



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Catholic Primary School

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 9.15am

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm

Sunday 8.00 am, 10.00 am & 6.00 pm

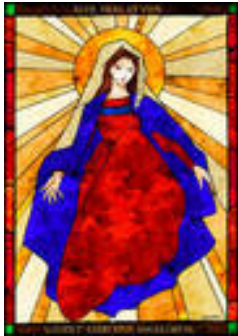
Weekday Masses OLHC Church

Thursday 7.00 am (Convent)

Tuesday & Friday 12.15 pm

Wednesday 9.15am

From the Principal



Feast of the Assumption of Mary

This Sunday August 15 we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This feast celebrates the belief that the body and soul of the Blessed Virgin Mary were taken into heaven after the end of her earthly life. Mary's assumption

into heaven is seen by many as a fulfilment of Jesus' promise to all faithful servants; that they too will be received into the kingdom of God.

Ministry for Teachers Two

Next week Tracey Dawson and Rosita Dalle-Nogare will participate in the 'Ministry for Teachers Two' spirituality program facilitated by Bishop David Walker (Bishop of Broken Bay).

This is a very important part of the spiritual growth of our teachers in the Diocese and I commend Tracey and Rosita for nominating to be a part of this excellent program.

Cluster Athletics Carnival

Next Wednesday August 18 a number of children will be representing OLHC at the North Shore Cluster Athletics carnival.

The school community congratulates these children and we wish them all the best for the day.



Desks and Chairs Available

As part of a BIG clean up of the store room there are a number of desks (tables) and chairs available if parents wish to come and collect them prior to the 'working bee'. The photo shows the types of tables and chairs that can be collected free of charge.



Notes Attached to the Newsletter

There are a number of important notes attached to this week's newsletter. I encourage all parents to read the information covering the following topics:

- Public Speaking Competition
- Government Funding Information
- Diocesan Parent Council

Term 3 Parents and Friends Meeting

The Parents and Friends meeting for Term 3 has been changed to **Wednesday 25th at 8.30 am**. This time has been chosen to provide an opportunity for more parents to attend the meeting. The Parents and Friends Executive invites all parents to be a part of the Term 3 General Meeting.

Reflection

Just One
Poet Unknown

One song can spark a moment,
One flower can wake the dream.
One tree can start a forest,
One bird can herald spring.

One smile begins a friendship,
One handclasp lifts a soul.
One star can guide a ship at sea,
One word can frame the goal.

One vote can change a nation,
One sunbeam lights a room.
One candle wipes out darkness,
One laugh will conquer gloom.

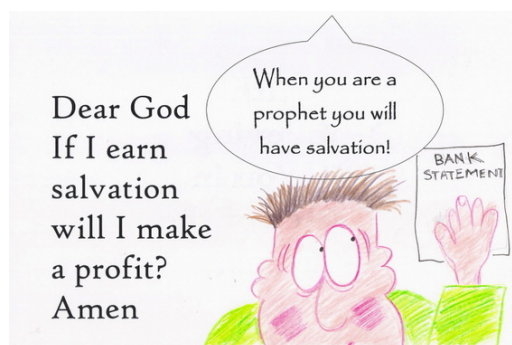
One step must start each journey.
One word must start each prayer.
One hope will raise our spirits,
One touch can show you care.

One voice can speak with wisdom,

One heart can know what's true,

**One life can
make a difference,
You see,
it's up to you!**

Concluding Prayer



Planning for 2011

As we begin to plan for 2011 it would be appreciated if any families not intending to return in 2011 would please inform the school.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Megan, Craig, Emily (Yr 2) and Samuel on the birth of Ruby. Our prayers and best wishes to the family from the school community.



Next Monday and Tuesday I will be at a Numeracy Conference in Melbourne. I look forward to this exciting professional learning experience.

Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 3 2010

Week 4

Sun 15th Aug OLHC BBQ 10.30am – 3pm

Week 5

16th Aug Life Education Van

17th Aug Maths Competition

18th Aug Cluster Athletics

Week 6

23rd Aug Staff Development Day/Pupil Free
24th Aug Dads in Classroom – Guest Speaker 7.30pm

25th Aug

P & F General Meeting 8.30am

Dads in Classroom 9 – 10am

K – 2 Liturgy 10.30am

26th Aug

Week 7

1st Sept Frances Watts (Children's author)

3rd Sept Father's Day Breakfast

Sun 5th Sept Father's Day

Week 9

14th Sept Night of the Notables 7pm

Week 10

22nd Sept Grandparents Mass 9.15am

From the AP

Writing at Our Lady Help of Christians

At the Staff Development Day last term the teachers had a fantastic opportunity to work with Alison Roberts. Alison is a teacher in our Diocese and she has a contagious passion for and extensive knowledge of successful strategies to teach children to write and build upon their skills.

This term each class in conjunction with their class teacher will have the opportunity to work with Alison twice this term personally. Year Two and I had the opportunity to work with Alison on Tuesday this week. The writing that the children produced in the time was delightful, largely due to the inspiring and explicit teaching. We have more to do together in the lead up to Alison's next visit.

I believe that this model of Professional Learning is very valuable. I am able to observe and team teach with a colleague who has a wealth of knowledge in *my* classroom, with the children that I am working with. Some of the strategies that Alison demonstrated were a new take on the craft of writing, some were a great reminder of the strategies that I have used in the past as well as being very affirming of my current practise and the skills of the children in Year Two. I also believe that it is fabulous for children to see teachers modelling life long learning.

All of the focus got me thinking about ways to support your child as they learn to write. The New South Wales Board of Studies suggest the following strategies.

