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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

WOW! WOW! WOW!



What a night we had on Friday at the Epping Christmas Market. The school community should be truly proud of all the hard work that went into

the planning and organisation of the Christmas Market. Around 3,000 people visited the school for the Market and there was such a wonderful sense of community throughout the night.

On the school's behalf I would like to sincerely thank Belinda O'Sullivan and Desiree Abbott for the hours and hours that they gave to making sure that the Market was such a huge success. Belinda and Desiree's leadership and the support of many generous parents were the reasons why we were able to achieve a total profit of about **\$15,000.00**. What an amazing achievement by so many! This was my final Market and so I would like to thank all those people who have contributed in any way to this community fund raising initiative.

Below is a message of thanks from Belinda to the school community:

Dear all

"You know I can't thank you all enough for last night, but I'll have a go.....

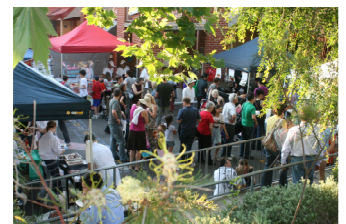
I am writing to pass on my sincere thanks for all your hard work at the Market last night. Our school put on an unbelievable Market for of the local community and it was due to everyone's contribution, and the way we all worked together. The school community has an

immense amount to be proud of, as we had a huge number of people from outside OLHC, young people, professionals, families and elderly people attend the

Market and feel the warmth of the atmosphere at our school and the sense of Christmas. People mentioned they met people at the Market that they hadn't seen in years and there were lots of smiles on lots of faces.

Immediate feedback from stallholders has been overwhelmingly supportive and they wished they had of brought more stock with them, because they were not aware it was going to be as big as it was. They can't wait to book in again - if we want to do it again (we will have a meeting to talk about it of course).

Thank you to all our class run stalls who did a great deal of planning and put all the energy in to serve a large crowd base in a very professional manner, and of course to other parents who set up and helped with coordination including drafting rosters and manning the stalls. The children were fully entertained all night thanks to the many activities available, and I know many people did not get a chance to leave their stall due to the crowd. Many of you were working in teams to mind kids while husband and wife did various duties on the night. Thank you to past students who also participated -we loved seeing you there.



And thank you to those who worked closely with sponsors in the lead up and on the night, our major sponsor Better Homes, and other sponsors Bendigo Bank, Coles, Banjo Books, Children's Bookshop Beecroft, Appetite who helped with design of

marketing materials, Secure who donated a security guard to keep us safe, and for those who put flyers out to local clubs, schools, helped with advertising and organised the many wonderful raffle prizes, and for their collection and display.

Doug the Manager from Coles commented that he didn't realise the cupcake competition nor the Market would be this big (in a good way), so thank you Joanne and the team, and other sponsors and raffle donors also seemed pleased, especially with the excellent commentary provided by Pete Baldwin.

Louise Eymael has been very busy in the lead up to the Market, organising floats, counting money and banking stallholder payments. A lot of this work is unseen, but Louise, this effort is soooo appreciated, and you ran it like clockwork, keeping in mind you have three young kids, this was a huge task.

The musicians also put on a fabulous show to set the scene of Christmas and we loved having Santa there (a tough job on a hot night).

A special thanks to other people who took on significant leadership roles in the lead up to the Market, and last night particularly Leanne Speechley, Kevin Turner, Lara Oorloff-Kay, Megan Maguire, Joanne Zalm, Sandra Tucker, Lee Stubbs, Gautam Sridhar (for that awesome up to date website) and Janelle Meares.

The leadership from our P & F President, Jane Morrison was second to none, she was not only taking the lead on various stalls, approving letters, enabling things to happen since we talked about the Market, but she was in the trenches buying veggies, setting up, working on her family's stall and selling the produce.

A final thanks to Desiree, a new mum to the school this year, who took on the significant role of formal stallholder manager, who never asked for any thanks, but whose professional manner made the Market happen. Desiree, you were unstoppable in your work ethic!"

Belinda.

Police Visits

On Monday Senior Constable Crystal visit OLHC and spoke to the children on different topics. The sessions were very informative and the children were very engaged in the important message that Constable Crystal was promoting.



Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome to attend the P & F General Meeting. We will be electing the committee for 2011 and discussing the success of the Christmas Market.

We encourage all to attend and have an input into the spending priorities for 2011 and the fundraising targets for the P & F. The meeting will also provide an opportunity to meet with Mrs Mary Hor our incoming Principal. Refreshments will be provided.

End of Year Carols and Family BBQ

On Tuesday 14th December all families are invited to a night of Christmas Carols and a family BBQ. The Parents and Friends Executive have organised the BBQ and each class will be singing Christmas Carols.

This is a perfect opportunity to gather together to celebrate all that we have achieved as a community in 2010.

Reflection

A Hug

The Hug!

