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No. 18 16th June 2010 (Week 9 Term 2)

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

Gospel Reflection ([Lk 9:18-24](#))

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus asks the disciples the question that has echoed through the intervening generations and continues to demand our attention today:



'Who do you say that I am?'

Jesus' question to the disciples is also addressed to us today. It is a question that every Christian person must answer honestly if they are to grow beyond the simple faith of their childhood. The answers revealed to us may change many times throughout our lives but it is our desire and honest efforts to answer the question itself that will continue to call us forward. Our answer to Jesus' question is an indicator of what we need him to be at that time; who we are at that time; and what we are called to be at that time.

Musical Evening



A reminder to all families that the Junior and Senior Choir, piano students and other talented musicians will be performing next Tuesday June 22nd in the Hall at 7:00 pm. All members of the school community are invited to this performance.

Happy Hippy School Disco

The children are very excited about the school disco that will be rocking in the Hall this Friday, June 18. Many thanks to the class mums who have been working hard to make the night a great time for all.



First Eucharist

Please keep all the children in your prayers who will be receiving the body and blood of Christ for the first time over the next two weekends. We wish these children and their families all the best for this very important celebration.



Government Funding

Your child's education

How much funding does your child receive in Government grants?

Government expenditure per school student

Student in NSW government school = \$10,162 (NSW Auditor General Report)
Student in NSW Catholic systemic school = \$7,299 (CEC audited financial statements)
Difference = \$2,863

Council of Catholic School Parents
Advocacy and Support for all parents

Reflection

A Box of Kisses by Author Unknown



The story goes that some time ago, a man punished his 3-year-old daughter for wasting a roll of gold wrapping paper. Money was tight and he became infuriated when the child tried to decorate a box to put under the Christmas tree.

Nevertheless, the little girl brought the gift to her father the next morning and said, "This is for you, Daddy." He was embarrassed by his earlier overreaction, but his anger flared again when he found the box was empty.

He yelled at her, "Don't you know that when you give someone a present, there's supposed to be something inside it?"

The little girl looked up at him with tears in her eyes and said, "Oh, Daddy, it is not empty. I blew kisses into the box. All for you, Daddy."

The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little girl, and he begged for her forgiveness.

It is told that the man kept that gold box by his bed for years and whenever he was discouraged, he would take out an imaginary kiss and remember the love of the child who had put it there.

In a very real sense, each of us as humans have been given a gold container filled with unconditional love and kisses from our children, friends, family and God. There is no more precious possession anyone could hold.

Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 2 2010

Week 9

18th June OLHC School disco

Week 10

22nd June Musical Evening 7pm

Week 11

28th June Week of parent/teacher interviews

1st July OLHC Athletics Carnival

2nd July Combined School Mass at St

Gerard's 10am

Last day of Term 2

Term 3 2010

19th July

First day of Term 3

From the AP

Thank you so much for your support of the Staff Development Day last Friday. On this day the teachers had the opportunity to work with Alison Roberts, an extremely experienced teacher who presented the day around the teaching of Writing.

It was a highly valuable day that promoted professional dialogue, sharing of ideas and the reinforcement of the quality teaching and learning that takes place at Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School. It is very important to have these opportunities to sit down for the day to have these professional discussions and opportunities to share.

Thank you again for your support and I hope that you were able to take advantage of the extra long weekend! It is a little hard to believe that next week will be a five day week!

Semester One Reports

The teachers are rounding up the extensive process of writing your child's half yearly report and the reports are now with Kevin to be read. Throughout this process the teachers review the data that they have gathered about your child throughout the first semester to form an overall picture of their progress **in their current grade**. As teachers we *observe, interact and analyze* your child's performance and an overall grade will be given for each Key Learning Area (KLA) according to the Common Grade Scale. As teachers we are making our professional judgement from what we can observe in the classroom situation.

What does it mean if your child receives a C grading in a KLA?

If your child receives a C grading in a KLA, such as English, it means that your child is working at grade

level. Your child is completing tasks at the appropriate level for the grade that they are presently in.

This is a significant shift for us all because prior to this reporting system being implemented in 2006 a C grading had a very different implication. If your child receives a C grading this achievement is to be *celebrated*. Your child is working at grade level and achieving at a level that is appropriate for them. They are achieving as would be expected according to the Syllabus outcomes and Foundation Statements as set down by the New South Wales Board of Studies. This grading is a compilation of many tasks that your child has completed throughout the first semester of this year.

Further important information that compliments your child's report will be the Parent Teacher Interviews which will take place in week eleven of this term, the week beginning Monday, 28th June. The late evening for interviews will take place on **Wednesday, 30th June**. You will receive a letter inviting you to attend these interviews next week. It is always best to return these notes promptly so that your preferences can be met.

