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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

Father's Day

Best wishes to all the dads for Father's Day this Sunday. This is a special day to acknowledge the important role that dads have in our lives.



The children are very much looking forward to having their dads for breakfast this Friday.

Dad, Thank You."

Thank you for the laughter,
For the good times that we share,
Thanks for always listening,
For trying to be fair.

Thank you for your comfort,
When things are going bad,
Thank you for the shoulder,
To cry on when I'm sad.

This poem is a reminder that
All my life through,
I'll be thanking Heaven
For a Special Dad like you."

Confirmation

Congratulations to all the children who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.



Kasia and Tom

The school community would like to congratulate Kasia and Tom for being chosen to compete at the Diocesan athletics carnival yesterday. Both children gave their very best as representatives of OLHC. A special congratulations to Kasia who made the next level and will now represent Polding at the NSW Catholic schools athletics carnival.



Satisfaction Survey

Another request is being made for ALL families to return the information requesting contact details that was sent out a couple of weeks ago. This information is needed to participate in a survey across the Diocese. Please return the sheet to the School Office as soon as possible.

No Canteen on Friday

There will be **no canteen** this Friday 3rd September due the Father's Day Breakfast.

Coles Promotion

From Thursday 2nd September until Sunday 31st October every \$10 customers spend at Coles, Supermarkets, Coles Online, Bi-Lo and Pick 'n Pack Stores will earn a *Coles Sports for Schools* voucher worth 1 point.

OLHC is hoping to redeem enough points for quality sporting equipment for 2011. A voucher collection box is in the school office so please support this program.

Prayer

God our Father,
in your wisdom and love you made all things.
Bless these men,
that they may be strengthened as Christian
fathers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine
forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.

Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 3 2010

Week 7

3rd Sept Father's Day Breakfast

Sun 5th Sept Father's Day

Week 8

9th Sept K – 2 Liturgy 10.30am

Week 9

14th Sept Night of the Notables 7pm

Week 10

22nd Sept Grandparents Mass 9.15am

From the AP

National Literacy and Numeracy Week

Learning for Living

This is the theme for National Literacy and Numeracy Week in 2010.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week is an Australian Government initiative conducted in collaboration with the Government, Catholic and Independent education sectors. It has been celebrated in all states and territories for the past ten years.

There is a website with a number of great resources as well as valuable information for parents set up to celebrate this week.

<http://www.nlnw.nsw.edu.au/index.htm>

One of the great resources includes audio files with ten Literacy and Numeracy tips for parents. These audio files are intended for busy parents who would like some ideas about developing their children's literacy and numeracy skills.

On this site I also found this information for parents to assist and support their child in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy. This week I would like to share the:

Five ways to build your child's literacy skills K-4

1. Sharing a book at home

Together with your child, you can enjoy sharing reading.

Children love to hear a story read aloud.

- Try reading with different voices, lots of emotion, invented sound effects and funny faces. Change the tone in your voice, vary the loudness or softness of your voice. Have fun and enjoy it.
- It is a good idea to practise reading before sharing a book.
- Listen to your child talk about the story and the pictures.
- Try asking your child which parts of the books he or she found exciting, funny or different.
- Give your child the chance to choose a book to read.
- Try reading to your child and, at other times, ask your child to join in reading the book.
- Let your child hear how *hill* and *home* start with the same sound or how *trouble* and *bubble* rhyme.

2. Researching the Internet

Did you know?

- Using the Internet requires skills and knowledge that are different from those found in books and other printed materials. These skills include such things as links, images, icons and searching.
- The Internet is a wonderful resource for knowledge gathering, information using to support your child's literacy development.
- If you are searching for a suitable book to read, try entering a publisher or an author's name into a reliable search engine, such as *Google*. Some reliable publishers are Scholastic, Penguin, Allen & Unwin and Pan Macmillan. These publishers have their own databases that will allow you to preview recent releases, read sample extracts, covers and read brief overviews.
- You can search for short-listed books on the Children's Book Council of Australia at: <<http://www.cbc.org.au>

- You can find other publishers at:
<http://www.publishers.asn.au>
A good source for book reviews is:
<http://www.cool-reads.co.uk>

3. Joining the Premier's Reading Challenge

Did you know?

- You can encourage your child to enter in the Premier's Reading Challenge to develop his or her love of reading. In their spare time, children can enjoy books as well as computers and computer games!
- There is a great website for information about the PRC at:
<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge>
- To qualify for the PRC, in the one year from September to September, children must read a certain number of books from the specially selected book lists. They can also choose books that they would like to read.
- There are hundreds of titles on the PRC booklist that include humour, fantasy, mysteries, poetry, sport and factual books.
- The children receive a certificate signed by the Premier and, after four years of participating, they are awarded a gold certificate.

4. Doing literacy homework

Do you ever hear at home: 'I have a project to do!' Encourage your child to talk with you about the project. Ask:

- What is your project about? When is it due?
- Where do you think you'll start? Would you like any help or are you okay?
- Let's plan your project:
 - * Where will you go to find out the information?
 - * Perhaps try Internet research and visit the local library.
 - * Where else might you go or what else might you do to get the information? How will you present/publish the information? You could write a story, oral presentation, PowerPoint, presentation poster or a brochure.

