



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Catholic Primary School

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No. 7 17th March 2010 (Week 8 Term 1)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 9.15am

Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm

Sunday 8.00 am, 10.00 am & 6.00 pm

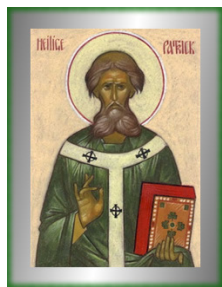
Weekday Masses OLHC Church

Thursday 7.00 am (Convent)

Tuesday & Friday 12.15 pm

Wednesday 9.15am

From the Principal



Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated each year on March 17th. In Ireland, Saint Patrick's Day is both a holy day and a national holiday. Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland as he was the one who brought Christianity to the Irish.

According to legend, Saint Patrick used a shamrock to explain about God. The shamrock, which looks like clover, has three leaves on each stem. Saint Patrick told the people that the shamrock was like the idea of the Trinity – that in the one God there are three divine beings: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. The shamrock was sacred to the Druids, so Saint Patrick's use of it in explaining the trinity was very wise.

Although it began in Ireland, Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in countries around the world. People with Irish heritage remind themselves of the beautiful green countryside of Ireland by wearing green and taking part in the festivities. **Happy Saint Patrick's Day to all!**



Catholic Schools Week

Catholic Schools Week 2010 (14 March to 20 March) will involve the communities of all 615 Catholic primary and secondary schools across NSW and the ACT. The theme for 2010 is **"open your minds, open your hearts."**

First and foremost, Catholic Schools Week is about celebration. The main aim of Catholic Schools Week is to raise awareness and celebrate the strength and distinctiveness of Catholic schools across the State.

Catholic Schools Week is about strengthening relationships between all those that have a stake in our schools – students, staff, families, priests, parishioners, and members of the wider community.



Our Lady Help of Christians staff and students look forward to welcoming many visitors to our school next Friday 19th March to our Open Day.

Epping Twilight Markets

The final market (until September) was held last Friday and as we finally had some fine weather a good crowd was in attendance.



On behalf of the school community I would like to thank all those parents who have contributed in any way to the five markets held during 2009/10.

Many, many hours have gone into making these markets successful and I am always amazed at the generosity of the people who give so much time and effort. Special thanks to Sandra Tucker and Cassandra Kirk for all their work and to the parents who have supported them. Congratulations to all!

1-2-3 Magic

I have purchased the DVDs and relevant parent books for the 1-2-3 Magic Program. If parents wish to borrow these they are available at the School Office.

Student Behaviour

At Our Lady Help of Christians we constantly acknowledge children for positive behaviours through merit certificates, Principal awards and positive reinforcement. The expectations around classroom and playground behaviour are explicit and known by all.

I have been reminding the children that it is important to treat others with respect, play fairly and to include others in our games. I would ask parents to reinforce all these values at home so that the school and home are working in partnership.

Reflection

I Dream a School

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Where anything can happen through discovery and the beauty of ordered learning will be open to innovation and spontaneity.

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Where both playground and classroom will be places of safety and fun, and everyone will have a friend.

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Where straight rows of desks will give way to a circle of learners, and everyone will be welcomed to join the circle, so that seeing one another we shall see that there are other ways to learn.

I Dream a School

Where the quality of its life and learning matters more than its uniform or exam results.

I Dream a School

Where risks can be taken and mistakes made, And successes celebrated and built on.

I Dream a School

That is curriculum focused, child-centred, community orientated and culturally enriched.

I Dream a School

Where new and better ways of teaching and learning will be sought after, and where each person's needs will be met.

I Dream a School

Where young people will listen to older ones, and where older ones pay attention to young people, and all will be glad of everyone.

Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 1 2010

Week 8

19th Mar OLHC Open Day

Week 9

25th – 26th Mar Stage 3 excursion to Canberra

Week 10

Apr 1st Last day of Term 1

Term 2 2010

Week 1

19th Apr First day of Term 2

Week 2

26th Apr Anzac Day Holiday

30th Apr Easter Season Mass 12.15pm

Week 3

4th May School Photos

5th May Cluster Cross country

From the Office

Next week Leanne Speechley will be attending training at the Catholic Schools Office for the full week on new Finance and Administration Software.

No credit care payments for fees etc will be able to be processed during that week; however you can make payments using the BPay facility. Please refer to the payment slip on the bottom of your statement for the BPay codes etc.

During this time we will have a casual person in the office.

From the AP

Happy Catholic Schools Week!

This week we celebrate all of the outstanding things that happen here at Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School as well as in other Catholic Schools throughout New South Wales and the ACT.

We also acknowledge the contributions that Catholic Education has made to society today. This is especially impertinent in the year when Mary Mackillop will be canonised by Pope Benedict. Mary Mackillop and the sisters that followed her were an integral part of the inception of Catholic Schools throughout Australia.

We look forward to seeing many of you, your family and friends at our Open Day on Friday between 9.30 and 11am.

Mathematics

This week I would like to share a few suggestions for ways that you could assist your child in the Key Learning Area of Maths as well as promote a positive attitude towards Maths. So much research has shown that a positive attitude to Maths is so important and there are so many ways that we communicate to our children that it is ok to have a negative perception to Maths.

