



Our Lady of Hope School

Term 1, Week 11

9th April 2020

Absentee Advice: Please remember to advise the Front Office of your child's absence for any reason by 9.00 am via email: absent@oloh.catholic.edu.au or on 8289 8344.

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Students from Rooms 17 & 18 have been focusing on their responsibilities as leaders of our school.



A journey in faith and learning

From the Principal

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Ashley Keane
Principal

Dear Parents,

Wow! To say that we are currently living through what will turn out to be a major historical event is an understatement. I have provided many different forms of communication to you over the last few weeks and I thank you for your patience and support throughout what has been a very challenging time for everyone in our society.

If I was writing this newsletter at the completion of a normal school term, I would be writing to you about the Year 5-7 Camp, the Our Lady of Hope Sports Day, Parent/Teacher Interviews, and reminding you all about some of the events that would be happening early next term such as the Mother's Day Breakfast and our preparations for Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN tests. Only a month ago, we were preparing for all of the above events in full anticipation that they would go ahead. How things have changed in a very short space of time.

So instead in this week's newsletter I would like to spend some time writing about the concept of gratitude. Even though times are tough and life as we know it has changed dramatically over the last few weeks, I still feel that we have a lot to be grateful for.

Our School Staff:

Firstly I would like say how extremely grateful I am for the professionalism and hard work of our staff. The last 3 weeks have been as challenging as any I can remember in schools. There have been many uncertainties around whether or not schools would remain open and mixed messages in the media about the risks and benefits of keeping our schools open. The COVID-19 pandemic has led many people to experience a range of emotions, anxieties and uncertainties about how to best manage their own health and wellbeing as well as those of their family, and our staff not been immune to these emotions. Despite their own personal feelings or worries, all of our staff have continued to turn up to school each day and have probably worked harder than they ever have, as they have undertaken a steep learning curve in how to best cater for the learning and wellbeing needs of children who are not at school.

Our staff have done an amazing job

and have continued to remain positive and upbeat as they support our children through these uncertain times. I can not thank them enough for all of their hard work this term.

Our Families and our Community:

The support from our community during the last few weeks has been just amazing. I have been in contact with many parents and I am fully aware of the challenges that parenting during these times can present. Whether it be juggling working from home as well as caring for children and supporting them with learning; managing your children's and your own wellbeing when there are so many restrictions on what you can and can't do; or maybe it is managing your own feelings as you make decisions around whether or not to send your children to school; all of these can be very challenging issues for families. As parents, grandparents or carers, you have done an amazing job. The positivity and support you have shown the school, the countless messages of support which our staff have received from parents and your commitment to working in partnership with us has been greatly appreciated. I am so grateful to be part of such a caring and supportive school community.

Our Children:

Despite the challenges of leading a school through very uncertain times, coming to work each day has also been refreshing. Every day we are bombarded by the media with all of the conflicting facts and doom and gloom stories about COVID-19. When I come to school each day, I am greeted by smiling children who are full of life and energy. The sound of children laughing, playing and getting along is a wonderful sound. The children who have been at school have also been busy coming to terms with new ways of learning and have maintained a positive attitude throughout. When talking to one child about their worries and concerns last week, I quickly came to realise that this particular child's major concern was that the Easter Bunny may not be able to come this year due to COVID-19. This just reminds me of the innocence of the minds of the children we are working with and the important job which we as parents and educators have in shaping our children's beliefs and attitudes. Our children have been amazing and I am grateful for the joy, laughter and playfulness that they bring into our school.

Being grateful for all we have and our family:

Not being able to go out and do our usual things can be seen as a challenge and has forced us to come up with new ways to entertain ourselves. Out of adversity comes opportunity. Over the last few weeks I have had the time to spend more time playing games, reading books and just having conversations with my family. I have been able to stop and in part, switch off from the hectic pace of life. I must admit I have missed the football; actually I was quietly confident that my beloved Power may have actually beaten the Adelaide Crows in the showdown this year. I am also saddened and disappointed that I can't go on my annual family holiday to Hindmarsh Island and that I won't be able to spend Easter with my extended family and friends this year. All of the above has led me to grow to a full appreciation of how lucky I am. I can go on yearly holidays, I do have hobbies and pastimes that I really enjoy and I have a beautiful family who I love very much.

