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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. Our aim is to keep you up to date with information and listed below are some key points to begin the year.

The year 5 teaching team this year is Jess Squires and David Herbert.



Hello my name is Jess Squires. I began teaching at OLHC four years ago after time spent travelling overseas. It was during this time I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to work, teach and live at a Summer Camp an hour and a half north of New York City. There I worked as both a Sports Specialist and Camp Counselor.

For the past three years I have taught in a Grade 5/6 classroom. I now look forward to supporting and extending this year's Grade 5 students in a friendly, creative and inclusive classroom.



Hi, my name is David Herbert. This is my first year at OLHC School. In term 4 2020, I was a CRT. I was born, raised and went to school in Warrnambool at St Joseph's PS and then CBC. I then completed my teaching degree at WIAE, now Deakin University. Following stints at primary schools in Sunbury, St Albans and Melton, I worked for 3 years at the RAAF School Penang, an Australian school in Penang, Malaysia. Upon returning home to W/bool, I was the Head Teacher at Ellerslie Primary School for 6 years. I then worked overseas again in two international schools - the Jakarta International School in Indonesia for 11 years and the most

recent - The International School of Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia for the past 15 years. For the majority of my teaching career, I've been a classroom teacher in years 3-6. I'm very much looking forward to working with my students and meeting all their parents.

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Excursion, Sporting and Camp Permission (Leaving School Grounds)

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

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 5:00pm

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 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.

Specialist Classes

Year 5 students in both 5JS and 5DH will have all their specialist classes on **Tuesdays and Fridays** this year. The teachers for these subjects are listed on the first page of this note. Students are to wear PE clothing on Tuesday's and will NOT need an art smock for Arts classes. Students are not required to wear their sports uniform on Fridays.

	Tuesday	Friday
9:00 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● JS - Physical Education● DH - The Arts	Classroom
10:00 - 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● JS - Digital Technologies● DH - Physical Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● JS - The Arts● DH - Digital Technologies
11:30 - 12:30	Classroom	Classroom
12:30 - 1:30	Classroom	Classroom
2:30 - 3:25	Classroom	Classroom

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.

*As chromebooks will be in regular use, there will be one classroom set of textas and coloured pencils for the students to share. Students are welcome to bring their own.

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

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

Writing - Narrative Writing

Maths - Place Value, Measurement (Length, Height, Width), Area and Perimeter

Religion - Prayer, Lent, Mission Day and Catholic Social Justice

Inquiry - Science - Earth's Place in Space

Wellbeing - Personal Strengths and Problem Solving

Library - All Senior classes participate in Library sessions.

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.

Term 1 events to remember

Dates to be announced

Early steps conferences

School Athletic Sports Feb 28th

Student free day, in lieu of athletics Feb 29th

School photos

Labour day student free day

Mission Day - Harmony Day

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 the 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 senior school. Please ensure you approach your child's classroom teacher with any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,

Year 5 classroom teachers

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