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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

No. 32 20th October 2010 (Week 1 Term 4)

Thursday 7.00 am (Convent)

Tuesday & Friday 12.15 pm

Wednesday 9.15am

From the Principal

Mary MacKillop Canonisation

"In honour of the most Holy Trinity, in exultation of the Catholic faith and the development of our Christian life, with the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Apostles Peter and Paul and after long reflection, invoking Divine help and listening to many of our brothers in the Episcopato, we declare and define (as) Saint ... Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Giulia Salzano and Battista da Varano". - Pope Benedict XVI.



"... I now think of Mary as a friend. I feel very close to her and the relationship means a great deal to me." - Kathleen Evans, the woman who received Mary MacKillop's second miracle.

"How does a miracle feel? I feel very fortunate that I was given the opportunity to live my life, have a family, have grandchildren, so that's a miracle." - Mary MacKillop's first miracle, Veronica Hopson, told Seven's Sunday Night program.

"The entire Australian nation should be celebrating in her canonisation. It's just an enormous buzz, but it's a buzz about something real - this woman who lived a life of charity." - Foreign Minister Kevin Rudd.

Mufti Day

On Friday 29th October the children will be permitted to wear 'mufti' (play clothes) in support of the Epping Christmas Market. A donation of one or two bags of lollies will be required to support the lolly stall at the market.

Special Assembly to Farewell Mrs. Lah

Also on Friday 29th October there will be a special assembly at 8:45am. to farewell Mrs. Lah as she begins her maternity leave. The Junior and Senior Choirs will be singing and the school community will acknowledge the wonderful contribution that Mrs. Lah has made to the school.

This assembly will also serve to present the teachers with a gift for 'World Teachers Day'. All OLHC families are invited.

Christmas Market Raffle



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Families were sent home raffle books this week and a list of prizes for the Christmas Market Raffle. There are some excellent

prizes on offer so I encourage everyone to get behind the raffle to raise funds for the school. Some of the prizes can be viewed in the school foyer.

Parents and Friends Christmas Function

There is information in the newsletter regarding the Parents and Friends Christmas function. Final numbers are required by tomorrow for the function to go ahead. I would like to thank Megan Chiplin and Katherine Gray for all their organisation of the event.

2010 Final Day of the Academic Year

The 2010 academic year concludes on Wednesday 15th December after the 9:15 am. Advent Mass. Parents will be able to take the children home at the conclusion of the Liturgy.

2011 Term dates

The dates for the 2011 academic year are:
Term 1 Monday 31st January - Friday 8th April
Term 2 Tuesday 26th April – Friday 1st July
Term 3 Monday 18th July – Friday 23rd September
Term 4 Monday 10th October – Tuesday 20th December

Students Leaving OLHC

I would ask again that any child who is not returning to OLHC in 2011 from Kindergarten to Year 6 please write to me confirming that this is occurring. This information is required by the Catholic Schools Office and will assist in planning for next year.

Reflection

YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW

There are two days in every week about which we should not worry.
Two days which should be kept free from fear and apprehension.
One of these days is yesterday with its mistakes and cares,
Its faults and blunders, Its aches and pains.
Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.
All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday.
We cannot undo a single act we performed.
We cannot erase a single word we said. Yesterday is gone.
The other day we should not worry about is tomorrow.
With its possible adversities, Its burdens,
Its large promise and poor performance.
Tomorrow is also beyond our immediate control.
Tomorrow's Sun will rise, either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds, but it will rise.
Until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This just leaves only one day . . . Today.
Any person can fight the battles of just one day.
It is only when you and I add the burdens of those two awful eternity's - yesterday and tomorrow that we break down.
It is not the experience of today that drives people mad.
It is the remorse or bitterness for something which happened yesterday and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.

Let us therefore live but one day at a time.

Final Prayer

Through the example of Mary MacKillop,
may you learn to recognise God's will for you
and trust in God's providence.

Amen.

May her life of service awaken in you
a deep respect for the poor
and a passion for justice.

Amen.

May you share in her courage,
see with her vision,
and love with her heart.

Amen.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 4 2010

Week 2

18th – 28th Oct Swimming Program

Week 3

29th Oct Mrs Lah's last day. Assembly & Choir
8.45am

30th Oct P & F End of Year Social

Week 4

4th Nov Kindy 2011 Orientation

Week 5

11th Nov Kindy 2011 Orientation
12th Nov Epping Christmas Market 5 – 9pm

Week 6

17th Nov Fitness with Fathers 9 – 10am

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

15th Dec

Advent Mass 9.15am
Last day of Term 4 for students

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

From the Acting AP

Saint Mary MacKillop - Mary of the Cross

It was wonderful to watch some of the news coverage of the happenings in Rome. I always find some of the protocol of the Vatican fascinating and inspiring at the same time. It certainly was a moving time for all Australians, not just Catholics, to be a part of this "history in the making".

Father Ross Jones wrote in a weekly high school newsletter, 'Mary's life captures something of what it is to be an Australian – a sense of service, looking out for the 'battler', wanting a 'fair go' for all, bridging city and the bush in her ministry, an easy approachability. More than this, though, her world was shot-through with God's presence and God's invitation to serve Christ in the least. A worthy patron for our nation. A worthy model for all of us.'

Swimming Program



The swimming program got off to a great start. The students were all well prepared and are now in a good routine. The good behaviour of our students and their cooperation has been bought to my

attention by a number of the instructors which is always wonderful to hear.

