



# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Catholic Primary School

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**No. 21 21<sup>st</sup> July 2010 (Week 1 Term 3)**

## 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

A warm welcome back to all families for Term 3. I hope their holidays provided an opportunity to spend some quality family time together.

### Gospel Reflection ([Lk 11:1-13](#))

In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model for prayer. In keeping with this modelling by Jesus, it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denomination.



The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting – prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer.

### Living the Gospel – Ask, Search, Knock

Jesus says in the gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.' The actions of asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

## Building Program

The Australian Government supported building program has begun at the school. The



work began on the first day of the holidays and will continue for most of the term. The shade structure on the top playground, the outdoor learning area/ garden at the end of the court, shelving for the archives in the store room and renovations to the Hall are all part of the scope of work being undertaken.

The impact of the work has meant that the play equipment is one designated play area and the bottom playground is the other. The children have adapted very well to the changes that have taken place.

Next Wednesday the Hall will be out of action for about six weeks so the Thursday formal assemblies will take place on the bottom playground.



I thank all members of the school community for their patience and understanding during the building works.

## New Principal Parent Consultation

Mrs. Diann Hynes, Schools Consultant Diocese of Broken Bay, will be visiting the school to consult with parents regarding the selection of a new Principal for 2011. **Parents will have an opportunity to meet**

with Diann on Monday July 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:45 am. in the school Library. If parents are unable to attend this meeting but would like to contribute, a written response can be sent to Diann on Monday.

This is an important part of the process as the views of the community are taken very seriously in the selection of a new Principal. I encourage parents to take the time to be involved in this meeting.



### Mary MacKillop Canonisation Appeal

A separate flyer has been attached to the newsletter promoting the Mary MacKillop Canonisation Appeal. To support the appeal there will be a mufti day on Friday August 6<sup>th</sup>.

### Soccer Gala Day

Children from Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended the North Shore Cluster Soccer Gala day yesterday. I would like to congratulate all the players for the way that they participated and the positive team spirit that they showed on the day.

### Parents and Friends Executive Meeting

A reminder that the Parents and Friends Executive meeting will be held next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30 pm. in the staff room.

### Thomas Da Rin



Please keep the Da Rin family in your prayers as Thomas continues to recover from surgery.

### Prayers for D'Arcy & Jackson Families

Please keep the D'Arcy family (past family) and MaryAnne Jackson's family (teacher/librarian) in your prayers as their mother Maureen D'Arcy is very ill.

Thank you to parents and teachers who helped at the Athletics Carnival last term and congratulations to the children on their wonderful achievements and sportsmanship on the day.

### Reflection

#### Truths For Living

By William Arthur Ward

The more generous we are, the more joyous we become.  
The more cooperative we are, the more valuable we become.

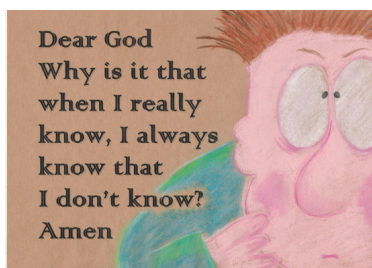
The more enthusiastic we are, the more productive we become.  
The more serving we are, the more prosperous we become.

The more outgoing we are, the more helpful we become.  
The more curious we are, the more creative we become.

The more patient we are, the more understanding we become.  
The more persistent we are, the more successful we become.

*Four steps to achievement:  
plan purposefully,  
prepare prayerfully,  
proceed positively,  
pursue persistently.*

### Concluding Prayer



Kevin Turner  
Principal

### Diary Dates

#### Term 3 2010

##### Week 2

27<sup>th</sup> July

P & F Executive meeting 7.30pm

##### Week 3

6<sup>th</sup> Aug

Mufti Day

##### Week 5

16<sup>th</sup> Aug

Life Education Van

18<sup>th</sup> Aug

Cluster Athletics

## School Photos

School Captains, Leaders, Library Helpers and Choir photos are available for viewing in the school office. Envelopes for orders are also available from the school office.

## Position Vacant

### Stall Holder Liaison Manager

This is a part time role responsible for recruitment, management and relationship development of stall holders for the Epping Twilight Markets.



This is the final opportunity to apply for the position. The Markets will be held on the second Friday of October, November, and December (2010), February and March (2011).

