



OLW NEWS 2021

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Dear Parents & Families,

Welcome back to the start of Term 4 and what we anticipate will be the commencement of the last few weeks of Learning from Home. We hope that you have enjoyed a restful break with your children and are ready for another busy term.

The State Government announced last week that Prep – Year 2 will recommence school on staggered days for the week beginning October 18, and Years 3 - 6 will also recommence on staggered days in the week beginning October 25. Schools are required to follow the days set by the government for each year level to attend school and we hope that the return to onsite schooling for all levels for the full week will begin in early November.

POSTPONEMENT/CANCELLATION OF TERM 4 ACTIVITIES

At this stage, all extra-curricular activities such as Swimming Lessons, First Eucharist Masses, Regional & Divisional Athletics, Inter-School Sport, Camps and Excursions have been postponed or cancelled under COVID restrictions. We hope to reschedule as many school events as allowed when restrictions are lifted, but this will depend on the type of events allowed and the remaining time available. We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible to families of any new dates for events.

SCHOOL FEES

Please note that the due date has been extended again this year until November for families that may require additional time to settle their account. We are aware that some activities may not be able to go ahead when onsite schooling resumes and therefore accounts will need to be adjusted. We will have to wait for government guidelines on what activities schools can undertake once onsite schooling resumes, based on the level of restrictions for activities.

For families that have already settled their account, they will receive a credit or refund for any activities not undertaken, depending on their year level.

TEAM COLOURS DAY

Thank you to everyone who supported our ISO Team Colours Day at the end of last term. It was great to see everyone dressed up in their favourite team colours and enjoy the afternoon chatting with AFLW Western Bulldogs player Jess Fitzgerald. Jess was a big hit with the students and hopes to be able to come onsite and meet the students in person sometime in the future, and perhaps even host a clinic with the students.

Thank you also to all the students who contributed to our 2021 student 'Pass the Ball Challenge' video that was released on Team Colours Day. With over 430 views on the OLW Learning Channel, it has been a very popular video for our students.

PREP 2022 INFORMATION NIGHT

Our night that was planned for this Wednesday evening has been postponed due to COVID restrictions. Prep 2022 families would have received a text message last week informing them of the postponement. At this stage, we need to wait until further instruction is provided to schools on when activities can be undertaken so that our Transition activities can be rescheduled.

MENTAL HEALTH SESSIONS

Matthew Jones, our School Counsellor, is running two online sessions each Monday to support families during this lockdown. These sessions are group sessions for parents to join in dialogue with Matthew as he presents strategies around some particular aspects that may be affecting families at the moment. These sessions are not structured as individual counselling sessions or group therapy, they are designed to provide strategies, advice to support the great work of our families.

Session Times are:

10.30am – Year 3 – 6 Parents

11.30am – Year Prep – 2 Parents

October 4 Topic

'Addressing Anxiety and Fears'

Meeting Link:

<https://meet.google.com/jib-yhyo-hbt>

Sessions will be about 30 minutes in duration with time split between a presentation of information and discussion. We have structured the sessions around the junior school and the senior school as the content and discussion may be slightly different between the two levels, but you are welcome to attend either of the sessions, and no pre-registration is required. Login details for the Sessions with Matthew are included in this newsletter and are the same for each session, each week.

Families who are not able make either of the session times due to work commitments will be able to access a pre-recorded version of the content from our OLW Learning Channel each Wednesday, by following the link which will be forwarded through SkoolBag.

Any families that would like to access previous sessions can also follow the link below to view a pre-recorded copy of the content presentation for each session.

August 23 Topic:

Strategies to assist with managing the household during lockdown

<https://youtu.be/0qFxmP1yVG0>

August 30 Topic:

Keeping things 'normal' for children during lockdown

<https://youtu.be/Zimm1xS7B4A>

September 6 Topic:

Managing anxiety and low mood during lockdown

<https://youtu.be/nnO8qRBtMyg>

September 13 Topic

Communicating with your child(ren)

<https://youtu.be/GrOuKr0Mcls>

WEEKLY PHOTOS

Don't forget to keep sending through some photos of your children engaging in their learning or activities over the week to be compiled into our weekly video. Our videos are 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 that week's video compilation. Otherwise, they will be held over to the following week.

Stay safe and enjoy the week!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that integrity means 'the quality of being honest and having strong moral principles or the state of being whole and undivided'.

Our word for this week is:

AFFIRMATION

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



Week 10 – Students @ Work & Play



Google Meet

Sessions with Matthew

Meeting link: <https://meet.google.com/jib-yhyo-hbt>

Meeting code for iPad & tablet users: [jibyhyohbt](#)

Years 3 - 6	10:30am - 11:00am
Years P - 2	11:30am - 12:00pm