Despite the challenges of the last few weeks and the uncertainty that lies ahead, I still know that I have a lot to be grateful for. I know we will all fully appreciate the simple things in life a lot more when life goes back to normal. Over the next few weeks, I know having the children contained within the house for 3 weeks will be challenging and will test our resolve. I encourage you to take the opportunity to be grateful for the joy that your children bring to your lives and just enjoy slowing down and spending quality time with them.

Launch of Catholic Education Learning Online Website:

On Friday, Catholic Education South Australia, launched a website to support parents and teachers with managing home and online learning. The website provides a lot of useful tips and information for parents on how to set up your home in order to facilitate a successful home learning environment. The website also provides links to many useful learning ideas which both teachers and parents can access to support the development of their home learning programs. I would highly recommend this site to you. I have provided a link to this site below:

[Catholic Education supporting student learning and wellbeing online](#)

From the Principal cont.....

I will be providing some useful hints and tips from this website in my communications with you about the Term 2 home learning program.

Re-Scheduled School Events:

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had to re-think and re-schedule some of our whole school events.

- **Our Year 5-7 School Camp** has been re-scheduled to Week 5 in Term 4.
- **Our Lady of Hope Sports Day** will be re-scheduled to early Term 4. The exact date will be confirmed later in the term.
- **The School Concert** which was scheduled to be held at end of Term 2 in July, has now been re-scheduled until 24th September which is at the end of Term 3.
- **Parent/Teacher Interviews** which were scheduled for this week, have not been formally re-scheduled, however parents are invited to contact their child's class teacher in order to book a time to discuss their child's progress.

We will keep all families updated on changes to our School Calendar. We are hopeful that school may return to normal functioning by the beginning of Term 3, so that we can once again enjoy coming together and celebrating as a whole school community.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a Happy Easter and I wish you all the best for the upcoming holiday period.

I have no doubt that I will be in contact with you closer to the end of the school holidays and that I will be providing you with multiple updates on the changing landscape of school life over the coming months.

Stay safe and take care of yourself.

God Bless,

Ashley Keane



Principal

2020 School Fees & Fee Remission - We are here to help

At Our Lady of Hope School we are committed to ensuring that an inability to pay fees should not prevent families from pursuing or continuing the enrolment of their children at our school.

During difficult times we are conscious that children and families require stability, and we believe that the best way that we can assist you in providing that stability is to ensure that students remain enrolled at a school that they know and are comfortable in.

If your family has lost significant income due to COVID-19 you will receive a school fee remission effective immediately, initially for a period of 3 months. This is the equivalent of 1 terms fees and levies. We will continue to review the fee situation for individual families and the school as a whole.

If you are experiencing any financial difficulty due to loss of income during the current time, please contact me via email cgillard@oloh.catholic.edu.au for a confidential discussion regarding your circumstances, with a view to working out a solution that best supports your family.

Kind regards,

Charmaine Gillard, School Bursar

SAPSASA Swimming Carnival



On Friday 28th February a small but enthusiastic group of Year 4-7 students participated in the SAPSASA Swimming Carnival at the Salisbury Swimming Centre. We would like to thank the parents of students who attended and assisted with transportation on the day.



Everyone enjoyed the afternoon and we were successful in winning the small school's 2020 District Champion pennant. Well done to all!

Nick Abfalter, PE Teacher

National Young Leaders Day for 2020

Our student leaders attended a leadership conference at the Entertainment Centre on Friday 6th March. This was an exciting day for the students as they heard from some very influential speakers where they received inspiration and ideas to use and apply this year. The photographs below were taken prior to any social distancing measures being put in place by the government.



Religious Education

To Our Parents,

If you would like to listen to Father James say Mass live or view past celebrations go to the link below and it should take you there.

You can go to the Oblates Website (www.oblates.com.au). You will find live stream addresses. Go to St David's. (Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated live at 10 am.)

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|  | <p>Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Australia</p> <p>/</p> <p>www.oblates.com.au</p> |
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Live streaming and TV broadcast of Masses over Easter

Palm Sunday Mass was live streamed from St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral last Sunday. The Cathedral also commenced live streaming of **daily Mass** from today at 12.10 pm. We are letting you know that these can be viewed live and on demand on the home page of www.adelaide.catholic.org.au. They will also be available via [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#).

