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Thursday 7.00 am (Convent)
No. 31 13th October 2010 (Week 1 Term 4)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 9.15am

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm

Sunday 8.00 am, 10.00 am & 6.00 pm

Weekday Masses OLHC Church

Tuesday & Friday 12.15 pm

Wednesday 9.15am

From the Principal

Mary Mackillop Canonisation



This week the Church in Australia is preparing for the canonisation of St Mary Mackillop as Australia's first saint by Pope Benedict XVI in Rome. The canonisation ceremony will take place next Sunday 17th October in the morning, Rome time (Sunday evening Australian time).

A large delegation from Australia has already arrived in Rome for the celebrations including a number of Bishops, priests, religious and lay faithful. To mark the occasion in the Parish of Epping and Carlingford an opportunity has been provided to watch the event on a large screen in the Hall at 6:00 pm. next Sunday. There will be an evening Mass at 5:15 pm also. Please bring BYO food and drink to toast the newly canonised St. Mary of the Cross.

The canonisation of Mary Mackillop is an historic event for the Church in Australia and an opportunity for Australian Catholics to celebrate our faith. It is an opportunity to give thanks to God for the life and mission of St. Mary Mackillop and all who followed in her footsteps to bring about the evangelization of young people through the ministry of education.

Staff Changes Term 4

Louise Jongejan (McDonald) has taken leave for the first three weeks of this term. Kate Madigan will be teaching Year 2 during this time.

Shai Lah will be taking maternity leave from Monday November 1st. Mrs. Monique Douglas will be teaching Year 1 for the remainder of the year.

I would like to thank Kate and Monique for committing their time for the needs of the school

Celebration of Louise and Reinier's Wedding

Last Saturday we gathered to celebrate with Louise and Reinier on their special day. I commented to Louise's father that I have never seen her happier. It was a wonderful day and I know that they both appreciated all the support from the OLHC community.



Walkathon

The annual walkathon has been scheduled for this Friday October 15th. The children are very excited and have been busily collecting sponsors for the event.

In the event of rain a decision will be made on Thursday afternoon. Any parents who are able to assist on the day please contact the school office.

School Assemblies

Due to the swimming block there will be changes to the Thursday formal assembly in the first three weeks of this term. Thursday 14th October – normal assembly

The next whole school assembly will be held on Friday October 29th at 8:45 am. This will be a time to farewell Mrs. Lah. The Junior and Senior choirs will be performing. All parents are invited to attend

Swimming Block



The two week swimming block begins next week. A final reminder note will go home today giving details of times, what the children need to bring and procedures for the program.

Please note that there are still a number of families who have not paid for the program. This cost is separate to the school fees as money is required to pay the Ryde Aquatic Centre. Unfortunately, any child who has not paid for the program before Monday will not be able to participate in the program until the funds are forth coming.

Parents and Friends Christmas Celebration

A reminder, that the annual Parents and Friends Christmas celebration will be held on Saturday 30th October. Invitations were sent home last term and I encourage parents to join the school community for this fun night.

Congratulations to the Kirkman family on the arrival of a new baby sister, Elena, sister to Heidi, Ben and James.

Reflection

Icecream

Last week I took my children to a restaurant. My six-year-old son asked if he could say grace. As we bowed our heads he said, "God is good. God is great. Thank you for the food, and I would even thank you more if Mom gets us ice cream for dessert. And Liberty and justice for all! Amen!"

Along with the laughter from the other customers nearby I heard a woman remark, "That's what's wrong with this country. Kids today don't even know how to pray. Asking God for ice-cream! Why, I never!"

Hearing this, my son burst into tears and asked me, "Did I do it wrong? Is God mad at me?"

As I held him and assured him that he had done a terrific job and God was certainly not mad at him, an elderly gentleman approached the table. He winked at my son and said,

"I happen to know that God thought that was a great prayer."

"Really?" my son asked.

"Cross my heart," the man replied.

Then in a theatrical whisper he added (indicating the woman whose remark had started this whole thing), "Too bad she never asks God for ice cream. A little ice cream is good for the soul sometimes."

Naturally, I bought my kids ice cream at the end of the meal. My son stared at his for a moment and then did something I will remember the rest of my life. He picked up his sundae and without a word, walked over and placed it in front of the woman. With a big smile he told her,

"Here, this is for you. Ice cream is good for the soul sometimes; and my soul is good already."

Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 4 2010

Week 1

12th Oct Epping Christmas Market meeting
7.30pm in library

Week 2

18th – 28th Oct Swimming Program

Week 3

29th Oct Mrs. Lah's last day. Assembly & Choir
8.45am
30th Oct P&F end of year social

Week 4

4th Nov Kindy Orientation

Week 5

12th Nov Epping Christmas Market 5 – 9pm

From the Acting AP

Welcome back to another busy term. I hope that you and your family had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. The students were ready and enthusiastic to get back into their routine and happy to catch up with their classmates.

Swimming Program

Thank you for your support in returning all of the appropriate paperwork at the end of last term for the Swimming Program. All of the information is essential for the smooth running of the program and ensuring that your child obtains the maximum advantage from this opportunity.

Accompanying this newsletter is a note regarding the final important details for this program. It includes detailed information about the routine that your child will be following on the days that swimming is on for weeks two and three.

Please remind your child about the importance of having all their belongings each day as well as the importance of being responsible for those belongings at all times.

