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No. 29 15th September 2010 (Week 9 Term 3)

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

Infants Liturgy

Last week Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 celebrated together with Fr. Colin and their parents.



The theme of the liturgy was "Family".

Grandparents Morning

The children are very excited about welcoming their grandparents and special friends to the school next Wednesday. The morning begins with Mass at 9:15 am. in the Church.



There will be an opportunity to visit classrooms and the Library to buy a book for the children.

Walkathon

Next week the children will receive information about the annual walk-a-thon. Last years event was such a huge success, that we are looking forward to the children getting out there and exercising as well as raising money for our school.

NAPLAN Results

Congratulations to all the children in Year 3 & 5 for their tremendous efforts in the NAPLAN testing. Today the children in Years 3 & 5 will receive their NAPLAN results. The NAPLAN testing was completed in May this year. If parents have any questions please see your child's class teacher.

Slap Cheek

We have had a few cases of 'slap cheek' in recent days. Unfortunately, this is a highly contagious condition and we would ask that parents be aware of the symptoms and treatment requirements.



Night of the Notables

Last night Year 5 and 6 presented the 'Night of the Notables'. This was a wonderful event where the children

had researched a notable person and presented that character to those present.

Congratulations to all the children for the hard work and commitment given to this important learning experience. Many thanks to Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. McVicar for all the work done in supporting the children.

Public Speaking Finals

PLEASE NOTE: **A change of time** - the Public Speaking Finals will be held next Thursday 23rd September at **11:30 am.** (the time has changed). The reason for the change is due to the availability of the adjudicator.

Reflection

Life Steps

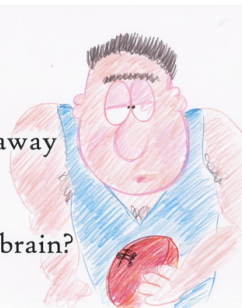
Our entire life is made up of choices,
What we decide,
the action we take,
the attitude we display
All represent the steps of life.

Sometimes we take two steps forward
And one-step back.
Some of us take baby steps
Some of us take giant steps

But the secret is not to let that
one step back turn into a failure.
Learn from backward steps And keep on stepping
forward in this dance
Called Life!

Prayer

Dear God
When men
play football
do you take away
the "logical
judgment"
part of their brain?
Amen



Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 3 2010

Week 10

22nd Sept Grandparents Mass 9.15am
23rd Sept Public Speaking Final 11.30am
24th Sept Sausage Sizzle

Last day of Term 3

Term 4 2010

Week 1

11th Oct **First day of Term 4**
12th Oct Epping Christmas Market meeting
7.30pm in library

Week 2

18th – 28th Oct Swimming Program

Week 5

12th Nov Epping Christmas Market 5 – 9pm

From the AP

Wet Weather

Raincoats!

I know that we only ever think of these things when it is raining, but could you please ensure that your child has a rain coat in their school bag. I know that these are not the most glamorous piece of clothing but the children only ever have to wear them for a short time. It could be something as simple as a cheep poncho that folds up into a very small package.

Please do not send your child to school with an umbrella. These can be very dangerous, especially in a crowd with people at all different heights!

Swimming Programme

Our annual Swimming Programme at Ryde Aquatic Centre will take place in term four. Thank you to all the families who have already returned their notes. I really need all notes to be returned by the Friday so that I can begin to collate the information to send to the people who organise the programme.

Payment for the programme is going to be included in your school fees. The payment is due before the programme starts **NOT** by Friday 17th September.

Numeracy: More ways to build your child's numeracy skills K-4

Creating with pattern

To encourage your child to understand the meaning of pattern:

- Discuss the numbers on houses in the street and ask your child to describe what is happening to the numbers as you walk along.
- Encourage your child to create simple dances that have repeated steps and movements.
- Have your child make wrapping paper that has a repeating pattern stamped onto it.
- Have pattern hunts around the house and in the backyard. Search for patterns in clothes, furniture fabric, bathroom tiles and on book covers. In the yard, hunt for patterns in flowers, bark, the fence and paths. Walk to the park and have a pattern hunt there.

Understanding shape

You can develop your child's understanding about shape by:

- Looking at the shape of objects in the home or in the garden. Look for different sized shapes and shapes in different positions.
- Playing stacking with your child. Stack all sorts of things you find, especially cans, unopened boxes of cereal and toys.
- Reading books with your child and talking about the shapes you can see within the pictures, e.g. The roof on the house is a triangle.
- Drawing shapes in sand, dirt or on paper. Talk to your child about the shapes using words like edge, curved line, straight line, square, corners.

- Drawing dots on a page and asking your child to join them. This can be extra fun if you trace over a shape in a magazine by using dots. For example, you could create the outline of a car or a tree.
- Using a small packet of toothpicks to create shapes and make pictures of objects, such as a house, tent, truck or wheelbarrow

If you wish to experience peace, provide peace for another.

--14th Dalai Lama

Peace,
Louise McDonald
Assistant Principal

Epping Christmas Market

Some terrific news!!! OLHC is going to run an annual **Epping Christmas Market**. The Market will be coordinated by Belinda O'Sullivan and Desiree Abbott along with a team of other dedicated people. There are expected to be around 2000+ people at the market at least 500 of whom will be children. As stated in a letter that was emailed out to the Class Mums last week, this will be the **only** major fundraising activity run by the P&F on an annual basis, so please, please, please, support the parents who are organising what will be a fun evening for families and the local community.

