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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. 33 27th October 2010 (Week 3 Term 4)

Thursday 7.00 am (Convent)
Tuesday & Friday 12.15 pm
Wednesday 9.15am

From the Principal

Within You



A man planted a rose and watered it faithfully and before it blossomed, he examined it.

He saw the bud that would soon blossom, but noticed thorns upon the stem and he

thought, How can any beautiful flower come from a plant burdened with so many sharp thorns?

Saddened by this thought, he neglected to water the rose, and just before it was ready to bloom, it died.

So it is with many people. Within every soul there is a rose. The qualities planted in us at birth, grow amid the thorns of our faults. Many of us look at ourselves and see only the thorns, the defects.

We despair, thinking that nothing good can possibly come from us. We neglect to water the good within us, and eventually it dies. We never realize our potential.

Some people do not see the rose within themselves; someone else must show it to them.

One of the greatest gifts a person can possess is to be able to reach past the thorns of another, and find the rose within them.

When we make mistakes or feel we have failed, always remember that within you there is a rose.

Learn from your mistakes and from your failures and move forward.

Public Speaking Results

I would like to congratulate the following children on their success in the OLHC Public Speaking competition for 2010:

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| Stage One | 1 st Georgia Astbury 2 nd Niamh Keeley |
| Stage Two | 1 st Jack Prowse 2 nd Sarah Maguire |
| Certificate of Merit | Tom Findlay Zoe Re |
| Stage Three | 1 st Kasia Glennie 2 nd Caitlin Halmarick |
| Certificate of Merit | Amy Blissenden Lina Aloisio |
| Kerry Teulan Award | Kasia Glennie |

A special mention to Kasia Glennie who was the recipient of the Kerry Teulan Award for the overall winner of the competition. The standard this year was exceptional and the school community congratulates all the finalists on an amazing effort.



Walkathon

The date for the walkathon was set down for Friday 15th October. Due to the poor weather conditions the walkathon was postponed. Consideration has been given to the financial demands that the Christmas market and the season of Christmas will place on families and the hotter weather that we are about to experience.

For these reasons the 2010 walkathon has been cancelled. To all those families who collected sponsorship money I encourage them to use the money to purchase raffle tickets for the market. Apologies for this change but the decision was made in the best interests of the children and their families.

Caitlin – a ballet STAR!



Congratulations to Caitlin Halmarick who was recently chosen for the Australian Ballet School. Caitlin has worked very hard to reach this level and we wish her all the best for the future. Caitlin you are a champion!

Mufti Day

As you are aware, we are having a mufti day this coming Friday to assist in filling the jars for the tombola fundraiser for the school.

Due to the fact that we already have the “lollyman” coming we do not feel it is a good idea to fill all the jars with lollies as this will impact on his stall.

So, the Market coordinators have come up with a solution.....they would like all the children in Years K-3 to please bring in something OTHER than lollies. They have come up with a few ideas to help you, which also come in packets that you might think about (and other ideas welcome):

- Noodles
- Stickers
- Tattoos
- Elastic bands
- Hair clips
- Sewing kits
- Animal figurines - in packets in \$2 shop
- Cowboy figurines - in packets in \$2 shop
- Paper clips, erasers, pencils, pens

We hope you are all understanding of this situation, so that we have a diverse range of things in jars at the stall (including lollies which will be brought in by Year 4 and stage 3) and very much thankyou in advance for all the help you have given the school in getting this market up and running. We are on the final countdown now and we hope you are all as excited as we are.

Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting

The 2010 Parents and Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 22nd November at 7:30 pm. in the school library. The change of date has occurred as a result of the Christmas market. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

Kindergarten 2011 Orientation

Kindergarten orientation will take place on Thursday 4th November and Thursday 11th November. This is an important opportunity to welcome our new Kindergarten children and their families to the OLHC community.

Reflection

Philip was getting ready to graduate from university. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him he wanted this car as a graduation gift from the family. His father did nothing. As his graduation day approached, Philip awaited signs that his father had purchased the car.

Finally, the day after his graduation, his father called him into his study and told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and that he loved him. He handed Philip a beautifully wrapped box. Philip opened the box and found a beautiful, leather-bound Bible, with Philip's name embossed in gold. He did not even take the Bible out of the box.

Angrily, he yelled at his father and said, 'Is this it? With all your money you give me a Bible?' and stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind. Philip's family ran after him, but he jumped in his car and sped away. He refused to answer his mobile phone, even when his family kept ringing it for hours and hours.

Very late that night, when he had cooled down somewhat, he drove home to discover that his father had suffered a massive heart attack and died two hours before. His father had a history of heart disease. His furious and heart-broken mother told him to go and find the Bible which was the cause of the scene that morning.

He found the Bible right where he had thrown it down on his father's desk. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. He came to a bookmark where his father had carefully underlined a verse, Matt 7:11, 'And if you, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father in heaven give to those who ask Him?'

