



OLW NEWS 2021

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Dear Parents & Families,

Thank you for the work you have been doing with your children over the past week. We know that the uncertainty of how long students will be learning from home can be frustrating for some, especially when everyone had hoped that this would just be a snap lockdown, so I think that it would timely to remind everyone to be kind to yourself and your family. The term 'lockdown fatigue' has been used quite a lot in the media recently, and many people are finding it difficult with juggling work, their children and family responsibilities, so things may not work out perfectly each day and that is okay. The most important thing is keep connected with each other in order to promote our wellbeing and resilience. We know that learning happens best when we feel good about ourselves.

Accessing at least one of the two daily online class sessions will keep your child connected to school. Many students enjoy sharing stories and their learning during these sessions and it has been great to see the sessions evolve over time, based on the particular needs of the students.

Some of our families also run their own online catch-up for their children with their friends. I would encourage all families to consider additional ways to keep their children connected to their peers and friends as we may be moving between onsite and offsite schooling for quite a while whilst COVID remains a threat.

We are also inviting families to once again send through some photos of their children engaging in their learning or activities over the week to be compiled into a weekly video. The video will showcase the amazing activities that our families are undertaking at home and will also build further connection across the school. The video will be compiled each Friday morning, so if you can send your pictures through to either the classroom teacher or directly to me before Thursday evening, then they will appear in the next week's newsletter.

Otherwise, they will be held over to the following week's video.

YEAR 7 2023 APPLICATIONS

Applications for a place in Year 7 2023 in a Catholic Secondary School (*i.e. Loyola, Parade, OLMC, Santa Maria, etc.*) close this Friday, August 20. This closing date is only 4 days away, so all families of students currently in Year 5 need to ensure that they have their application in on time to be considered for round 1 offers as places are limited.

BOOK WEEK 2021



Book Week will be celebrated across Australia on August 21 - 27 this year. We plan to have the students involved in a variety of activities based on this year's theme 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'.

At OLW we hope to celebrate Book

Week with a Book Week Character Parade on Friday, August 27. All students are encouraged to dress up on the day as a favourite book character and please remember to have either the book or a copy of the front cover of the book that your character is from.

Stay safe and be kind to yourself!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that ancient means 'belonging to the very distant past and no longer in existence'.

Our word for this week is:

ELUSIVE

Find out it's meaning and origin and see if you can add this word to your vocabulary over the next week!

Lately at OSHC

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Last week we tried a new style of self portrait drawing, where we printed photos of half our faces and had to draw the other half. The activity was open to interpretation - some kids drew themselves in a cartoon style, while others aimed to make it look as realistic as possible. We were impressed by how everyone took notice of the little details that make their face unique, like smile lines, dimples and even the arch of their eyebrows. We all agreed that having the photo as a reference on the page helped to improve our skills. Violet said *"It was fun and exciting because I like drawing faces"*.

It's amazing how much energy some kids have even after a long school day! Thankfully we've had plenty of options for the kids to expend their energy - rain, hail or shine. Lately we've had a few big games of outdoor soccer with participants of all ages, while our circus skills have continued to improve when we've been stuck inside.

Our construction area has also been a hub of activity lately, with kids working together to make a mini city, complete with houses, farms, zoos and characters ("Bob" and "Lemonade guy"). Using the shared equipment, the kids are learning to communicate and compromise to ensure everyone is happy!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAKFAST	TOAST AND CEREAL	CHEESY ENGLISH MUFFINS	TOAST AND CEREAL	FRENCH TOAST	TOAST AND CEREAL
AFTERNOON TEA	SAUSAGE SIZZLE	MOROCCAN CHICKEN	ROAST POTATOES	TOMATO PASTA	NACHOS
ACTIVITY OPTION 1	COOKING: POPCORN SLICE	KANDINSKY-INSPIRED COLLAGE	COOKING: MILO COOKIES	RECYCLED ARTS AND CRAFTS	DRAWING COMPETITION
ACTIVITY OPTION 2	HOCKEY	CIRCUS SKILLS	SOCCER	CRICKET	WASPTAIL TIGGY
FREE PLAY IDEAS	PLAY BOWLING OR SIMON SAYS, WRITE A POEM, DO A WORD SEARCH, MAKE A PAPER PLANE TARGET				

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Applications close Friday 20 August 2021

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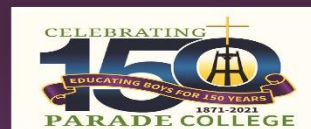


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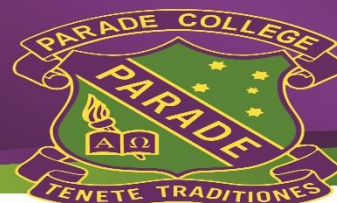
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APPLICATIONS FOR YR 7 2023 FOR CURRENT YR 5'S CLOSE ON 20 AUG 2021



Limited places are available in some other year levels.

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