As I sit and write my piece for this week, it’s hard to believe that we are in Week 6 with less than 20 days of school left. It is that busy time of year when teachers are assessing, report cards are being written, presentations organised for Speech Night, Graduation preparations are in full swing and everything seems to be a blur. It’s always good to take a moment and breathe. I recently read a book The Power of Moments by Chip and Dan Heath. In the book they delve into the many moments in our lives that are endlessly variable, however; our most memorable moments are dominated by four elements:

**Elevation.** (1) Boost sensory appeal; (2) Raise the stakes; (3) Break the script

**Insight.** (1) Trip over the truth; (2) Stretch for insight

**Pride.** (1) Recognize others; (2) Multiply milestones; (3) Practice courage

**Connection.** (1) Create shared meaning; (2) Deepen ties; (3) Make moments matter

Defining moments possess at least one of the four elements above, but they need not have all four. Some powerful defining moments contain all four elements.

Last Friday night was that of the OLSH Christmas Fete. What an evening to be a part of. It had it all. From the great food, gifts, rides, plants and even some entertainment. This is one of the pinnacle events of our school year, a defining moment you could say. It definitely shared in the elements of Pride and Connection. It was fabulous to see the smiles of the children faces as they played on the rides, but most of all their abundance of pride as they took to the dance floor and danced the Heel n’ Toe Polka and the Two Step Jive! It was also wonderful to see the enjoyment the parents and families had when the boys and girls got them to join in! The pride of parents as they watched their children dance like they have never before. Not only that, but the night shared in the element of connection. The evening wouldn’t have been possible if it weren’t for the tremendous efforts of our parish members, our amazing teachers and the fantastic parents who gave up their time to work on stalls, serve food, sell tickets or just help out where they could. Without knowing, we deepened ties between us, we had a shared meaning and we made the moment matter. So, a massive thank you from all here at OLSH for making it the night a defining moment.

This is not the only defining moment that is around the corner. We still have Speech night and Graduation to come as we round out the year. In preparation for these coming events, how will it be a defining moment for you? How can we add elevation, insight, pride or connection? Let’s make it a memorable moment..
Over the weekend, we had some marvellous helpers in Mr Ganzer, Mr Crawford and Mr Curd (Miss Grohn’s partner) who helped erect our new chook pen facility. These men gave up their Saturday to build what is an amazing new enclosure that really is the Taj Mahal of chook pens! I’m sure our chooks will love it.

In addition, I’d like to take the opportunity to thank the Year 5/6 class for their very respectful and solemn Prayer Assembly on Friday, paying tribute to memories of our fallen soldiers and those that served to protect us during times of war. It was also lovely to see some OLSH students attend the Remembrance Ceremony at the Grove on Sunday and pay their respects. Thank you.

Have a great week!

Peter Smith
Reflection

“And what happens when someone dies?”

Coming from a child, that is a question parents and teachers dread. Death is a mystery that we all struggle with and when a child asks it, we struggle even more. How can we answer honestly something for which there are no easy answers or pat evasions? Added to that, we are often ambushed by this question when we are dealing with the death of someone that we love.

For a Christian, the mystery of death is closely entwined with that other great mystery of life: God. Death and God! No wonder we get tongue-tied when a child blurts out the above question. And to make it even tougher, ultimately the answer to this question can only be answered in very personal terms…so I’ll share my answer with you.

Created in God’s own image, we are made for the fullness of love but while we are alive, here in this world, we experience limitations in our loving: time, space, our physical bodies, weakness in personality, our sinfulness. When we die we are released from these and given the opportunity to choose God, love and life in its fullness. Those we leave behind on earth suffer the loss of us…for a time. But the ones who have died are actually free to love us more than they could while on earth. Because of that, I often turn and pray to the people who loved me on earth: my parents, grandparents, and friends. Whatever might have limited their love on earth is now cut away and they love me with God’s own love.

In the Catholic Church, November is a time when we remember the dead. We remember them in prayer, knowing that they continue to love and care for us, with us all waiting for the day when we will be reunited in God’s glory.

Loving God, we grieve over those we love who have died. Hold us all together in your love that we may look forward to the day we will be reunited in the fullness of life. We ask this in Jesus’ name confident that you will hear us.

Prayer

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

Sisters of Mercy Hermanas de la Misericordia

APRE NEWS

Hello everyone, I hope you have all had a wonderful ‘Welcoming Wednesday’!

Thank you to all who were able to join with our Year 5/6 students last week for their prayer liturgy commemorating Remembrance Day. Thank you to Year 5/6 and Miss McKenna for a moving prayer, which brought to mind the sacrifices that our armed service personnel have made for our country and the gratitude and reverence we show to the memory of the many servicemen and servicewomen who did not return. Lest we forget.

Also a big thank you to everyone who came to the OLSH parish/school fete. Your help and support was much appreciated and helped make the night a success.