University Competitions

This week we received the results of the University of New South Wales Mathematics Competition. Students from Year 3 to 6 are able to enter these competitions. Well done to all of the participants and certificates will be presented at the school assembly.

News from the Parish

There are a few parish happenings you and your family might like to attend.

At 11-30pm on Sunday 17th October there will be a Blessing of Animals at St Gerards to celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. This will take place in the school grounds. Parking will also be available in the school grounds.

During the 5-15pm Mass on Sunday 17th October here will be a blessing for HSC students. This didn't make the bulletin so details are on the Stop Press of the parish website. The mass is at 5-15pm on that day because of the canonisation broadcast from 6pm.

Volunteers Needed

If you could spare some time next Thursday (Week 2 – 21 October) helping to organise some Maths equipment it would be greatly appreciated. Could you let Mrs Speechley or myself know if you are able to help.

Thanking you in advance.
Tracey Dawson
Acting Assistant Principal

Epping Christmas Market

Markets update

Guess what? **Joanne from MasterChef** will be doing simple cooking demonstrations at the fruit and vegetable stall of the Epping Christmas Market! Learn how to make the perfect fruity desert from the expert.

Class Run Stalls

To volunteer to work on your class run stall contact: Janelle Meares (K-cupcakes); Scott Kay (K-2nd hand books); Sandra Tucker (Yr 1-sand art); Joanne Zalm (Yr 2 - fruit and veg); Cafe and gelato (Yr 3 - Megan); BBQ (Yr 4 Stella Re); Raffle (Stage 3 – Lee Stubbs).

Set up or pack up?

Four dads are on the general market pack up roster (and we need two more, ladies welcome!). Or if setting up is your thing, please volunteer for a 3:30pm start and get the work over with early in the night (bosul@optusnet.com.au or 0298015030).



Empty Jars

We are asking for **washed empty jars with lids** to support our Year 2 tombola stall. Please send jars to the **crate at the school office** for collection.

Books

Do you know people who have **pre-loved books** for kids or adults? Please place them in the crate at the school office for collection by the 2nd hand book stall. Perhaps try asking extended family, friends and people in the workplace.



Raffle

Do you have any **prize that you, your business or workplace** could donate to the raffle? Please contact Lee Stubbs lees@7mail.com or 02 98681067

Mufti Day

To support the markets the children are asked to wear 'mufti' clothes on Friday October 23rd. A donation of a bag/s of lollies for the lolly stall is required.

Marketing for the Markets

Belinda O'Sullivan needs help to deliver some terrific Epping Christmas Market pamphlets over the next two weeks. There are two ways you could help.

1. Targeted - Can all OLHC families consider if they know of a community group they can put the flyers out to and contact Belinda to arrange pick up 98015030 or 0417282014? This includes childcare / preschools and music teachers. This approach is more personal and we want to use this avenue as much as we can.

2. General - distribute at other events and letterbox drops Depending on how much targeted delivery we can get done, each family will be sent home a set of flyers to do mailbos drops in their local area. If someone can coordinate the maps for this process, please contact Belinda O'Sullivan 98015030 or 0417282014.

All 5000 will be given out before the event!

3. If you have a business that is local, can you display a poster there?

Many thanks for your assistance.

Belinda O'Sullivan

Library

Due to the swimming programme there will be some changes to the library timetable for weeks 2 and 3
Year 3 will be borrowing on Tuesday
Year 1 will be borrowing on Wednesday

Mary Anne Jackson
Teacher/Librarian

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will open on the first day of Term 4, 11th October and every 2nd Monday thereafter.

Carmel Hartmann



Canteen

Please note there will be no canteen this Friday.



Parish Family Group

The Epping and Carlingford Parish Family Group catch up is a family tennis day on Sunday, 17 October 2-4pm. The Family Group involves families within the

Parish getting together outside of church and getting to know each other better. Contact 0417282014 if you're interested.

Community News

North Epping Learning Difficulties & ADHD Parent Support Group – presents Dr Caroline Stevenson at All Saints Anglican Church Malton Rd on Thursday 28th October 7 – 9pm. Gold coin donation, tea/coffee provided. For more information call 8213 6252 or email parentsupport@neldapsg

The Granny Smith Festival.

The Granny Smith Festival is on Saturday 16th October. TV stars will be organizing FREE activities to get kids healthy, active and energized. Join the stars at:

1. 9.30am Join the STARS in the Parade
 2. Singing STARS on the Main Stage with Roseanne Gallo at 11am
 3. Visit SportsSTAR (near Eastwood Station) for all Sports fun.
 4. Ryde Handball Challenge at Noon with VIP's
 5. Singing STAR Challenge on Stage
- Enquiries to Andrew Hill. Mob 0418406921 or info@STARStv.com.au

Merit Awards Week 10 Term 3

Kindy	Grace Keeley Jai Oorloff-Kay
Year 1	Elizabeth Bronk Mikayla Caravella
Year 2	Jessica Honor Myah Demasi
Year 3	Alison Wright Nick Gray
Year 4	Thomas Booby Kate Book
Year 5/6	Wee-Boon Tan Nathan Stubbs



Birthday Stars

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

Jaiden Snell Hannah Stephens
Matthew Chanekon Wee-Boon Tan
Alison Wright Emma Horsley
Joseph Maguire Isabelle Morrison
Holly Baldwin Daniel Dunn
Yasmine O'Callaghan Matthew Sridhar