When: Friday 12th November 2010 from 5-9pm

Entertainment: The Sydney String Orchestra followed by the West Epping Public School Band will be playing live between 5:30 and 8pm. Face painting, sand art and more.

Formal Stallholders: So far we have eleven formal stallholders coming, some of whom have already paid. If you know anyone who is willing or wanting to have a formal stall please feel free to let Desiree know 0402 317 492 or desiree.7@hotmail.com.

Advertising: Whilst we are formalising flyers please tell all friends, family and other acquaintances that might come.

How can I help?

- Volunteer to coordinate a stall (via your class mum)
- Volunteer to get things ready for a stall (notify the stall coordinator- see below)
- Volunteer to serve people at a stall (notify the stall coordinator – see below)
- Volunteer to set up or pack up the grounds (email Belinda –see above)
- Donate prizes to the raffle (if you have business connections, email Belinda - see above)
- Donate books to the school office as of now (children's/teens and adults books)

- **Set up and pack up:** We are seeking 6-8 people to assist with set up and pack up the grounds. Each class group is asked to set up and pack up their own stalls.

How do I know where things are up to? The latest information will be provided to you in a 'Market Update', attached to the newsletter each week or you can email Belinda O'Sullivan bosul@optusnet.com.au for more information. Whilst the organising team meet regularly, the next fundraising meeting which everyone is invited to, will be **October 12th 7.30pm** in the Library.

Update on Parent run stalls:

Year	Stalls	Coordinator	Comments
Kindy	1. Cup cakes	Janelle Meares Danielle Armstrong	Running sheet on the go. Whole class baking, icing and decorating in early Nov.
	2. Second hand books	Scott Kay assisted by Carmel Hartman. Gerard Meares can assist with transport.	Existing store of 2nd hand books needs a top up. Donations to front office (a crate) by parents, friends and workplaces please.
Year 1	1. Sand Art	Sandra Tucker	Sandra organising sand art. Needs volunteers to man stall.
	2. Santa Claus		Belinda to bring in big white cane chair again and tinsel.
	3. Fruit and vegetable stall (share with Y2)	Natalie Exton Jane Morrison	Local businesses may donate box of fruit and veg. Purchase the rest at market.
Year 2	1. Lucky dip	Josie Muranty Lara Oorloff- Kay	Lucky dip prizes being arranged. Kevin approved a MUFTI day; families will be asked to donate \$2/child to offset costs.
	2. Fruit and vegetable stall (share with Y1)		

Year 3	1. Cafe, drinks and gelato	Megan and Jane	Doing slices and banana bread. Volunteers needed to bake and serve.
	2. Face painting and tattooing	Julie assisted by past students	Cost to be determined.
Year 4	1. BBQ and soft drinks		Quantities to be purchased outlined in attachment sent to Year 4 class mums. Check with Marissa re: left overs from previous BBQs.
Stage 3	1. Flowers		
	2. Raffle (extensive high quality prizes)		Donations from school community who have connections to business appreciated. Prizes will otherwise be sourced through major shopping centres using an identified team within Kindy. Buy raffle tickets to distribute among school community before the day, and on the night.

Children's Mass – Sunday 19th September 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 today.

Please meet at the organ at 9.40am on Sunday for practice.

Senior Choir

There will be no senior choir rehearsal on Tuesday 21st September.

Fiona Mead



Canteen



A reminder that all sausage sizzle orders need to be returned with correct money by next

Wednesday.



Volunteers needed for the Gelato Stall

The Nth Epping Rangers Presentation day is being held this Saturday 18th September at Epping Oval. It is a great day for the whole family and anyone is welcome to attend. From 4 - 8pm there will be unlimited rides for the children for \$20 per pass or \$50 for a family of 3 or more. OLHC will be running the Gelato Stall, with a small donation being given to Nth Epping Rangers and the remainder of the profit going back to our school. As a number of the school families are now members of Nth Epping Rangers it would be **great if you could spare some time on the day to help out on the Gelato stall** (older siblings welcome). If we worked in 45 minute time slots that shouldn't interrupt the day too much. If you are able to help please contact Megan Maguire at meganmaguire@yahoo.com.au to arrange a time suitable to you and your family.

Birthday Stars

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

Owen Eymael
Bridget Maguire
Woo Jin Yang

Henry Kirk
Oliver Quinn
Henry Yuen



Community News

Former North Epping Junior Guides – and interested members of the community are invited to join in celebrating the retirement of Anne Moore (Potoroo). Anne has provided 16 years of leadership and service to the local community. An Open House and afternoon tea will be held on Saturday 16th October 2.30 – 5pm at the North Epping Guide Hall. For more details and RSVP call Anne Dacey on 9876 6305 or email annedacey@gmail.com by 9th October.

Ryde Bulls – Holiday camps for children 6 – 12 years. Half day \$30 9 – 12pm, 2 full days \$90. Skills and drills, modified cricket, netball, soccer, competitions and much more. Snacks provided. Location – Ryde Secondary College. For bookings and more information call 9686 9908 or go to www.ryde.basketball.net.au

Merit Awards Week 8 Term 3

Kindy Abigail O'Sullivan
Kaitlyn Meares
Year 1 Eliza O'Sullivan
Year 2 Alessandra Re
Adam Gangemi
Taj Varlow
Year 3 Jack Prowse
Georgia Kewin
Year 5/6 Caitlin Halmarick
John Gregorio