The following Easter services will be broadcast on free to air television on Channel 44, a community television station, at the following times:-

- Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6.30 pm - 7.30 pm
- Good Friday - Passion of the Lord, 3 pm - 4 pm
- Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, 6 pm - 7 pm
- Easter Sunday, 9 am - 10 am

In addition, the Passionist Community at The Monastery, Glen Osmond, has pre-recorded the 2020 Stations of the Cross. This can be viewed on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/l26jKw-KHwM>.

Regards,

Suzie Subotkiewicz

Religious Education

Easter Egg Wrappers!

Did you know that you can recycle the foil wrapping from the Easter eggs you eat this Easter season?

Aluminium foil is one of the most recyclable products.

Once you have eaten your Easter eggs, you can collect the wrappers, make it into a ball, and put in **your recycle bin**.

Traditionally, we would have had an Easter Egg Wrapper competition to see which class had the heaviest alfoil ball. With the current situation in our world we won't be having a competition.

Maybe next year!



From the School Chaplain

The VIRTUES



Commitment is caring deeply about something or someone. It is the willingness to give your all to friendship, a task, or something you believe in. It is the ability to make decisions and follow through on them. It is keeping your promises.



Compassion is having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is caring deeply and wanting to help, even if you don't know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you.



Confidence is having faith in something or someone. It is a kind of trust. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things. When you are confident in others, you rely on them and confide in them.



Di Hill, Chaplain

Uniform Shop Reminder



There is a three week change over period from summer to winter uniform for the last 3 weeks of Term 2 and the first 3 weeks of Term 2. Students may wear either their summer or winter uniform during this period. **All students are expected to wear their full winter uniform by the start of week 4 in Term 2.**

For a Uniform Price List, follow the link below:

<https://assets.cdn.thewebconsole.com/S3WEB8983/images/Uniform-Price-List-Order-Form-as-at-10-February-2020.pdf>

Liz Morris, Uniform Shop Manager

Enrolments at OLOH

To all current families if you have a young child due to start school in 2021 or 2022, please ensure that you have lodged an Enrolment Application (you would have received correspondence from the school if you have lodged paperwork). Enrolment applications can be obtained from the front office or via our school website:-

<https://s3-ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/wh1.thewebconsole.com/wh/8983/images/Enrolment-Application-updated-18-3-19.pdf>

If you are not sure please email us at info@oloh.catholic.edu.au and we will check our enrolment records.

School Absentee Notification

If your child or children are going to be away for any reason (i.e. illness, family/social, medical/dental appointment, car trouble, running late etc.) can parents please contact the Front Office either via the email absent@oloh.catholic.edu.au or if this is not possible by phone on 8289 8344. All other communication with a student's teacher can be done through the Seesaw App as directed by your child's classroom teacher.

Thanks for your assistance. Julie Crichton, Front Office

Volunteer Inductions

If you hold a current Catholic Police Clearance which is about to expire in the next few months, and you wish to renew it, you will now be completing your Volunteer Induction online due to the current COVID-19 situation. You will be sent further information via email in due course.

Please contact me if you have any queries about volunteering at OLOH on sjohnstone@oloh.catholic.edu.au

Sharmaine Johnstone, PA/Event Co-ordinator

OLOH Skoolbag App

To stay up to date download the Skoolbag App on your device, please click on the link below and follow the instructions:

<https://moqproducts.com.au/skoolbag/installation-instructions/>



and for a range of resources visit the link below:

<https://skoolbaghelp.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360002711371-Empower-your-community-to-embrace-SkoolBag-with-these-essential-resources>

Upcoming Diary Dates

Mon. 6th-9th April Pupil Free Days

Fri. 10th-24th April School Holidays

Mon. 27th April Term 2 commences - more information will be sent out in due course

Noticeboard

The services and events contained in this bulletin are in no way connected with the school and are included in this newsletter for your information only. Parents and caregivers need to make their own enquiries and assessments about the suitability of these events and services for the needs and those of their children.

OLSH 2021 Scholarships now open. Currently taking applications for students looking to start in Year 7 or 8 in 2021. We offer Financial, Academic, Performing Arts and Parishioner Scholarships. The deadline for 2021 scholarship applications is Mon. 27th April (first day of Term 2). To find out more about our scholarships or to download application forms, visit: <https://www.olsh.catholic.edu.au/node/65>

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OLOH Playgroup

Adventures in the garden were enjoyed by everyone. Playing on the playground is always a delight as is snack time, playdough and reading. The last OLOH Playgroup session was held on Thursday 12th March. The photographs below were taken prior to any social distancing measures being put in place by the government.



