It’s hard to believe it has been 10 months ago since I spoke about continuing the fabulous work of my predecessors and implementing changes to help further the quality of teaching, learning and pedagogy within our school. The year has come and gone in the blink of an eye. Thanks to the dedication, commitment and undeniable hard work of our Teachers, Teacher Aides, Parents and of course, Students, I believe we have delivered. Our whole school testing results have once again supported growth across all subject areas, while our 2018 NAPLAN results again proved to be solid once again across both year levels. We have much to celebrate this year.

As this is our final newsletter of the year I would like to thank all of the dedicated individuals that have made 2018 at OLSH a very special time. It is truly amazing and I’m honoured to be a part of this community, the likes I have yet to come across in my 20 years in education. Together, staff and parents provide educational excellence for every student, so that they can achieve their spiritual, academic, social, creative and physical best. Parents, I sincerely thank you for your involvement, assistance and presence within our school. You indeed make this the wonderful place it is.

To Susie Ganzer and your focused P&F committee, thank you for all your efforts with fundraising, and commitment to school improvement. Together with Lizzie Bradford and the School Board representatives and the Parish, thank you for your ongoing support and assistance in making our school a better place.

To our amazing, dedicated and passionate Teachers, Teacher Aides and ancillary Staff, I would like to personally thank you (especially our departing and recently departed staff – Hannah, Megan, Nancy and Nat) for your amazing efforts, assistance, patience and tolerance this year. We are truly blessed to have every one of you grace us with your presence. Words cannot express my gratitude and thanks for the way you always go above and beyond. You all make a difference in the lives of our students every day!
Lastly, I would like to thank the wonderful students of OLSH, who have given me a new lease on my career. I’m glad I made that choice to take a chance for this change. I knew from that very moment 12 months ago, as I set foot on the grounds and stood before you, that I had definitely made the right decision. Fate had brought me to Springsure. Your passion and enthusiasm for not only the family, friends and community, but for OLSH is magnificent. You are amazing in every way; your behaviour, attitude, individuality and what you have achieved throughout the year is immeasurable. The teachers and I are so proud and appreciative of how you have made this 2018 school year a tremendous success. As we like to say here at OLSH, that’s Living Our Lady’s Way’.

Many wonderful memories were made in 2018. I am grateful to be blessed with leading a tremendously supportive and faith filled community. I am looking forward to all that 2019 will bring, making many more memories and celebrating all the specials moments to come. I wish you all every blessing for the Holy season, may it be spent making memories with loved ones.

Graduation Invites were sent home with Year 6 Students yesterday. Please see invites for further details.

A meal will be provided, BYO Drinks.

Invitation

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Speech Night

29th November 2018
6.00pm
At Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Big Shed

Please remember your plate for our shared meal

Happy Birthday!

Isabella Woolcock 6th December
Chelsea Kay 8th December
Kalani Kavanagh 21st December
Lynessa Turney 29th December
Milton Anning 11th January
Reflection

Why bother with Christmas?

I recently read through the latest edition of a popular women’s magazine which had lovely articles on how families throughout Australia would be celebrating Christmas and, I must admit, I felt uneasy. Would that it were that simple! No, it wasn’t the exquisite decorations or the wonderful menus that made me uneasy. It was the image of happy families coming together with peace, harmony and joy. I wish them well and sincerely hope and pray that their Christmas is as it is portrayed. But for many families Christmas is not like that. Christmas is a minefield where we try to make peace and harmony through many and various challenges. Estrangements, addictions, mental illness, grief from deaths through the past year are just some of the major hurdles that have to be faced. Then add the ‘lesser challenges’ of over-excited children, too much food, too much alcohol (leading to free and frank discussion) and one sometimes wonders why we bother?

We bother because that is the meaning of Christmas. When Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph did not provide the ideal conditions, - life was beyond their control – but they did the best they could. Those who worshipped, shepherds and foreigners, were despised outsiders, and the threat of violence was in the air. That is the world God chose to be born in – a world like ours with its mess, muddle and pain. God is comfortable there; God knows how to handle it. So when we feel overwhelmed, let us turn to God and pray: “Be born in us this day.” And if everything isn’t ‘happy families’ we can still know that God is with us – Immanuel. Come Lord Jesus, be born in us this day.

Loving God, you sent your son Jesus into our midst, experiencing the pain and challenges that we have to face. Knowing him to be our brother may we turn to him when our cares overwhelm us. We ask this in his name confident that you will hear us.

We remember in our prayers: All those who need comfort at this time. May they be blessed by God’s love.

Prayer

APRE NEWS

Mass and Liturgy Reminder.

On Tuesday the 4th of December, Year 6 will be celebrating their Graduation Mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church commencing at 6pm. This will be our final opportunity for Mass as a school this year and everyone is welcome to share the special Mass with Miss McKenna, the Year 6 students and their families.