Prayer assembly and Masses

18th of November Children’s Mass- 6pm followed by a BBQ (bring a plate to share)

23rd of November Prep prayer assembly - Nativity

4th of December year 6 Graduation Mass- 6pm

5th of December closing Mass and leadership handover - 9am.

“Be ever ready to praise, to encourage, to stimulate, but slow to censure, and still more slow to condemn.”

—Catherine McAuley
THE IMPORTANT STUFF

TUCKSHOP NEWS

We need helpers!
Call the office to confirm your day.

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UPCOMING PRAYER ASSEMBLIES

Class Prayer Liturgies are celebrated at our Friday Assembly and parents are invited to come and join us in prayer where possible.

Friday 23rd of November – Advent – Prep

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This Friday 16th November is the Springsure District Swimming Carnival. Programs have been emailed to you today.

OLSH PARISH FETE

We would like to extend a big Thank You to all our families who contributed to the Parish Fete last Friday night in any way, by either donations, giving of time to set up, man stalls, cook and serve food, to packing up.

As the old saying goes, many hands make light work. We are so lucky to have such generous families in our school community.

Thank you

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.
PREVENT PRE-CHRISTMAS BURNOUT!

At this time of year, many in our school community are feeling overwhelmed by work, family and caring for ageing parents. A recent Australian survey found one in three women don’t have enough time for themselves. (And dads are also stressed!) This makes calm and consistent parenting more difficult.

It may seem like there’s no time to do the Triple P – Positive Parenting Program, but it can help daily routines run smoothly, help you enjoy parenting more, and even help you find “me-time”. (Taking care of yourself as well is one of Triple P’s Five Key Steps To Positive Parenting.)

A range of Triple P programs are free to all parents and carers in Queensland. Go to www.triplep-parenting.net for more information.

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: ___________________________

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Emerald Netball

Congratulations to our three Netball teams who have travelled to Emerald the last five weeks to participate in the Schools Netball competition.

A special Mention to the following Students who were awarded best and fairest for OLSH teams:

Senior 1 : Kalani Kavanagh
Senior 2: Catherine Whitehead
Juniors: Chloe Woolcock

A big thank you to staff and parents who volunteered their time to coach, score and transport children. Without you, there would be no competition for our children.
Prep  Chloe Woolcock: For the enthusiasm and dedication you show towards all aspects of school. You are a super star!

Ethan Ganzer: For your awesome work with place value this week. Well done!

Grade 1/2  Phoenix Wallin: For the fantastic explanation you gave about the water cycle. You are a great scientific thinker!

Oliver Woolcock: For the excellent writing you did in your persuasive text about 'why kids should not go to school on the weekends'. You edited your work carefully, well done!

Grade 3/4  Ashlynn Taylor: For your commendable effort in sequencing events in order during guided reading.

Sarah Bradford: For your excellent recount on 'Pass the Poetry Please', using the correct text structure and language features.

Grade 5/6  Kalum Jamieson: For your hard work in Maths this week - you demonstrate a deep understanding of shapes and their properties. Well done!

Macklin Baker: Working well and applying yourself to tasks in class. You are a learning champion!

Making Jesus Real Award
Abigail Roberts: For showing the spirit of Jesus through being welcoming and a good friend to all.
Mason Fletcher: For showing the spirit of Jesus through leadership and understanding.

Dylan Smith: For your improved attitudes to your school work and always having a go. That's Living Our Lady's Way!
Lynessa Turney: For embracing OLSH in all it's glory, you're a joy to be around. That's Living Our Lady's Way!
Kalani Kavanagh: For your commitment to all facets of OLSH, you lead by example. That's Living Our Lady's Way!
Madeline Clifton: For being a great friend and always looking out for others. That's Living Our Lady's Way!

TERM 4 TUCKSHOP SPECIAL

$1.00 each
While stocks last!
Welcome to week 6!

Preps have been super busy this term. Our focus for writing this term has been letters. Everyone has loved learning about letters and using our class post office. Preps even wrote letters to their grandparents inviting them to come and visit our school. In Science, we have been learning about how things move. Preps discovered that most things move when they have been pushed or pulled, students have been bringing in different toys for show and share to explain how they can move. Literacy continues to be a big focus for Prep. Students are reviewing their sound and sight word knowledge every day. Last week we learnt about blends and used bee bots to help us find pictures that matched a blend sound. All of the Preps have become super readers over the year; they love our guided reading literacy rotation where we read a new book each week. As we are coming to the end of our year Preps reflected on some of their favourite events so far. By far the most popular event this year has been the 100th day party with year 1 and 2 followed by our excursion to Chloe’s farm and crazy sock day. Although the end of year is in sight, we still have lots to do; writing letters to Santa, swimming carnival, class prayer assembly and Speech Night.
Welcome back to Year 1 and 2!

Wow! Time certainly flies when you are having fun and we have made the most of our learning over the last 5 weeks. We started our term with a visit to Old Rainworth Fort where we learned that the fort was built to store food and supplies for the families that lived on the station. We also enjoyed visiting the old school and homes to see how people lived in the past.

Some of our favourite moments so far this term...