Hints:

- Don't copy information word for word from books or the Internet. Write your ideas clearly in your own words.

- Have you used *Spellchecker* and *grammar checker*?
- Did you use *<www.dictionary.com>* to check any words for spelling?

5. Talking and listening tips for children Kindergarten to Year 4:

- Try to avoid interrupting children and listen to the whole of what they are trying to communicate.
- Try providing opportunities to talk with and listen to children as they talk and share.
- Give positive messages that show you are interested by giving nods, smiles, sounds, words, gestures, but try not to intrude while your child is speaking.
- If your child has trouble remembering what was spoken, a good technique is for him or her to repeat in the mind what has been said, rephrasing it in his or her own words. If it is appropriate, taking notes is very helpful.
- If you are planning something, such as a meal or an outing, try having a brainstorming session with your child. You can do this by asking for ideas for the occasion. You could just listen to one another share ideas or write them down.
- Discuss common dates on the calendar such as public holidays and have your child mark in important events on a family calendar.
- Talk about days, months and years in relation to events such as birthdays and other special occasions.
- Talk about street names and the meaning of signs as you drive around. You could retell or make up stories about the street names that tell how the name came about.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads! Have a great day on Sunday and I hope that you are surrounded by family, love and fun.

Dad, you're someone to look up to no matter how tall I've grown.

~Author Unknown

Peace,
Louise McDonald
Assistant Principal

Draw My House Competition

Congratulations to Breanna and Faith on having their drawings selected for the Peoples Choice voting for L J Hooker competition. If you can spare a few minutes just Google L J Hooker then go into the National Draw My House competition and vote before this Friday. First names are listed alphabetically in the 3 – 6 years category.

Uniform Shop

Spring is fast approaching so it's time to dust off the summer uniforms for Term 4.



For anyone needing to make any purchases, the Uniform Shop will open on Monday 13th September from 8:30-9:30am. Alternatively, orders can be placed via the Black Bag.

Regards,
Carmel & Monica

Birthday Stars

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



Lina Aloisio
Samantha Stubbs
Tia O'Callaghan

Brandon Fisher
Kasia Glennie

Premier's Reading Challenge



Congratulations to Sasha Dunn, Lucy Findlay, Alexandra Micallef and Holly Baldwin for recently completing the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge is now closed for

2010. Congratulations to all participants. Your certificates will be presented in late November / early December.

Frances Watts Visits OLHC

Today we welcomed Frances Watts to our school as part of our Book week celebrations. As both a writer and editor of children's books, she is in a unique position to talk about how books are made. As a writer she discussed both the writing process and turning ideas into books. As an editor who has worked on many popular and award-winning books she spoke knowledgeably about the publishing process—from the moment a book is first commissioned until it finally hits the shelves, including the editing process, bringing words and pictures together, and layout and design.

It was wonderful opportunity for the children to engage with her today. Some had their own copies signed of *Kisses for Daddy*, *Parsley Rabbit's Book about Books*, *Captain Crabclaw's Crew*, *Extraordinary Ernie and Marvellous Maud*, *The Middle Sheep*, *The Greatest Sheep in History* and *A Rat in a Stripy Sock*. Her first novel is an exciting new trilogy *The Song of the Winns* suitable for stages 2 and 3. The children who ordered this book will be able to collect it from the library next Tuesday. Thank you to Banjo Books for providing these books for sale.

Mary Anne Jackson
Teacher Librarian

Community News

Mindquest – 30th & 31st October at Quakers Hill High School 9.30am – 3.30pm for gifted and talented primary students Years 1 – 6. 36 exciting, fast paced courses including chemistry, earth sciences, drama and much more. Cost for 2 days \$160. Collect an enrolment form from the school office.

Hornsby Shire Council Libraries – School holiday programs. Epping Library is offering a Storytime session 1st October 6.30 – 7.30pm, Under the Sea 6th October 10 – 11am cost \$10. Call 9847 6120 for bookings. For more details including programs at other libraries call 9847 6738.

Merit Awards Week 6 Term 3

Kindy

Jack Armstrong
Daniel Dunn

Year 1
Year 2

Gemma Baldwin
Georgia Astbury
Faith Zalm

Year 3

Vicky Gonzalez
Marc Agostino

Year 4

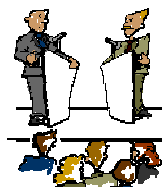
Sam Aloisio
Sarah Khachiki

Year 5/6

Woo Jin Yang
Yasmine O'Callaghan



Year 5 Debating



The last debate for the round robin was held yesterday at Epping Heights Public School. The topic was, "That public transport should be free." OLHC were the negative.

The team members were Yasmine O'Callaghan, Jasmine Millen, Luke Cullen and Weeboon Tan.

They all spoke very well and were able to come up with some excellent rebuttals. Unfortunately we lost the debate but only by four points.

Congratulations to all Year 5 who competed in this years debating competition. All students represented OLHC school with confidence and pride. Well done.