On Wednesday the 5th of December, we will celebrate our end to the school year with a Prayer Liturgy at 9am in the Church. At the conclusion of the liturgy, we will celebrate the handing over of the leadership from the current Year 6 leaders to our incoming leaders for 2018. We hope you can make it.

This Sunday the 2nd of December is the first day of Advent and marks the first day of a new Liturgical year. Advent is a season of waiting and preparing. Not just sitting and waiting but a time to get up and get ready, prepare yourself for the birth of Jesus. I wonder how you will get ready this year.

This weekend the first candle on the Advent wreath will be lit. There are many symbols within the wreath;

Wreath: The circle of the Advent wreath represents that God is so great that God never had a beginning and will never have an end.

Candle 1: Represents the hope of the people of Israel that someone would come save them and the period of waiting for the birth of Christ.

Candle 2: Represents the peace that God has given through His son Jesus Christ and the preparation for the Christ Child.

Candle 3: Represents the joy of sharing Christ. The third candle reminds us of the joy of the shepherds as they heard the good news of Jesus’ arrival

Candle 4: Represents love sent from God through His son, Jesus Christ.

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year!

Miss Kennings
THE IMPORTANT STUFF

TUCKSHOP NEWS

We need helpers!

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SPEECH NIGHT COSTUMES

- Prep—Year 2: Bright Coloured Shirts
- Year 3 & 4: White Shirts
- Year 5 & 6: Black Shirts

Please use clothing you have in your children's cupboards—don’t go and buy something special.

TUCKSHOP

Please ensure you submit your orders on Thursday morning so they can be collated. Can you make sure your children are aware that stocks are running low, as it is the last week of Tuckshop, and the item they order may not be available. We will let them know on the Thursday and a substitute item will be offered.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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END OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

On the last day of school, children will be going to the pool after school mass. Please ensure that they pack their swimmers, towels, sunscreen and goggles. They will have watermelon, then come back to school for a Sausage Sizzle and ice block.

CAMP FUNDRAISER

The P&F are now collecting bottles & cans for the new Containers for Change initiative. Please drop your cans and bottles for recycling into our designated bins. By doing so, you will be donating funds for our Canberra Camp next year.
With the Generosity of Glencore, the P&F have been able to provide instruments to support our music lessons from a grant received earlier in the school year.

WANTED

HELPERS

I, ________________________________ am willing to work as a helper at the Tuckshop.

How often?

○ once a fortnight
○ once a month
○ once a term

○ am willing to cook cupcakes.

How often?

○ once a fortnight
○ once a month
○ once a term

Phone: ___________________________

Please return this section to school office.
Prep Chevelle Turney: For consistent focus and positive attitude towards all learning areas. Keep up the great work!

Mitchell Fletcher: For concentrating on the task at hand and having an awesome attitude. Keep it up!

Grade 1/2 Mackenzie Clifton: For the excellent effort you put into all class activities. You always try your best and you are eager to learn. Well done!

Mason Fletcher: For the excellent effort you put into writing your persuasive letter yesterday. You took your time to develop ideas and write neatly. Well done!

Patrick Whitehead: for the amazing writer's voice you used in your persuasive letter. You have a great sense of humour!

Grade 3/4 Ashley McHugh: For identifying, describing and continuing the rule for pattern effortlessly. Well done!

Sienna Lodder: For your interesting and engaging recount. Excellent work using the correct structure and time connectives.

James Bradford: For your engagement and genuine interest in our Science topic ‘Smooth Moves’ this term. Well done!

Grade 5/6 Dylan Smith: For your tremendous effort on improving your fluency and expression when reading. You're a super reader!

Kyra Kent: For your excellent effort on improving your accuracy and fluency when reading. You're a super reader!

Ella Fletcher: For your brilliant work in our writing lesson this week. Your letter was well structured and used excellent persuasive language.

Making Jesus Real Award

Imogen Smith: For showing the spirit of Jesus in your every day actions and constantly bringing joy to those around you.

Elyse Shaw: For being a quiet achiever, going about your work with a minimum of fuss but giving 100%.

Macklin Baker: For always looking out for the younger students, especially at lunch, including them wherever possible!

Dominic Ganzer: For you outstanding efforts with your sight words and Maths. Keep up the great work!

Mackenzie Clifton: For your brilliant attitude in the classroom, giving 100% in all your work! Well done!
Kindy 2018
What we have loved at kindy this year!

Tori – I like to paint outside.
Alec – I like playing outside with dump trucks in the sandpit.
Matthew B – I enjoy doing craft.
Isla – I like drawing inside.
Tash – I like swinging on the swing outside.
Akari – I like reading books at kindy.
Monique – I like playing with puzzles.
Jessamy – I like playing outside in the sandpit baking cupcakes.
Maci – I like playing on the obstacle course.
Slade – I like playing outside with kindy trucks and friends.
We have been so busy through the year I cannot believe how fast it has gone. All the Preps have put a massive effort into everything we have done this year and they have all grown so much. I am happy to say that I think they have finished their first year of school and they still love it!

