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No. 30 22nd September 2010 (Week 10 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

Grandparents Morning

What a wonderful event the school community celebrated this morning. The children were so excited to welcome their grandparents and or special friends to OLHC.



Many thanks to Mrs Dawson, staff, children and the parent helpers for making the morning such a huge success. The morning tea donations were wonderful and greatly appreciated also.

Grandparents Day is a very important event in our school calendar.

Louise McDonald's Wedding

On behalf of the staff, students and parents I would like to express our very best wishes and congratulations to Louise and Reinier on their upcoming marriage. This is such an important time for them both and so on behalf of the school community our thoughts and blessings are with you for your special day.

Kinder's International Feast

Yesterday the children in Kindergarten enjoyed many different types of international food. Congratulations to Ms Dalle-Nogare and the parent helpers for organising this event.



NAPLAN Results

The NAPLAN results provide schools with significant data to inform future teaching and learning. As a school community OLHC results were very pleasing and I would like to congratulate all the students who completed the tests.

Year 3 Results Summary

Reading: 100% of the students achieved results in the top two bands

Writing: 100% of the students achieved results in the top two bands

Grammar & Punctuation: 100% of the students achieved results in the top four bands

Numeracy: 100% of the students achieved results in the top four bands

Year 5 Results Summary

Reading: 84% of the students achieved results in the top four bands

Writing: 99% of the students achieved results in the top four bands

Grammar & Punctuation: 92% of the students achieved results in the top four bands

Numeracy: 100% of the students achieved results in the top four bands

There were significant growth rates achieved by the Year 5 students. These growth rates are compared across the 37 Diocesan primary schools and identify student growth from Year 3 to Year 5.

Significant Growth Rates by OLHC students:

Writing – OLHC achieved the 2nd highest growth rate across the diocese.

Grammar & Punctuation – OLHC achieved the 2nd highest growth rate across the diocese.

Numeracy - OLHC achieved the 3rd highest growth rate across the diocese.

Holiday Wishes

On behalf of the staff I would like to wish all families a happy and safe holiday. I look forward to spending my final term with the children, staff and parents of OLHC.

Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 3 2010

Week 10

23rd Sept Public Speaking Final 11.30am

24th Sept Sausage Sizzle

Last day of Term 3

Term 4 2010

Week 1

11th Oct First day of Term 4

12th Oct Epping Christmas Market meeting
7.30pm in library

Week 2

18th – 28th Oct Swimming Program

Week 5

12th Nov Epping Christmas Market 5 – 9pm

Swimming Program Payment

Invoices for the swimming fee were sent home on Monday. Please ensure that your payment is made by 11th October (first day of Term 4) to enable your child to participate.

From the AP

In recent days I have had cause to reflect upon this wonderful Catholic community, a community that has taken me to its heart in the past three and a half years. Significant events in life certainly give me the opportunity to reflect.

Thank you to the whole community for your generous support in this beautiful, yet hectic time leading up to our wedding. Reinier and I are both very excited about this next step on our journey together and your interest and thoughtful enquiries about how everything is going have meant a great deal to me. It has highlighted for me the strength and warmth of this community.

I would like to send a very special thank you to Kate Horsley for opening her home for the celebration of our approaching nuptials last Thursday evening. I was overwhelmed by the generosity and strength of this community, even from those whose children have graduated from the school.

I am humbled and deeply touched by each and every one of you, those who were able to make it on the evening as well as those who wished me all the very best and apologised for not being able to be present. Your spirit and warmth were part of this beautiful gathering. It is an honour to be a part of this community.

Our wedding will take place on Saturday, 9th October at Monte Saint Angelo, North Sydney at 3.30pm. If you are around on that day, you are most welcome to join us for this celebration.

Swimming Programme

Thank you to all the families for filling out and returning both of the swimming notes. All of that information will be sent to the organisers of the programme to assist the grading of the children and a smooth start to our programme in the second week of term four. The Swimming Programme will commence on Monday, 18th October. A gentle reminder that the programme has to be paid for in full before the programme commences.

Have a wonderful holiday. I hope that as the weather warms up you have the chance to spend time with the children outdoors. Don't forget to read often- this weather is beautiful for sitting on the back deck or under a tree, enjoying a good book, alone or with your children. *Please* take some time to do things that you enjoy! Stay safe.

I look forward to catching up with you all when I return from Long Service Leave in Week Four next term.

"Remember, there's no such thing as a small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end."

-- Scott Adams

Peace,
Louise McDonald
Assistant Principal

Epping Christmas Market

Markets update

Guess what? **Joanne from MasterChef** will be doing simple cooking demonstrations at the fruit and vegetable stall of the Epping Christmas Market! Learn how to make the perfect fruity desert from the expert.

New flyers and posters will be ready to circulate in October, via letterbox drops and targeted delivery, thanks to Jennifer O'Callaghan's help through her new business (appetitebranding.com.au) and *Better Homes Realty's* ongoing sponsorship.

We are close to the full quota of formal stallholders; even the hall is nearly full due to high interest. Have you heard that Santa is coming?



Class Run Stalls

To volunteer to work on your class run stall contact: Janelle Meares (K-cupcakes); Scott Kay (K-2nd hand books); Sandra Tucker (Yr 1-sand art); Joanne Zalm (Yr 2 - fruit and veg); Cafe and gelato (Yr 3 - Megan); BBQ (Yr 4 Stella Re); Flowers and raffle (Stage 3 – Lee Stubbs).

