Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Friends of our College.

Welcome back for Term 4. There are quite a few items on the College Calendar for this Term and we anticipate an exciting and eventful few weeks coming up. But first of all, the Month of October is termed ‘Mission Month’ in the Catholic Church. It is a time when the Church reminds us that we, as citizens of the world, have responsibilities for others in our community, particularly those in situations of poverty or are marginalized in some way, beyond their own control.

Annually, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on the next-to-last Sunday in October – i.e. 18th October for this year. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world" (see Redemptoris Missio 81).

The World Mission Sunday celebration highlights the outreach of local churches through priests, religious and laity among the poor and marginalized half a world away. Life-changing help is provided to mission churches in territories covering more than half the globe.

Here at O’Loughlin, our effort to raise an awareness of this event will be held on the last Friday of the month, 30th October. We will be organising an auction and variety shops in the Gym during lunchtime where students and others in the school community can buy or bid for items that are donated for the day. Mr Bowden spoke to the students at our school assembly last Monday about this occasion and encouraged them to get involved. The money raised will go towards a needy cause, possibly to assist St Vincent De Paul provide water for remote communities in Madagascar. If you feel inclined to donate something for the day, it would be very welcome and can be left at the front office of the school.

**Coming Events for the College:** I thought I would list the events for Term 4 here so that everyone is prepared in advance. They are as follows:

- **Year 7 Camp:** Week 3 – 19-23 October. The students will be in two groups. The camps will be held at Lake Bennett.
- **Last day of formal schooling for Year 12:** Friday 23 October.
- **Interschool Swimming Meeting:** Thursday 29 October, at the Casuarina Swimming Pool from 5pm onwards. Our students will be participating with the other schools in the Darwin region.
- **Mission Market:** Friday 30 October, College Gym, 1.15-1.50pm
- **Creative Arts Evening:** Friday 20 October, held at the College from 6-9pm
- **Year 12 Graduation Mass and Dinner:** Saturday 21 October, St Mary’s Star of the Sea Cathedral and then the Entertainment Centre.
- **College Advisory Board AGM:** Monday 23 November, College Library, 5.30pm
- **Presentation Night for all students and families:** Tuesday 8 December, 7pm.
That’s all from me for this Newsletter. Please continue to pray for the recovery of Romone Lewin (Year 10) and his friend in the Darwin Hospital.

God bless.

Jim Jolley
Principal