How can you help your child at home?

- make writing experiences at home fun for you and your child
 - write in front of your child and discuss what you are writing, eg shopping lists, cards, letters and notes
 - talk about the different purposes and audiences for writing
 - encourage your child to use a variety of paper for drawing and writing
 - encourage your child to use pens, pencils, crayons, chalk and textas for writing
 - encourage your child to draw and to write about their drawing
 - praise your child for 'having a go' at writing words that are new to them
 - encourage your child to write messages for you and other family members
 - help your child to find little words in big words and to write them, eg carpet: car, pet, are, care, tar
 - encourage your child to write cards and invitations, and letters to friends, relatives, neighbours, school teachers
 - encourage your child to write signs, poems, favourite recipes and instructions
 - encourage your child to label things that they design and make
 - play word games such as 'I Spy', 'Scrabble', 'Boggle', 'Scattegories', 'Junior Pictionary'
- encourage your child to use a word processor or typewriter if available
 - display paintings, drawings and writing that your child brings home from school
 - encourage your child to develop their own photo album and encourage them to write labels for their photos
 - encourage your child to keep a scrap book or photo album for putting in pictures and writing
 - encourage your child to keep a diary and to write in it whenever possible

In my opinion the first suggestion is THE MOST IMPORTANT! 😊😊

Life Education

In the week starting Monday, 16th August the Life Education Van will be visiting Our Lady Help of Christians. Each family received a permission note last Wednesday. Thank you to those who have already returned these. I would encourage you to return the note this week if you have not already done so.

Internet Agreement

Last Wednesday every child brought home their Internet Agreement. This is a very important document that needs to be read and understood by parents and children. This document has been updated. As technology progresses, unfortunately problems continue to escalate, including cyber-bullying.

It is highly important that children understand the consequences of their behaviour and the choices they make, especially when using the internet, social networking sites and email. Parents also need to be aware of their child's activity on the internet and talk to them about the dangers that exist in cyber-space.

Please ensure that the agreements are signed by parents and children and returned by next **Friday, 13th August**. Thank you for your continuing support.

Please note...

Both sides of this Agreement needs to be sign as one is your child agreeing to the Agreement and the other is the parent giving their consent for their child to have access to the technology.

Supporting our Library

If you are able to cover any books for the Library there are just a few remaining bundles of book in the School Office.

Thank you to those who have been very busy covering a mountain of books! If you have any books that are ready to be returned we would gratefully accept these. We are very appreciative for your hard work and skills! Many of these are available for the children to borrow right *now*.

Trust in God
Mary MacKillop

Peace,
Louise McDonald
Assistant Principal



Children's Mass Sunday 15th August at 10am

We would love to have some volunteers for readings, offertory and choir. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see as many students as possible attending these very special mornings. If your child would like to be involved in this Mass please call Julie on 0402 454 983 or email on da_rinju@lilly.com before Thursday 12th August. Please meet at the organ at 9.40am on Sunday for practice.

Year 5 Debating

Year 5 students participated in their 3rd debate yesterday against Epping Public School. The topic was that "Australia needs a new flag". OLHC were the affirmative team. The teams were very close in marks but Epping School was the stronger team on the day. Congratulations to Jack Boyce, Rebecca Manning, Gabriella Aston and Luke Cullen. They presented their arguments with clarity and confidence. Good luck to the last groups of year fives who will be debating in Week 8.



Birthday Stars

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrated their birthday this week.



Liam Booby
Myah Demasi

Thomas Booby
Jessica Prowse

Community News

St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga – enrolling now for 2011. Limited places available in Yr 8 & Year 11. For more information call 9487 3555 or email stleos@dbb.catholic.edu.au

Family Matters - a multicultural communities series presents Kidsafe – Royal Life Saving Society on Monday 16th August at Castle Hill Community Centre. Free childcare and bookings essential on 9621 6633 or 9899 5163. Mandarin speaking on 9881 8771.

Merit Awards Week 3 Term 3

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| Kindy | Abigail O'Sullivan Joseph Maguire |
| Year 1 | Liam Cleary Tadeh Khachiki |
| Year 2 | Samantha Stubbs Tarun Oorlaff-Kay |
| Year 3 | Jose Saavedra Sarah Maguire |
| Year 4 | Hannah Stephens Bryan Herijanto |
| Year 5/6 | Wee Boon Tan Liam Quinn |



Try for Hannah and the Ryde Rivers Festival - Sunday, 12th September



TRY for
HANNAH

On March 13th this year, 7yr old Hannah Coary passed away from a cancerous brain tumor. Her courageous story has touched not only those who knew her in the Holy Spirit School and Parish, but also many people in the wider

community.

Hannah's family, friends and school community at Holy Spirit North Ryde have formed the **Try for Hannah** Committee. Our aim is to raise funds to help the *George Gregan* Foundation continue to build playgrounds for seriously ill children in hospitals around Australia (www.georgegreganfoundation.com.au). We are asking you to help us realise this dream by participating in the family fun run/walk at the Ryde Rivers Festival on Sunday 12th Sept. Gladesville Rotary Club and Ryde City Council have guaranteed that anyone who ticks the "running/walking for Hannah" box will ensure that a percentage of their registration will be given directly to the *Gregan* Foundation. Details on the Ryde Rivers Festival can be found on www.ryderiversfestival.com.au. For more information on **Try for Hannah** visit www.tryforhannah.com or to get involved in the project, drop us a line at tryforhannah@optusnet.com.au. You can also contact *Gerry Coary* on 0411 404 474, *Paul Kalina* on 0400 167 267 or *Brid Bowers* on 0404 450 185.