All interest must be emailed to Sandra Tucker - [stucker@tpg.com.au](mailto:stucker@tpg.com.au) by Wednesday 28th July. The successful applicant will receive remuneration. This is the final position that will have to be filled for the markets to continue.

Sandra Tucker

## From the AP

Welcome back to you all! It is wonderful to see all of the children back with us. Let's hope the weather warms up very soon and that will make those mornings a little easier! I really hope that everybody had a great holiday with some time for rest and rejuvenation. I am sure that your family is ready for an exciting term as we gallop towards the end of the year.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of last term. I trust that these were informative sessions and you and your child have a clear direction for their goals as we move into semester two and beyond.

If you were unable to return the *Parent and Student Reflection Sheets* to your child's class teacher could you please do so in the coming week.

### Listening to Your Child Read

Reading aloud is a specific skill that children develop as part of learning to read. It does require some specific skills. It is an expectation that daily reading is part of your child's homework. I believe that it is the most important part of your child's homework. If you are looking for 'extra' homework for your child I recommend reading, including you reading to them. Checking that your child understands what they read is critical in learning to read.

Sometimes children can appear to be reading well, they can read the words on the page, but unfortunately the words have little or no meaning to them. The words are not building an image for the child.

Try any of the following questions to check that your child has an understanding of the texts they are reading.

*Children could be asked any of the following questions when they have finished reading a book:*

- ★ Did you enjoy the book? Why?
- ★ How did you choose it?
- ★ Who are the characters?
  - Which was your favourite? Why?
  - How could you describe this character?
- ★ Was there anything about it you did not like?
- ★ Could you re-read your favourite piece?
- ★ Could you think of another ending?
- ★ Did you come across any unusual words? Can you find them?
- ★ Are there any words you did not know the meaning of?
- ★ Can you retell what happened in the story?

A check in from time to time can be very helpful and give you an insight into your child's comprehension of the text that they are reading as well as the books that you read to them. Please remember that home readers are for practise. Home readers should be an *easy read* for your child, a chance to build confidence, fluency and expression. Confidence is a key ingredient in all learning, especially when learning to read, ***so praise your child!***

*You will discover that you have two hands. One is for helping yourself. The other is for helping others.*

*Audrey Hepburn*

Peace,  
Louise McDonald  
Assistant Principal

## Library News

Congratulations to the following children who have completed the challenge during the holidays – Jesse and Breanna Hartmann, Joseph and Bridget Maguire, Kaitlyn Meares, Tiana Paul, Madison Tucker and David Williams. We have just a few weeks left (Deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> August) to complete the challenge.



This term we celebrate Book Week and the theme for 2010 is "Across The Story Bridge". Stay posted for further details.

Mary Anne Jackson  
Teacher Librarian

### Merit Awards Week 11 Term 2

Kindy	Charissa Low Jack Armstrong
Year 1	Matthew Eymael Elizabeth Bronk
Year 2	Cameron Fernandopulle Bridget Maguire
Year 3	Marc Agostino Georgia Kewin
Year 4	Michael Gray Cory Gonzalez
Year 5/6	Jack Boyce John Gregorio



### Canteen

The Canteen will be re-open this term beginning Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July.

Marissa Sheehan

### Birthday Stars

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



Mikhala Balzan  
Tarun Oorlaff-Kay

Dominic Micallef  
Heidi Kirkman



### Community News

**Epping district Cricket Club** – Juniors Registration Days 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> August 11am – 1pm at Epping Oval, Norfolk Rd. Registration forms available at [www.eppingdistrict.nsw.cricket.com.au](http://www.eppingdistrict.nsw.cricket.com.au)

Contact Peter Tugwell on 0418 453 429 or Leanne Dries on 0418 166 731 for more information.

**Pennant Hills Library** – presents Duncan Ball on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 4 – 5pm. Cost \$5 per child. Books are essential on 9481 9630.

**Free Parenting Course for families** - with children aged 3 – 8 years. Term 3 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 10am – 12pm for 8 weeks. Venue Rm 8/29 Oxford St (old school building). Bookings are essential on 0412 206 531 or email [clarissa4@optusnet.com.au](mailto:clarissa4@optusnet.com.au) or go to [www.onestepatatimecounselling.org/](http://www.onestepatatimecounselling.org/) for more information

