **Way To Go**  
this week is...



### **Being thankful and appreciative**

Being thankful for the nice things people do for you and the good things that happen in your life helps you feel happy. Letting people know that you are thankful or grateful for how they have supported and cared about you also makes them feel happy too.

## **SPECIAL REQUESTS- LAST TIME!**

As we continue to refine the way we respond to the new routines due to COVID-19, we ask for your assistance in the following ways:

**Personal headphones**—We are reluctant to distribute and share headphones due to our current circumstances. If each student could please have a set of headphones in their school bag (with the students name and class) it will allow the students to continue to engage in the positive aspects of online learning.

**Ice-cream containers**—the square, 2 or 4 litre containers (no lid required). We plan to use these (when the students go outside) to safely store personal drink bottles on the oval, basketball courts, etc.

**Tissues**—At the start of each year we asked that parents provide a couple of boxes of tissues for the classroom. As we expect to use more tissues than in previous years, we would appreciate a box or two from families to replenish our supplies.

The final special request is for some **expert (or knowledgeable) gardeners** to give advice and complete some work restoring our Sensory Garden. Over the last few months, with no walking traffic flowing through the garden, it has become a little overgrown. If you can spare some time (hopefully over the next few weeks) helping out with advice and/or action, please contact the school office (I have had one expression of interest, however many hands make light work!).

**Ross Williams  
Principal**

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# Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

With restrictions around visitors to the school building due to COVID-19, this semester we are offering parents the opportunity to meet with classroom teacher via the Google Meet video conference forum or via phone call. Each meeting appointment will be strictly 10 minutes. There will be 5 minutes allowed between meetings for connection, etc.

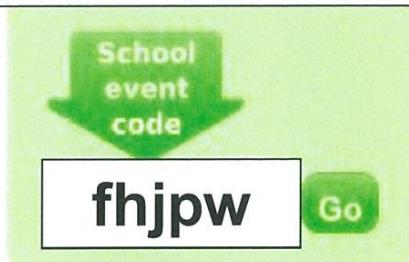
Parent/Teacher Interviews are for Years Prep – 6 and will be held online:

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June between 12:00pm and 5:15pm**

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

**BOOKINGS OPEN Friday 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE AT 9:00am**

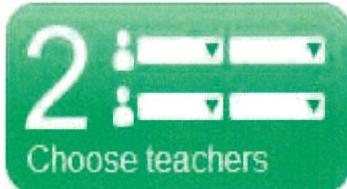
Interviews are available for all students. Those families that attend PSG meetings are not required to book a second meeting.



Go to [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au)  
Enter THIS school event code.  
Then follow the 3 simple steps.



Enter your details



Choose teachers



Choose times



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 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE AT 9:00am**

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.

**All families are asked to book an interview for each child.** If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly and make alternative arrangements.

**For Google Meet interviews, we will send a link to the email address you provide prior to the meeting. Please ensure you are online and the you have a functioning camera and microphone to participate in the interview.**

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 fhjpw. Parents wishing to change their interview time/s after the closing date should contact Melissa Angerosa at the school office on 9729 3411.

# OSHC NEWS

Welcome to OSHC Term 2, 2020. Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School  
OSHC-10<sup>th</sup> June 2020

**Dear Parents and School staff,**

We're here to make Before/After School Care visits the best experience possible for you and your child. If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to drop by, meet us and see what happens in After School Care first hand.

**Note: No morning care on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020; if you require care kindly call 0448793271 or contact the school a day before for morning booking – 0397293411.**

I hope you and your families are going well in this unprecedented time.

Below is a message from the government that I would like to make you aware of:

Dear Families

If you are eligible to receive payments from Centrelink, such as Child Care Subsidy (CCS) and Family Tax Benefit (FTB), you may be asked to provide your family income estimate for the 2020-21 financial year.

You need to do this even though you aren't currently paying child care fees. This is because Centrelink will use this estimate to work out how much CCS and FTB you will get next financial year.

There's more information about updating your family income estimate for the 2020-21 financial year on the Services Australia website.

## *OSHC! - Program Details -*

Children had fun playing outdoors and putting together puzzles indoor, free hand drawing and colouring Aboriginal art pictures.

Our indoor activities planned for this week are: Origami, drawing, colouring, board games and card games.

Next week the children can choose from a range of activities such as making aeroplanes and colouring, table soccer, bowling and also their choice of board games to make them feel comfortable at OSHC. Depending on the weather conditions, the children will enjoy some outdoor games - basketball, What's the time Mr Wolf? cops and robbers and free time on the equipment and in the sand pit.

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

From Juhi,  
Marianne &  
staff at OSHC



## VIRTUAL OPEN DAY 2020



Embrace your spirit.  
Discover your place.

**Tuesday 23rd June** 10.00am - 10.45am  
**Thursday 25th June** 4.45pm - 5.30pm

As our Open Day had to be cancelled in March this year, we would like to invite prospective families to join our Principal, Head of Middle Years, and College Registrar at one of our Virtual Open Day sessions.  
[sites.google.com/aquinas.vic.edu.au/virtual-open-day2020](https://sites.google.com/aquinas.vic.edu.au/virtual-open-day2020)

**A SCHOOL THAT PREPARES FOR LIFE**

### We are leaders in boys' education.

Our broad and innovative curriculum and co-curriculum cater for the needs of all our students academically, physically and emotionally. Boys participate in an extensive sport and outdoor education programs and foster partnerships with local sporting groups and organisations.

### Enrol now for 2021 and beyond.

Contact our Enrolments Office  
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p (03) 9756 3112 e [enrolments@stjosephs.com.au](mailto:enrolments@stjosephs.com.au)



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