Ethan: My favourite thing about school is getting to do maths and playing.

Harley: My favourite thing about school is dressing up for prayer assembly

Milton: My favourite thing about school is playing at lunch time.

Mitchell: My favourite thing about school is reading eggs

Chloe: My favourite thing about school is literacy rotations

Imogen: My favourite thing about school is saying happy birthday on assembly

Chevelle: My favourite thing about school is playing in the post office.

Miss Kennings: My favourite thing about school is when Prep sings ‘Underneath God’s Beautiful Rainbow’. 

Mrs Jamieson: learning how to do my letters correctly and seeing how much Prep has grown.

It’s almost time to say goodbye
But not just yet, so please don’t cry
What an awesome year it’s been
And here we are, so near the end
You listened and learned, you worked so hard
From then ’til now, you’ve come so far
There were some bumps along the way
But we had fun most every day
Now you’ll move on and start again
You’ll have new goals and make new friends
Please know you’ll always be a part
Of fond memories and of my heart
That’s a wrap!

What a great year it has been in Year 1 and 2! I am incredibly proud of the efforts that all students have put into their work this year.

Abigail: One of my favourite moments was making fairy bread in Term 2; it was fun. Another one of my favourite moments was the Easter Hunt where Miss Fewtrell hid Easter eggs and they had little clues inside of them. I also liked making the Mr. Twit faces for art because it was super, duper fun!

Ollie: My favourite thing we have done this year was having the Easter hunt where we had to read clues and find the eggs. I liked going on the Woolworths excursion because we got to see how they make biscuits and all the other kinds of food.

Phoenix: My favourite moment of the year was the 100th Day party because we made masks and wore party hats. We watched 101 Dalmatians and made a tower out of 100 cups!

Mackenzie: My favourite moment was the Easter hunt and the 100th day of school party. On the Easter hunt Miss Fewtrell hid the eggs around the school and we had to use clues to find them.

Lynessa: My favourite thing we did when I moved here was going to Rainworth Fort. We got to look at all the old stuff. Then we got to eat some damper at the end of our excursion.

Mason: My favourite thing this year was the 100th Day party because we all had fun! The Preps came into our classroom, we did activities, and we watched a movie called 101 Dalmatians.

Savannah: I liked the Easter hunt. Ollie and I worked together and we found all of them. It was fun.

Patrick: My favourite moments during school would have been our 100th Day of school party. On the day, we got to do anything we wanted and we made a cup tower using 100 cups. I liked all of the things my class did this year at school.
Throwback:

What a spectacular year it has been! Year 3/4 have participated in many exciting learning adventures, and have had lots of fun along the way. Some of our favourite memories from 2018 are:

James: The excursion to my place for our ‘Plants in Action’ Science unit.
Sarah: Travelling to Emerald every Thursday for Netball and playing together as a team.
Sienna: Travelling to Emerald for Wizard of Oz and the Eisteddfod.
Ashlynn: Travelling to Moranbah for Touch Football with the Springsure District team.
Bridie: Problem solving in Maths, especially the really hard ones!
Dustin: Measuring water in litres during Maths.
Dominic: The excursion to the Bradford Family farm for our Science unit.
Alexis: When we surprised Miss Grohn for her birthday.
Ashley: Going behind the scenes at the Woolworths excursion in Emerald.
Alia: Playing in the OLSH netball team in Emerald.
2018 has been an exceptional year, filled to the brim with incredible activities, special guests, exciting camps and excursions, liturgies and loads of learning.

Everyone in Year 5 and 6 has arrived at school each day with an enthusiasm and joy that has carried us through the highs and lows of the school year.

We have shared many laughs, made memories that will last us a lifetime and continued to develop our individual gifts and talents.

Now, as the end of our year arrives, we are left with one very important task. Farewelling our outgoing Year 6 students as they move onto the next part of their educational journey. Anna, Ella, Kalum, Kalani, Chelsea, Toby and Bella, we wish you all the very best for the future as you move onto high school.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2019, ready for a brand new school year. Happy holidays!

From Year 5/6

2018 has gone by in a flash. It has been a privilege working with these unique and brilliant students each and every day, watching them grow into the wonderful young leaders of our school community. I thank them for their hard work throughout the year, congratulate them on their accomplishments and wish them all the best for 2019.

From Miss McKenna
The success of Speech Night depends greatly on your support. The OLSH P&F are kindly supplying meats for dinner. To help with the catering could families please bring along a dish to share.

Families of the school have been broken into groups below and allocated a dish to supply. The dish will need to be big enough for 6 to 8 people.

**We thank you in anticipation of your support.**

**BYO DRINKS**

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