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Newsletter

Dear Family and Friends of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College Community,

On Wednesday October 21 we celebrate Jules Chevalier day. This is an important day to remember the man with the inspiration that fires the spirit of our College and so many OLSH communities around the world. Jules Chevalier was the one who gave Mary the title Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and this year we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the naming of Mary under this title. During the coming week Laura Colianni, Tasha Esteves, Miss Dina Oro and Mrs Antonella La Greca will represent the College in Sydney at a gathering of all OLSH Colleges and MSC Colleges to celebrate this 150th anniversary. It is indeed a privilege to be members of the family of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart!

Term four is one that seems to go so quickly but has just so many events and undertakings it cannot possibly go any faster than any other term! In these past two weeks the College has had an array of wonderful activities including the SCSA Softball—congratulations to both teams who were grand finalists with the Intermediate Team winning the tournament. The Sports Night Awards, the VCAL camp and the Duke of Edinburgh camp, were also part of our recent involvements. Thank you to all students who participated in these events and sincere thanks to Mrs Robyn Rayment and the sports teachers, to Mrs Maureen Malone and the VCAL team and to Mr John Philip and Mr Paul Miller who were the staff responsible for making these activities happen.

Special congratulations to all students and staff who were involved in the inaugural Arts Festival. What an opportunity to gather together the giftedness of our community in an exciting and colourful evening and day's entertainment. To Mrs Vicki McConville and the Arts team we extend our appreciation for their efforts in presenting such an outstanding mix of the talents of the students here at the College. The parent and community support and the presence of members of the College Board and Rob Hudson MP the patron of OLSH Performing Arts was a testament to the success and enjoyment of the festival.

This week we extend a warm welcome to Mrs Amanda Mannion (Front Office) to the College staff. May your time in our community bring you every blessing.

It was a pleasure and a privilege to be involved in the student leadership election and appointment process for 2010. Thank you to every Year 11 student who accepted nomination for a position of responsibility, your generosity, courage and OLSH spirit is an inspiration to all in our community. Congratulations and best wishes to the students who will take on the positions of leadership for 2010.

Student Leaders 2010

College Captain:	Laura Colianni
College Vice Captain:	Chriselle D'Souza
SRC President:	Tasha Esteves
Vice SRC President:	Senora Mendonca
Chevalier House Captain:	Laura Listro
Hartzer House Captain:	Crystal Rodriguez Ibel
Sweeney House Captain:	Claire Posthuma
Xavier House Captain:	Leah Astone

Finally, this week is one where we say farewell to our Year 12 class of 2009. Their Graduation Mass, Valedictory Dinner and formal Farewell Assembly are the rituals and celebration that we will use to thank them for their contribution to our College family and to wish them well for the future. This edition of the newsletter contains a special tribute to the class of 2009.

I shall not forget you.

Look, I have engraved you on the palm of my hands.

Isaiah 49:15-16

Anne O'Loughlin
Principal

Heart Matters

*The love of the heart of Jesus urges Mary on.
The will of God is everything to her.
May we have the same zeal as Mary
to do the good that is within our power*

Jules Chevalier msc



Phone Lines



The College phone lines have been accepting both the old school number 95639522 and the new school number 85209200.

From next week, only the new school number will be accepted.

Reminder: The absentee line is 85209250

APOLOGY

We apologise for the problems with the phones recently, especially with voice mail. Teachers were not receiving the voice mails that had been left for them. Furthermore, although we have 8 lines, sometimes people rang and the line rang out.

Last Friday the technician was here most of the day, and hopefully these issues have now been resolved.

Canteen

Mon 26/10 Marg Diggerson
Marg Clarke
Tues 27/11 Need help please
Wed 28/11 Need help please
Thur 29/11 Need help please

Please note

The Canteen will be closed during the year 12 examinations, from Friday 30 October until further notice.

All girls need to bring their own lunch.

From the Deputy Principal



What an eventful week the final week of Year 12s is! After spending six years with the girls, it is a privilege to see them get to this point of their lives where they are ready to move onto so many different pathways. The school community has been enriched by their time here and we look forward to farewelling not only them, but also you their parents and guardians tonight at St Peters for celebration of the Eucharist, and Merrimu Reception for dinner. The student body together with the staff will have the opportunity to farewell them tomorrow.