If you have any questions about the reporting process or Parent Teacher Interviews please feel free to contact me. Your question may be helpful to others too! We are working in partnership with you to ensure that your child blossoms to be the very best person that they can be.

No act of kindness, no matter how small is ever wasted.
Aesop

Peace,
Louise McDonald
Assistant Principal

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Nicholas Gray in Year 3 who made his First Holy Communion last Sunday at St Gerard's Church, Carlingford.

The following children will be making their First Holy Communion over the next two weekends. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for this very important Sacrament. We pray that they continue to be nourished by God's love throughout their lives.

Marc Agostino, Annabel Da Rin, Victoria Gonzalez, Coral Gonzalez, Bryan Herijanto, Benjamin Horsley, Georgia Kewin, Sarah Khachiki, Sarah Maguire, Bridget Maguire, Georgia Manning, Patrick Morrison, Oliver Quinn, Hannah Stephens, Samuel Stephens, Taj Varlow, David Williams and Alison Wright.

A note will come home today regarding our Combined Mass at St Gerard's on July 2nd at 10am. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Book Donation Fair

When: Wed 30th June from 3pm

Where: School Hall

As in previous years, the school is holding a Book Donation Fair. A variety of books - picture story books, novels, and information books, have been acquired for our library and are available for donation. The idea of the fair is for the children/parents to purchase these books, which will be on display, and donate them to our collection. The children's names will be put on the inside cover of the books indicating that they are the donors. The children will have an opportunity to view the books in the library in the lead up to the book fair. Should you wish to donate, the books will be on display in the hall during the parent teacher evening on Wed 30th June from 3pm. Books are priced at \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$30. Alternatively, you may wish to send some money in, prior to this date, and I will assist your child with the choosing of an appropriate book.

Mary Anne Jackson
Teacher Librarian

Merit Awards Week 8 Term 2

Kindy	Kaitlyn Meares Madeleine Power Tiana Paul
Year 1	Annemieke Exton
Year 2	Emily Chiplin Alessandro Muranty
Year 3	Jeremy Osman Victoria Gonzalez
Year 4	Nicholas Caravella Jaiden Snell
Year 5/6	Sasha Dunn Emma Horsley



Birthday Stars

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

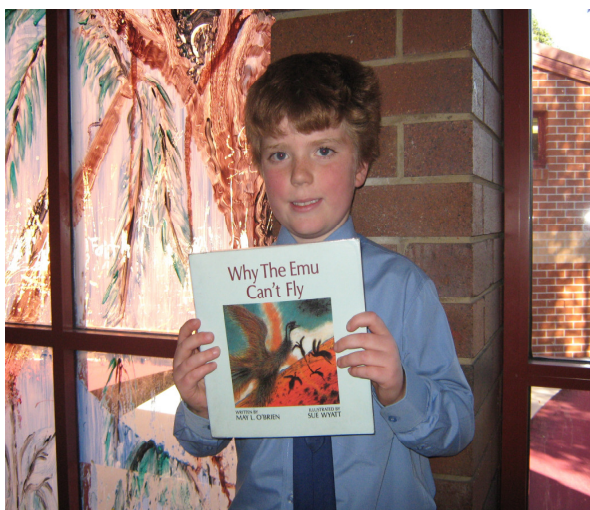
Mikhala Balzan
Tarun Oorloff-Kay

Dominic Micallef



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2010

Congratulations to Alistair Moon who completed the reading challenge recently. This week we are focusing on Laurence Sheehan in Year 1 who has chosen to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2010. Interviewed by Holly Baldwin. Photographed by Rebecca Manning.



Have you participated in the challenge before? *Yes*

What has been your favourite book this year? *"How Crows Became Black" by May L O'Brien*

What genre do you enjoy the most? *Dreamtime Stories*

Where do you like to read? *At home in bed*

Who is your favourite author? *Dav Pilkey*

Do you prefer reading to someone or being read to by someone? *Reading myself*

What genre would you like to explore further in the future? *Fantasy*

Finish the sentence READING IS.... *Mysterious*

Community News

St Kevin's School Fete – Saturday 26th June 10am – 4pm. Over 30 stalls including craft, jewellery, cakes, books, music, face painting, Devonshire tea and much more. Contact Diane for more information on 0425 316 738.

Epping North Vacation Care – open 5th – 19th July 7am to 6.30pm. All meals provided on days we stay at centre. Activities include pyjama party, fishing at Putney Park and Disney on Ice. Call 9868 5690 or email enoshcp@bigpond.com.au

Bubble Dome – Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design at a school holiday workshop in July. Other courses available Architecture & Design, Science & Inventions and Fashion Design & Wearable Arts for students 6 to 16 years. For more information call 1800 11 55 62 or email info@bubbledome.com.au visit www.bubbledome.com

Scholastic Book Club

Please have all book club orders in by Friday 25th June. Thank you.

Julie Moon



Socceroos Day – Go the Green & Gold!

