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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2021 school year. We are very pleased to be welcoming new staff into our area, and we look forward to working with you and your child in the year ahead. We have three Year 6 classes: Yr 6 MH, Yr 6 EW and Year 6 SI. Our aim is to keep you up to date with information and listed below are some key points to begin the year:

Staff and Communication

	 		
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Excursion, Sporting and Camp Permission (Leaving School Grounds) Within COVID19 restrictions and protocols This year there will be no paper permission forms asking for consent for students to leave school grounds for camps, excursions and sporting activities. All activities requiring parent/guardian consent will be sent via email asking you to log into PAM. **(Parent Access Module) access via OLHC webpage- homepage**

All information regarding the activity will be here in the Excursions & Student Activities tab in the Profile menu. You will need to select whether consent is given or not via PAM. If you are aware that your child will not be at school for an activity please choose that you do not give consent as this tells the office you have acknowledged the notification. **If consent is not given via PAM, your child will not be able to participate in the excursion, activity or camp.**

Class Dojo

Grade 6 classrooms will be again using Class Dojo as a means of celebrating and sharing student learning and to share important information.

Exciting Change

Dojo will be used in a variety of ways this year:

Messages:

- Year level weekly overview will be sent out every Friday to inform parents for the week ahead
- Teachers may send a request for assistance in the classroom for special events
- Teachers may send individual messages to parents relating to personal issues
- Parents may send individual messages to the teacher regarding personal issues or questions
This format is not to be used to inform the school of time restricted messages (such as absentee, late to school, early pickup). These still need to be done through the school bag app or direct contact with the office. (Teachers do not often have time to check and respond to messages until the end of the school day).
- Messages are active between 8:00am and 6:00pm school days

Class Story

- Teachers may post photos or videos of special class events
- Parents are able to view and like teacher posts
- Parents can post their child's interesting events to share with their class. These will need to be approved by the teacher before going active.

Portfolios (Journals)

- Teachers will post photos, videos and work samples as an ongoing collection of individual students' work.
- Parents will be able to comment and like these posts.
- Parents can celebrate posts with students.

Mobile Phones

Please note that if you send your child to school with a mobile phone (for outside of school hours use only), your child is solely responsible for the device and you will need to provide a permission slip to the school. Contact the office to collect one of these forms to fill in. The permission slip from the office will explain strict guidelines to be adhered to at school.

Chromebook Program

All students and parents/guardians will again sign a user agreement for the use of their device. This agreement

outlines cyber safety and encourages appropriate use of chromebooks both at school and at home. Inappropriate use of chromebooks will constantly be monitored and families will be notified.

Classroom Volunteers / Classroom Representatives

We all welcome assistance from parents/guardians. Should you be looking to volunteer time or skills, either in or out of the classroom, please see your child's classroom teacher. We would really appreciate help with reading each day and you are very welcome to support us at any time that suits you.

Thank you to the parents that have filled the role of a Parent Classroom Representative.

Specialist Classes

Year 6 students specialist classes are mapped out below with most happening on Monday and Thursday and LOTE- Japanese, on Wednesdays. The teachers for these subjects are listed on the first page of this note. Students are to wear PE clothing on their sports day and will need an art smock (and an old large shirt is fine) for Arts classes.

- [DT- Digital Technologies](#)
- [PE -Physical Education](#)
- [Arts- Visual Art](#)

6 MH	6EW	6SI
Monday 11:30am - P.E.	Monday 11:30am - D.T.	Monday 11:30am - Arts
Wed 11:30am - Japanese	Wed 9am - Japanese	Wed 10am Japanese
Thurs 9am - D.T	Thurs 9am- Arts	Thurs 9am P.E.
Thurs 10am - Arts	Thurs 10am- P.E.	Thursday 10am- D.T.

Classroom Resources

*Headphones will be used for different tasks throughout the year and classroom teachers are unable to provide these for every student - if possible, please provide an inexpensive pair of headphones for your child's use. It is really important to label these please.

*The school would very much appreciate it if students could provide two inexpensive boxes of tissues for classroom use.

Term 1 General Classroom Curriculum All the information is on our [OLHC Website](#)

- Writing - Narrative and Persuasive Writing
- Maths - Place Value, Measurement (Length, Height, Width),
- Religion - Prayer, Leadership, Lent and Reconciliation
- Inquiry - Making Democracy: It is important to understand the values of your community, the rules that are designed to protect your rights, and the responsibilities you have to others.
- Wellbeing - Resilience Project
- Library - All Senior classes participate in Library one day per week. It is recommended that students bring a bag to place borrowed library books in.

There are links to resources that support many of our topics on the [school website](#), under the curriculum tab, as well as a curriculum outline - an overview that shows each topic for the year.

Leadership Opportunities

We strongly believe that all Year 6 students form the overall leadership of students at OLHC, whether they have a badge or not. The first week of school will involve preparation for leadership roles. School leaders will be elected for a six month term and we will re-elect new leaders next semester.

Social Action/Justice and Sporting Activities

This year, senior students have signed up to participate in Catholic Social Justice (Mini Vinnies) and the Sporting program.

Catholic Social Action and Justice:

- Year 6's will begin Social Justice in Term 2.

Sporting Activities:

- Team sporting events wherein students represent OLHC will be shared among all of the students. We encourage all students to participate and represent OLHC throughout the year. We will give the students opportunities to participate in different team sports throughout the year. These will be held within the COV19 protocols and restrictions.

Please note: Students need to be making a committed effort in class in order to participate in extracurricular activities.

Upcoming Events

Term 1:

Early steps conferences -Dates TBC Weeks 3-5

School Athletic Sports - Feb 28th

Student free day, in lieu of athletics- Feb 29th

Labour day student free day- *Monday March 8th*

Reconciliation - March 23rd

Home study - Reading Logs, Spelling and Diaries

As per the OLHC reading policy, senior school students are expected to read for 20 minutes at least 4 times a week. Your child will have a weekly diary that they should log their reading times in, and this must be signed by both the student and their parent/guardian. These reading logs will be due each week to be checked by the classroom teacher.

Students will also write their spelling words in their diary to take home each week as we are aware that many students like to practise their words at home with their families. At times, the diary may be used as a form of communication between school and home regarding reading.

We will strive to keep you updated with current events and information relating to the Year 6 and senior school. Please ensure you approach your child's classroom teacher with any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,

Year 6 classroom teachers

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