It's wonderous what a hug can do.
A hug can cheer you when you're blue.
A hug can say, "I love you so,"
Or, "Gee, I hate to see you go."
A hug is, "Welcome back again."
And, "Great to see you! Where've you been?"
A hug can soothe a small child's pain,
and bring a rainbow after rain.
The hug! There's just no doubt about it-
we scarcely could survive without it!
A hug delights and warms and charms.
It must be why God gave us arms.
A hug can break the language barrier,
and make your travels so much merrier.
No need to fret about your store of 'em,
the more you give, the more there's more of 'em.
So stretch those arms without delay
and give someone a hug today!

Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 4 2010

Week 7

22nd Nov **P & F Annual General Meeting**

Week 8

30th Nov Musica Viva
2nd Dec Kindy 2011 Supper 7.30pm

Week 9

8th Dec Graduation Mass and Dinner 6.30pm
9th Dec Final Assembly for 2010

Week 10

14th Dec **BBQ & Christmas Carols**

15th Dec **Advent Mass 9.15am**

Last day of Term 4 for students

16th & 17th Dec Staff Development Days/Pupil Free

From the AP

Dads in the Classroom

Fitness with Fathers!

Thanks to all the dads and other family members who were able to join us this morning for Fitness with Fathers. What fantastic role models you are to the children! It is great to have fun together at school in a healthy environment.



Semester Two Reporting

At this time the teachers are busily preparing your child's Semester Two report. This report is a culmination of your child's achievements in the second half of the year.

Assessment and Reporting is a process where by the teacher draws together various types data they have gathered throughout the second semester to date to form an overall picture of your child's academic progress *in that grade*. Your child's progress will be assessed in this semester (term three and four) on the work that has been taught in the second half of the year, **not** a culmination of the whole years work. This has significant implications as your child progresses through the grades and stages and the expectations increase.

As you would be aware the children from Year One to Six will be graded in all Key Learning Areas on the common grade scale. The Common Grade scale is applied in all schools throughout Australia.

A The student has an **extensive** knowledge and understanding of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

B The student has a **thorough** knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of

competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C The student has a **sound** knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D The student has a **basic** knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a limited level of competence in the processes and skills.

E The student has an **elementary** knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Parent Update!

How do teachers give the A-E grades?

Teachers use their **professional on-balance judgment** to determine a student's grade. Both formal and informal assessments are undertaken throughout the reporting period and an overall achievement judgment call is made by the teacher based on what the student has demonstrated, the standards described in the A-E grade scale, NSW Syllabus documents and NSW Foundation Statements.



If you have any questions about the reporting process 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 and is inspired with the passion of life-long learning.

A thousand mile journey begins with one step
Lao Tse

Peace,
Louise Jongejan
Assistant Principal

School Calendars - Artwork & Orders

Next week Year 6 will be judging the artwork for the month borders for the top of the school calendars, so please get your child/ren to start drawing and send it in by this Friday 19th November at the latest. Also, all orders for the calendars need to be received by the school office by Friday 26th November.

Year 3 Class Mums

OLHC Parents & Friends Association Annual General Meeting 2010

Agenda
Monday 22nd November, 2010
7.30pm School Library

- President's Report
- Vice President's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Principal's Report
- Fundraising Report – Christmas Market summary
- Canteen Update
- Uniform Shop Update
- Class Mothers Update
- Dads in the Classroom Update
- Election of Office Bearers for 2011
- General Business - Spending priorities 2011
- Fundraising target 2011

Jane Morrison
P & F President



Children's Mass this Sunday, 21st November 10am

If your child would like to be involved in this Mass please call Julie on 0402 454 983.

Uniform Opening for rest of the term

The Uniform Shop will be open Thursday 25/11/10 and 9/12/10. Open from 8.30 – 9.30am. Orders can be sent on the order form through the office and these will be filled and sent home with the children.



Carmel & Monica

Birthday Stars

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to Luke Cullen who celebrated his birthday this week.



Scholastic Book Club

Book orders are due back by Wednesday 24th November. Thank you.
Julie Moon

STARs Alert!

Hi everyone! The STARs would like to let you know that tomorrow (Thursday) there will be one more round of OLHC Idol. So bring in your 50c. There has been great singing talent already.



Also, the Phantom has been revealed! Congratulations to Paddy Morrison who did a fantastic job as our mystery Phantom and keeping this huge secret. Great disguise at the reveal!!



We would also like to congratulate Sarah Khachiki who guessed who the Phantom was before anyone else.

In Week 8 we start the *Minute to Win It Competition* – only 50c to enter. That's when you bring in lots of zany, fun games. Stay tuned for more information.

Heidi and Mikhala
Publicity Officers

Sand Art

There's still time if you missed out at the market to purchase some sand art for craft over the holidays or as a gift for someone at Christmas. Scenes still available include dinosaurs and princess crowns, with limited Christmas and sea scenes. The cost is \$3 for 1 or \$10 for 4.



If you are interested please contact Sandra Tucker on 0417 090 599 or email stucker@tpg.com.au

Merit Awards Week 5 Term 4

Kindy	Abigail O'Sullivan Jesse Hartmann
Year 1	Annemeike Exton Liam Cleary
Year 2	Emily Aston Ben Kirkman
Year 3	Annabel Da Rin Nicholas Gray
Year 4	Mikhala Balzan Tom Findlay
Year 5/6	Brendan O'Sullivan Kasia Glennie