As we move towards the end of the third week of term, it is important that the girls have commenced a study program as all year levels will be involved in assessment and examinations over the next five weeks. (Please refer to last newsletter for dates of all these.) Having all year levels undertake this form of assessment gives the girls time to develop good study technique and examination habits. If you do a google search, you will find many websites which offer ideas to parents to assist with supporting students through this time. Some such ideas would be;

- providing a quiet place to study (the local library could be used if this isn't possible at home)
- encouraging adequate sleep and healthy eating habits
- assisting with development of time management skills

Finally just a reminder that the school will be closed on November 2 and November 3.

Ms Elizabeth Maguire

COLLEGE COLOURS

Congratulations to the following students on attaining their College Colours

Level 1 White: Samantha Cramer, Trisha D'Lima (on Duke of Ed Camp), Bianca Fernandes, Alana Taranto, Amanda Weerappah, Jessica Zeller

Level 3 Red: Crystal Rodrigues Ibel, Bahinie Thevarajah

News from the English Domain

Many of OLSH's budding young writers entered a writing competition held in conjunction with Book Week 2009. Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 were invited to enter stories or poetry entitled, *'Into the Unknown'*. Entries ranged from fantasy and love poetry, to narratives depicting modern day teenage issues. After much deliberation, the following students were announced as the prize winners at last week's assembly:

First Prize: Jessica Ziada, Year 7 Second Prize: Serenah Alam, Year 7

Third Prize: Shannon McInnes, Year 8

Honourable Mentions: Jett Jennings, Susan Snell, Isabelle Burns.

Be More... Senior Essay Competition

Senior students were invited to consider how we, as global citizens can Be More..... This competition was initiated five years ago in memory of Mrs Victoria Thomas, the grandmother of one of the school's former students. Students are encouraged to write on issues of social justice. This year's winner, **Sarah Muschamp** of Year 11, describes what each of us, as member of the OLSH community can do to be more active in making a difference in the lives of others. Sarah was awarded her trophy and prize at last week's assembly. Her essay will be published in this year's College Magazine.

Parent Readers- What you can do to help your daughter in English

I am often asked by parents how they can help their daughters in English. We often feel that our children are less dependent on our assistance as they move through the secondary English curriculum. One way to help your daughters is to read the novels and plays they have been set for study. You will then be able to discuss the issues that arise from the set texts. This can be a real bonus for VCE students over the summer break. If you buy the books before Christmas, you will both have time to read them before school resumes in February.

Pauline Canty : English Domain Leader

COLLEGE NEWS

Thank you to the following for their kind sponsorship of the College Rock Eisteddfod Entry



ELAINE LIM Registered Specialist
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Internationally recognised research”
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Orthopaedics, Acudontics ® ~

Sports Night 09

It was cold, wet and miserable outside but the OLSH Theatre was a great place to be for sports lovers on Monday evening. Sports Night 09 paid tribute to the girls who have represented the College throughout the year in a wide variety of sports. This year, in addition to the SCSA Representative teams, teams from the afterschool competition, SESG (South Eastern Sports Group), were also recognised and awarded with medals and ribbons for outstanding efforts and team membership. Special thanks to all involved in the production and presentation of the evening. Our Guest Speaker, Michele Timms spoke to an attentive audience who were treated to stories of her experiences in three Olympic Games and during her outstanding career as an elite athlete both in Australia and the USA. Michele was typically understated about her career highlights, especially in the light of her achievement of being named Best female Point Guard in the world during the mid-1990's. She listed wearing the green and gold colours at the Sydney 2000 Olympics as her most memorable sporting moment. There was much to be learned on Monday evening, listening to an absolute champion speak about her stellar career in such down-to-earth and practical terms. It was a fabulous opportunity and experience for all.