A tip you can use to help you child in the area of Mathematics

★ *Make maths part of your child's day!*

- ▶ *Point out to your child the many ways in which maths is used in everyday activities.*
- ▶ *Encourage your child to tell or show you how she or he uses Maths in everyday life.*
- ▶ *Include your child in everyday activities that involve maths-making purchases, measuring ingredients, counting out plates and utensils for dinner.*
- ▶ *Play games and do puzzles with your child that involves maths. They many focus on direction or time, logic and reasoning, sorting, or estimating.*
- ▶ *Do maths problems with your child for fun.*
- ▶ *In addition to maths tools, such as a ruler and a calculator, use handy household objects, such as measuring cups and containers of various sizes, when doing maths with your child.*

★ *Encourage your child to give explanations!*

- ▶ *When your child is trying to solve a problem, ask what he or she is thinking. If your child seems puzzled, ask him or her to tell you what doesn't make sense.*

(Talking about their ideas and how they reach solutions helps children learn to reason mathematically.)

- ▶ *Suggest that your child act out a problem to solve it. Have your child show how he or she reached a conclusion by drawing pictures and moving objects as well as by using words.*
- ▶ *Treat errors as opportunities to help your child learn something new.*

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rain fall soft upon your fields. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

An Irish Blessing

Peace,
Louise McDonald
Assistant Principal

STAR (Students to Assist and Represent our School)

Our Crazy Hair Day raised \$190 for the people of Haiti. Thank you to the school community for your support.

Epping Twilight Markets

Twilight Markets Cafe/Gelato

A big thank you to all those who have baked for the Cafe at the last three markets, together with the Gelato, a net profit of \$1300 has been made. Thank you to Rachel Gangemi and Barbara Paul for organising the Cafe.



Children's Mass

**Sunday, 21
March, 2010 at
10 am**



We would love to have some volunteers for *Readings, Offertory & 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, 18th March.

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

Merit Awards Week 7 Term 1

Kindy	Daniel Dunn Breanna Hartmann
Year 1	Tiana Paul Mikayla Caravella
Year 2	Olivia Halmarick Emily Aston
Year 3	Annabel Da Rin Ben Horsley
Year 4	Sarah Khachiki David Williams
Year 5/6	Jack Boyce Lina Aloisio



Birthday Stars

Congratulations and happy birthday to **Madison Tucker** who celebrated her birthday this week.



Community News

Indoor Soccer – Term 2 5 – 8 years Mondays 5 – 6pm and Fridays 4 – 5pm. 9 – 12 years Mondays 6 – 7pm and Fridays 5 – 6pm. Cost \$100 per term. Call 9869 8966 for more information.

Epping Heights OOSH – April 2010 school holiday programs available from the school office or call 9869 0602 or email eppingheightsoosh@hotmail.com

Dad's evening at Eastwood Rugby Club – 19th March

All school Dads are welcome to celebrate the new year with a get together at Eastwood Rugby Union Club on Friday evening 19th March at 7.30pm. It will be a good opportunity to get to know some of the new Kindy Dads, and also re-acquaint with those we already know.

This is not a dinner arrangement, although it is available if so desired. Please call Brian Maguire on 0417 423 418 if you need to discuss.

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2010

During term 1 and 2 we will be focusing on someone who has chosen to participate in the Premier's reading Challenge in 2010. Lots of new books have been added to the list this year and the good news is it is not too late to send your participation slips in!!

This week it is Jai Oorloff-Kay in Kindergarten. Interviewed by Alex Micallef. Photographed by Rebecca Manning.

1. Have you participated in the challenge before?
No, this is my first time.
2. What has been your favourite book this year?
"Milli, Jack and the Dancing Cat"
3. Who is your favourite book character?
Cat
4. What genre do you enjoy the most?
I like picture books.
5. Where do you like to read?
In my bedroom.



The National Young Leaders Day

On Monday 15th March 2010 Year Six went to the National Young Leaders Day in the Sydney Entertainment Centre. It was quite interesting with 7,000 students from across NSW attending this worthwhile event.

There were five speakers; Mike Martin, Nikki Bart, Melissa Doyle, Bill Harrigan and Michael Milton who entertained the crowd with their inspirational speeches. We also saw interesting PowerPoint slides and entertaining video clips from a number of movies that demonstrated what leadership is all about. Some might think that 'Leadership' is a big word that requires extra responsibility; but to me, Leadership is all about assisting, respecting, listening and befriending others just like what we do in our everyday life.

All the speakers were impressive throughout their speeches. Every single one of them set different but influential examples. One of my favourites was Michael Milton, a paralympian, one-legged skier. His astonishing effort that he put into his everyday life as a one-legged man has inspired me to be a better person especially to accept everything that is in store for us to accept and to never give up, no matter how bad life gets. One of the things he mentioned was, "Always find a solution," which has been his motto throughout his life.



As a sports captain, I am very lucky to have the opportunity to lead my team and show them what leadership is all about and Michael Milton is the perfect example. His motto "Always find a solution" will always help us to solve our everyday problems and help develop us into better people in the future.

By Brigitta