Playgroup is suspended until further notice due to COVID-19. Thanks for your understanding. 🙏

Ali & Bernadette
Playgroup Coordinators



Road Safety Centre Visit

The SA Police Road Safety Centre is a leader in road safety education and contributes to a reduction in the frequency and severity of road trauma in South Australia.

On Friday 6th March, Room 1 and 2 Reception classes took part in a road safety session with the police at the Road Safety Centre. The photograph below was taken prior to any social distancing measures being put in place by the government.

The session provided education on pedestrian and cycle safety and they were introduced to Jeff the road safety dog. The students were able to practice their newly learnt skills on the mock roadway.

We ask that all parents/guardians take the time to talk to their children about road safety. During the session students focused on:

- ❖ safe places to play
- ❖ how to cross the road safely
- ❖ passenger safety
- ❖ bike safety
- ❖ what is a triple zero emergency

It is important that parents/guardians are good road safety role models and we encourage you to discuss with your child what they learnt from the road safety visit.



Dental for Schools Program

At this stage the Dental for Schools Program will be going ahead next term. We will keep families informed if it is postponed or going ahead as scheduled.

- We are urging all of our staff and schools to take precautionary measures to protect themselves and others and to follow Government guidelines in relation to self-isolation recommendations for any symptoms of common colds and flu.

Current & Standard Infection Control Practice (for your knowledge):

- New face masks, gloves, instruments are to be used by the practitioner for the use of every single patient.
- Wipe down of all surfaces including seat, bench top, light, equipment after every patient.
- Barriers and sleeves are placed on lights, instruments and equipment for every patient. (These are then removed and replaced during the changeover of patients)
- All dirty equipment and instruments placed in an enclosed bin.
- Sterilisation of the full facility at the end of each day with medical grade disinfectants.
- Sterilisation of all equipment at the end of each day through process of an Autoclave (A medical autoclave is a device that uses steam to sterilize equipment and other objects. This means that all bacteria, viruses, fungi, and spores are completely inhabitable.)

We will continue to monitor advice released by the Government and health services and will be continually reviewing our practices in line with any recommendations.

Supporting the Community

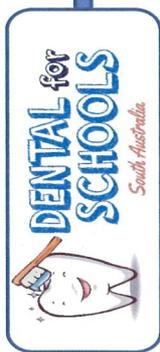
We are living in unprecedented times and there is much in the media highlighting different opinions, emotions and attitudes. As you know, community wellbeing is key at Dental for Schools and we ask that together we keep health, safety and respect for one another at the forefront of what we say and do.

In summary, we would like to assure schools and child cares that with the current events of COVID-19 that procedures are in place to maintain our normal operations and to continue to improve the overall health and wellbeing of our students here in South Australia.

If you would like to discuss things further please do not hesitate to respond to this email or call us on (08) 722 58 142.

Warmest regards,

Adam Shehata
Dental for Schools



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RE: COVID-19 Update

Hello to all,

In these unprecedented times, we would like to reach out to let you know what Dental for Schools (DFS) is doing to support our team, our schools, and our community to get through the uncertainties we all face.

At this stage we are still going ahead with the dental visit at schools as we have been given clarity from the Department of Health – Communicable Disease (Nichola) that we do not classify under "non-essential services" being a medical/dental service, as well as being in the self-contained unit allows us to be in an infection controlled environment at all times.

As a medical practice we by default follow strict infection control guidelines set out by the ADA (Australian Dental Association) which puts us at the forefront of managing and preventing infection and disease. With the outbreak of COVID-19, alongside our standard strict infection control guidelines, we have implemented safeguards that meet Government and World Health Organisation guidelines and have taken additional steps to minimise the risk of impact.

Please be rest assured, that protecting the health and well-being of our staff, students and the broader community is our first priority.

School/ Childcare Dental Visits

If you have an upcoming or current dental visit with us this is to ensure you that at this stage it is business as usual until advised otherwise by the Department of Health and the Government. Please ensure all Parental consent forms are still handed out and collected so we may be prepared for any circumstantial changes.

We have made additional changes to our mobile services:

- Alongside our mandatory infection control practices, we have added a sanitising step of any individual upon entering and exiting the mobile facility.
- In addition to wiping down all surfaces after each patient. Every 30 minutes, our team will be wiping down all high traffic surfaces with alcohol wipes and spray: including seats, floors and bench tops.