JUNIOR / INTERMEDIATE SCSA SOFTBALL 2009

On Tuesday, 13 October our two Softball Teams headed out to Jells Park to compete in the SCSA Tournament Day. The rain started to fall quite heavily as the bus left OLSH at 8am and we all wondered how much softball we were going to be able to play if the weather got any worse.

Juniors: The first game was played in the wet but the girls focussed on the task at hand and outplayed a competitive Mater Christie team. Everyone was excited to win the first game of the day and then the sun came out! We were getting used to how everyone played and team morale was high. We managed to win the next 3 games convincingly and went into the Grand Final undefeated.

It is not always about being the best, but doing your best. We played really well all day but unfortunately, we were narrowly defeated in the Grand Final by Sion. We all played our very best, with Alana King's accurate pitching, Michaela Knowles doing a great job as catcher and the whole team supporting and encouraging each other throughout the day.

I would like to thank the whole team for a fantastic day of exciting softball and also thanks to Ms Rayment for coaching us.

Natalie Leontaridis 8 Gold.

Intermediates: The intermediates had a rougher day, drawing their first game to their football rivals, Mater Christie. In that game they were finding their feet but the next game they were away winning 7-3. The third game against Kilbreda was in the bag by the second innings but a few missed opportunities landed them a loss. They eventually made the finals. This was a nail biting game. An amazing stretch by Nicole Jansz, before the ninth runner had reached first base secured them the win. Congratulations to all the girls in the team. Thanks you to everyone who played and to Mrs Logan and Mrs Rayment for coaching.

Sarah Butler 10 Gold

College News & Coming Events

CHINA STUDY TOUR 2010



Organization for the China Study Tour in 2010 (June 26 - 6th July) is now well under way. So far we have some interest from our language students, but we are still waiting for responses from those who are enrolled in other domains such as International Studies, History and Arts.

Any girls who are interested can get more detailed information from Ms Liu.

At A Glance



OCTOBER

- 22 Years 9 and 10 social
- 27 Year 10 reflection day
- 28 Year 7 (2010) Orientation Day
- 30 Year 12 exams begin

Cyber-Safety

At the end of Term 2 we invited students to complete a survey on their use of technology. Nearly half of the student population responded. In an effort to support students and their families in developing safe on-line practices, we will be sharing some of the resulting statistics in coming newsletters. This is the first sharing.

The location of the computer you use the most is in								
	Total		Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Answer Options	Percent	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count	Count
Bedroom	33.2%	102	20	20	13	21	16	12
Study	36.8%	113	32	24	21	17	10	9
Family/Living room	21.5%	66	20	15	10	12	5	4
Other	8.5%	26	11	6	3	1	4	1
<i>answered question</i>		307	72	59	44	50	31	25

Does the computer you use the most have a webcam?								
Answer Options	TOTAL%	TOTAL Count	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Yes	44.7%	135	40.7%	52.3%	40.4%	40.0%	66.7%	26.9%
No	55.3%	167	59.3%	47.7%	59.6%	60.0%	33.3%	73.1%
<i>Answered Question</i>		302						

PARENT HINT: Where to place the computer: Technology experts recommend computers connected to the Internet should always be in an area such as the family room, kitchen or living room, where they can be monitored by adults. The child's bedroom is not recommended. This is becoming more important with the increase of wireless networks in the home. Parents need to be aware that many mobile phones also provide access to the Internet and hence their use needs to be monitored too. (Cybersmart Guides for parents are available at the school office or further information can be found at www.cybersmartkids.com.au)

Dina Oro/Bernadette Anderson

APPLIED LEARNING AWARDS 2009

On Tuesday 13th October the annual Bayside, Glen Eira & Kingston Region Applied Learning Awards were held at Southern Golf Club in Keysborough. These awards recognize the outstanding efforts of secondary students undertaking applied learning programs (VCAL, VET & School-Based Apprenticeships, secondary schools offering applied learning programs and businesses that provide students with workplace experiences. Two students from OLSH College were recognized at these awards.

VCAL Personal Development Award: Anupriya Surendran Yr 12
 VET Clothing Production: Julie Filatov Yr 12

Students received a certificate of recognition and a \$100 voucher. Congratulations to both students.