

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Primary School

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Monday 5th October 2020

Dear Parents and Friends

Term 4 arrangements

On behalf of our staff I would like to thank all of you for your support, patience and understanding during remote learning in Term 3. I'd also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the efforts of our staff. They worked tirelessly to ensure that students continued to learn during remote learning 2.0.

Now we are back!

School for students resumes on Wednesday 7th October at 8.55am.

The protocols that were introduced will continue throughout Term 4 or until the guidance changes. Please read the information below carefully which is designed to assist families in preparing students for their return to school.

Learning Focus

Our teachers will strive to deliver high-quality learning for all students. There are four priorities for students in Term 4.

1. **Wellbeing and Equity** - The wellbeing, and particularly the mental health, of every student and member of staff is the highest priority. This means encouraging and sustaining motivation for learning, re-engaging students and families where needed, and supporting the social and emotional learning of children and young people alongside curriculum-based learning.
2. **Learning and Excellence** - students will have maintained their rate of progress during remote learning and others, despite their best efforts and those of their families and teachers may have fallen behind. Term 4 will be critical to ensure those who have fallen behind can catch up and to support those who have progressed to continue to extend and stretch their learning. We will be adapting our teaching and learning program to respond to the needs of all students, particularly in the areas of literacy and numeracy.
3. **Transitions** - Term 4 is a critical period for transition. At OLSH we are very proud of our transition program for all students. A key focus of Term 4 will be to make every effort to ensure each of these end-of-year and beginning-of-year transitions occurs as successfully as possible. This includes finding contextually appropriate ways to conduct orientations and end-of-year celebrations and ensuring transition information captures additional details as necessary.

Drop Off - Pick Up Routine

Parents and visitors are not permitted onto school grounds. Parents are asked to drop their child at the front of the school each morning. The STOP-DROP-RUN routine will not operate this term. Families are asked to park their car and farewell their child/children. Staff will be at the front of the school to assist students at this time. At the end of the day, students will be brought to the front of the school for collection.

As parking in the front of the school is limited, parents are asked to collect their child/children and move along. Parents are asked not to gather at the front of the school during drop-off or pick-up. This is not in line with the Chief Health Officers guidelines. Staff have been asked to park behind the Chevalier Centre to free up space.

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EVENTS

As we are restricted to the school grounds, whole school events will be planned onsite. There will be more information about these in next week's newsletter. Some of the events will be: Mission Day and Book Week. Keep an eye out for this information.

We are waiting for further advice regarding end of year events, transition and school tours. What we do know is that we will need to operate within the limits on large gatherings that apply in the broader Victorian community. I appreciate that this is a concern, please know that we are working on alternatives should the need arise.

CHILDREN WITH COLD OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS

No students are to attend school if they are showing any cold or flu-like symptoms. They must remain at home and stay away from school until they are no longer showing symptoms or have attended a GP who has instructed that they are fit and safe to return.

If your child becomes unwell during the day, our usual first aid procedures will apply. Parents will be contacted and are asked to collect their child as soon as possible after the call.

HYGIENE PRACTICES AT OLSH

There are increased cleaning schedules at OLSH.

- Resources that have been used during remote learning including computers and iPads have been cleaned prior to the return to face to face teaching.
- Hand sanitiser is available to all students and staff at entry and exits of the school and in each classroom.
- Door handles, taps and high-touch areas are cleaned during the school day.

The playground, verandah and outdoor areas have been deep cleaned over the weekend in readiness for students to return to school. These areas will be cleaned and sanitised regularly.

DRINK BOTTLES

Students are required to bring their own drink bottles. The bubble taps are not available for use. There will be opportunities for students to refill their drink bottles during the day.

ITEMS FROM HOME

Students wishing to share items from home for news are encouraged to do so. These items are to stay in school bags until news time. Students wishing to bring items from home to take outside are NOT allowed to do so.

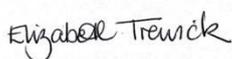
HATS

Hats are to be worn by all students from Wednesday. Summer uniforms are also encouraged. A suggestion would be to make sure your child/children packs a jumper.

I will continue to provide updates when required and as specifics or changes are confirmed.

Finally, I thank you for your continued support and patience. Let us not forget those in lockdown areas in Melbourne and the challenges that families are facing there.

Warm regards



Principal

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