Set up or pack up?

Four dads are on the general market pack up roster (and we need two more, ladies welcome!). Or if setting up is your thing, please volunteer for a 3:30pm start and get the work over with early in the night (bosul@optusnet.com.au or 0298015030).



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

Do you know people who have **pre-loved books** for kids or adults? Please place them in the crate at the school office for collection by the 2nd hand book stall. Perhaps try asking extended family, friends and people in the workplace.



Raffle

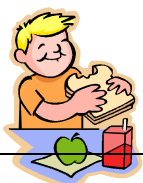


Do you have any **prize that you, your business or workplace** could donate to the raffle? Please contact Lee Stubbs

lees@y7mail.com or 02 98681067

Canteen

Please note there will be no lunch orders this Friday due to the Sausage Sizzle.



Library - thank you

A HUGE thank you to our library helpers who have continued to work so hard this term. In particular Julie

Moon and Lucy Low whose efforts really assist with the smooth running of our library. Have a wonderful and relaxing holiday.

Thank you also to all the grandparents who purchased books from the book fair today. Our school will receive a commission from Banjo Books on all the books sold and will help us add some new and exciting titles to our collection.

Enjoy the reading that extra time in the holidays can offer.

Mary Anne Jackson
Teacher/Librarian

Year 5 Debating

Congratulations to all Year 5 for their excellent contribution and participation in the Debating Competition.



Our last debate was yesterday. It was the semi final held at Epping Heights Public School.

The result was very close but the undefeated Epping Heights were successful in making it to the finals. Well done Year 5.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will open on the first day of Term 4, 11th October and every 2nd Monday thereafter.



Carmel Hartmann

Kindy, Yr 1 & Yr 2 Dads to host School Sausage Sizzle – Friday 24th September

If you're an OLHC Dad with a child in Kindy, Yr 1 or 2, and you'd like to volunteer your time this coming Friday 24th September between **11.30am and 1.30pm** to co-host the Sausage Sizzle on the last day of term, please contact Daniel Paul on 0412 110412 or email daniel.paul@alphawest.com.au. We'd like 2 or 3 more volunteers to assist us on the day – the more the merrier. It's a great way to meet other dads from the school, and it'll make your child's day!



Gelato Stall – thank you!

Thank you very much to the many families that gave their time last Saturday to help with the Gelato Stall at the North Epping Rangers day. A great time was had by all and we made a profit of approx \$540 for the school from Gelato and drinks sales.

Community News

North Epping Learning Difficulties & ADHD Parent Support Group – presents Dr Caroline Stevenson at All Saints Anglican Church Malton Rd on Thursday 28th October 7 – 9pm. Gold coin donation, tea/coffee provided. For more information call 8213 6252 or email parentsupport@neldapsg

Tennis Clinics – at Midson Rd tennis courts Monday 27th September to Friday 1st October. Morning and afternoon sessions available. Cost \$110. Coaching for Term 4 also available. Call Paul Toohey on 9680 1622 or 0408 223 708 for bookings.

Sport 4 Schools Holiday Clinics

Epping Cricket Clinic - Tue 28th September at Ron Payne Reserve, Woods St North Epping 9:30am-3:30pm for 5-14 years. Cost \$35 per child. Coaching by grade & shires players, batting & bowling in the nets, fielding session, fun games of cricket & twenty20 game of cricket.

Epping Super Sports Day - Fri 8th October at Epping North Public School, Boundary Rd North Epping 9:30am-3:30pm for 5-14 years. Cost \$35 per child. Soccer, cricket, netball, basketball, dodge ball, t-ball & circus skills.

For bookings: Call Greg 0448 619 543 or email sportsday@live.com.au

For more details visit www.sport4schools.com.au

Epping District Cricket Club Inc. has been promoting and organising cricket in the Epping area since the 1933/34 season and offers Milo In2Cricket for children aged 5-8, Average Cricket for children under 9 and Junior Cricket competitions for children aged under 10-16 years of age in the [Northern District Junior Cricket Association](#).

Our MILO In2Cricket program is a great way for young boys and girls to get started in developing cricket skills and having fun at the same time. The equipment is modified to ensure everyone's safety. The balls are soft and the bats are light, and most importantly, the lesson plans have been carefully developed to ensure that everyone gets a go!

MILO In2Cricket is held at Epping Oval, Norfolk Road Epping on Saturday mornings from 8:30am till 10:00am, commencing Saturday October 16th and will run through till mid December (exact dates to be confirmed). The cost per child for the MILO program is \$55.00 which includes an exclusive MILO in2CRICKET Starter Pack with a backpack, ball, bat, hat, t-shirt, MILO giveaways and much, much more! Plus, they'll be in the

running to meet their favourite players or take part in an Ashes Test match. To register or for further information simply visit the [MILO In2Cricket website](#) and selecting the Epping District Juniors "Click to Register" link.

Gerard Meares

Merit Awards Week 9 Term 3

Kindy	Madeleine Power Charissa Low
Year 1	Alessandra Re Sarah Thomas
Year 2	Olivia Halmarick Bridget Maguire
Year 3	Travis Elmir Jeremy Osman
Year 4	Hannah Stephens Sam Cleary
Year 5/6	Brandon Fisher Alex Micallef



Birthday Stars

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

Marc Agostino

Tiana Paul



Grandparents Day 2010