I have already seen some incredible progress of many students in such a short time. From the confident swimmers who have been working on their strokes, stamina and times, to the students who are just gaining confidence by putting their face in the water and even jumping into the pool.

The swimming program is an excellent time to promote in your child a sense of responsibility and independence. Allowing your child to pack all necessary items for their swimming lesson is a great way to help their organisational skills develop. A good tip is to make a list for your child to check off before they leave the house and when they arrive home. This could be the beginning of some very good habits.

Volunteers Needed

If any parents could lend a hand this Thursday to help with organising some Maths resources, could you let myself or Mrs Speechley know.

Granny Smith Visit

Stage 3 students and Year 2 will be visiting the Granny Smith Aged Care Facility, Epping on Friday at 11.15am. The students will walk to and from the centre. We will return to school at approx 12.15pm. If you have any concerns please contact Miss Madigan or myself.

Tracey Dawson
Acting Assistant Principal

P & F End of Year Social

It is not too late to be part of the **P & F End of Year Social at Longueville Hotel on Saturday 30th October**. Please come along and enjoy a fun night with other parents of OLHC. Unfortunately if we do not get the numbers we may have to cancel the event. So please RSVP by tomorrow 21st October.



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Epping Christmas Market on FACEBOOK

A facebook group called '*Epping Christmas Markets Friday 12th*

November 2010' has been established to help advertise the Epping Christmas Market. If you're on Facebook, please join the group and send it on to friends you think might come or who may also know others in the area that would come. On it there is an invitation and links to the official market website www.eppingmarkets.com.au so people can download cupcake competition entry forms and see the list of stallholders by clicking links.

Master Cupcake Competition

The children's (K – 2 and 3 – 6) Master Cupcake Competition is a new and exciting addition to this market, advertised through eight local primary schools. We invite all OLHC kids to participate by completing an entry form (+\$5 fee) sent home or download one from the website www.eppingmarkets.com.au. The competition is all about children having a go in the kitchen and will be judged by **Joanne Zalm** and winners announced at the market. Cupcakes will be on display on the night for the kids to see. Fabulous prizes to be awarded.

Raffle

The raffle is underway with an outstanding range of prizes that were listed on a sheet that went home. Please seek to sell all your raffle tickets (\$2 each). Thank you to all our donors, within the school and the local community. Prizes are on display in the school office and listed with accompanying the raffle tickets. Please ask Leanne at the school office for more tickets.

Do you love Tupperware?

A Tupperware stall is coming to the market (will give the school 10% of their profit on the night). There are catalogues in the office for collection if you wish to take one home and also order before the night. All orders made prior to the market will also go towards our 10% profit.

You can contact Cherie on 0404 565 662 or at tupper.keypaz@keyplayers.biz if you need any further details or to make an order.

Let people know we have a market coming up

Do you have a dance school, music teacher, scouts club, sports group, childcare, preschool or other local group through which we could circulate flyers for the Christmas Market? Contact 0417 282 014 or 9801 5030 to have some sent home. Is your workplace in or around Epping – could you send flyers home with workmates and put one up in the office? The electronic flyer is also handy if you have an email list of friends you want to invite (ask:bosul@optusnet.com.au)

Empty jars

We are asking for **washed empty jars** with lids to support our Year 2 Tombola Stall. Please send jars to the **crate at the school office** for collection.

Books

Any **pre-loved books** are much loved by our 2nd hand book stall! Perhaps try asking extended family, friends and people in the workplace. **Crate at the front office.**

STARs Alert!

The STARs would like to let you know that we are preparing lots of competitions for all students such as hula-hoop and skipping competitions. It will cost 50c to enter all the competitions. In Week 3 we will start with a Phantom Guessing Competition. It will cost 50c per guess. See your class representatives for more information.



Be alert! Look for the clues and find the Phantom!

Heidi Kirkman & Mikhala Balzan (Publicity officers for the STARs)

Merit Awards Week 1 Term 4

Kindy	Jai Oorloff-Kay
	Kaitlyn Meares
Year 1	Marie Caravella
	Madison Tucker
Year 2	Henry Yuen
	Emily Chiplin
Year 3	Jack Prowse
	Samuel Stephens
Year 4	Heidi Kirkman
	Nicholas Caravella
Year 5/6	Jack Boyce
	Liam Quinn



Community News

Broken Bay Parent Council – presents Next Steps – Successful Transitions for primary and secondary children. Monday 22nd November 10 – 11.30am Sacred Heart Catholic School, Pymble targeting parents of children starting school next year and children in K – 2. Tuesday 23rd November 7.30 – 9pm at St Leo's Catholic College Wahroonga targeting parents of children in Years 5, 6 7 & 8. Call Cathie on 9847 0340 or email parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au for more information.

Steps – Building resilient stepchildren – 4 week program for couples promoting well-being of children living in stepfamilies. November 10th, 17th & 24th and Dec 1st 6.30 – 9pm. Contact Ros on 94882531 for more information.

Family Matters – an interactive program for families presents Healthy Eating and Nutrition for Healthy Children Monday 15th November at Castle Hill Community Centre 10am – 1pm. Call 9621 6633 for more information.

Sunday Swimming Club – Join the Epping RSL Youth Club on Sunday mornings 7.30am. Handicap races in all four strokes across a range of distances. Suitable for all ages. Call Michael Hines on 0417 068 562 or email epplingrsl youth@gmail.com for more information.

Birthday Stars

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

Elizabeth Bronk
Matthew Hogan

Lucy Findlay
Alistair Moon



Swimming Program