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he had desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL. Philip broke down and sobbed.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

Kevin Turner
Principal

[Diary Dates](#)

Term 4 2010

Week 3

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

Sat 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

Swimming Program

Today was a very important day in the swimming program. The students were involved in the Water Safety session. This involved many activities where the students were wearing clothes. This is such a practical lesson because most times when people fall accidentally into water they will be fully clothed.

The students practised skills such as treading water, swimming with life jackets, towing a swimmer to safety and learning a safe way to enter the water. This is a very practical and fun way for students to learn and practise these skills. All students participating were attentive and were approaching all these activities seriously.

Year 3 Class Mass

There is a Year 3 class mass on 3rd November at 10.15am in the Year 3 classroom. All Year 3 parents are very welcome to attend.

Term Overviews

Accompanying this newsletter is a Term Overview from your child's teacher. This overview gives you a brief outline about what units, topics your child will be investigating this term. It will also include some important dates for the term. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any queries or concerns at all during the remainder of the term.

Stage 3 PDHPE Information Evening

Stage 3's PDHPE unit this term is called "I LIKE ME". The unit looks at factors that influence personal identity and examine the physical, social and emotional changes that occur during puberty. There is an information evening that compliments this unit that is conducted by the "Interrelate Family Centres School Services" on 15th November. The evening has two sessions. The 1st session starts at 6pm and the 2nd session starts at 7.15pm. It is important that your child and at least one parent attends both sessions. It will be held in the hall. A note has already been sent home with your child. Could you please RSVP so I have an idea of numbers.

Thanks

Thank you to Kate Cleary for her help with some Maths resources last Thursday. If there is anyone who could spare a little time this Thursday it would be greatly appreciated.

Tracey Dawson
Acting Assistant Principal



epping christmas market
FARMERS' PRODUCE, GOURMET FOOD & GIFTS




Master

Cupcake Competition

Calling all OLHC kids to get involved in the Cupcake competition and support the wonderful ladies who are running it. Please complete the entry form by next week (Monday preferred) www.eppingmarkets.com.au and send it to school. **WIN \$\$\$** book vouchers from the **Children's Bookshop** and **Banjo Books** and kids hampers from **Coles**. Cake boxes at all local bakeries.



Raffle

A large number of local businesses have **donated generous prizes for our Market raffle**. Help us give these businesses the widest possible exposure by on selling your raffle tickets **by the end of this week** and collecting more from the school office. We will send more home next week so you have more on hand to ensure your class wins **FREE PIZZA – yum yum!!!** But don't panic you can send them back unsold if you need to. 



Walk-a-thon

Since the walk-a-thon was cancelled, we urge you to engage all your walk-a-thon sponsors to purchase raffle tickets. All profits go straight to the school! This is one of the best ways we can fund raise across this Market.

Face book

Please send our Face book event page: 'Epping Christmas Markets Friday 12th November 2010' to friends on Face book, from the invitation on the main page.

Tupperware

Coming to the Market. Catalogues went home. All orders made prior to the Market reward us 10% profit. Contact Cherie on 0404 565 662 or at tupper.keypaz@keyplayers.biz

Marketing

Flyers available from bosul@optusnet.com.au via the black bag to give to the music teacher, sports club, childcare centre, preschool or by hand when you give out receipts from your business. If each family could invite five other people to our Market that will mean a great crowd comes along.

Calling all empty jars & second hand books

Crates at the front office.

Update meeting for class run stalls

Tues 2 Nov 7.30pm in school library. Floats and logistical issues.

Year 6 Cake Stall

Cakes will be sold this Thursday lunch by Year 6 students as a fund raiser for their graduation celebrations.



Cakes and slices will vary in price from as little as 20c through to \$1 each.

Year 6 yummy cakes and slices will be available every Thursday from 28th October through to 2nd December.

Year 6 appreciate your support.

Birthday Stars

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to **Ben Kirkman** who celebrated his birthday this week.



Banking & Data Entry for Clothing Pool

VOLUNTEER NEEDED - could this be the job for you? The job involves banking money and entering orders into MYOB for the Clothing Pool. Approximately 6 hours per term, to start next year. So if you are computer savvy or even have MYOB experience, this could be the job for you! Please contact Katherine Gray, ph: 9869-3618. Many thanks.

STARs Alert!

The STARs would like to let you know that the hula-hoop competition starts tomorrow. It will cost 50c to enter. The Phantom Guessing



Competition has started and costs 50c per guess and you can enter every day until the Phantom is revealed. 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)

Community News

Dr Caroline Stevenson Clinical Psychologist

(specializing in AD/HD) – All Saints Anglican Church Malton Rd North Epping Thursday 28th October 7 – 9pm. Gold coin donation, tea/coffee provided. Phone 9889 5977 or email parentsupport@neldapsg.org

Digi-Girls Women's Technology skills Morning

Tea – November 9th 10am – 12noon at West Ryde Library 2 Graf Ave West Ryde. Gold coin donation to the Pink Ribbon Campaign. RSVP Robyn Woolley 9448 4429 or robyn.woolley@tafensw.edu.au or www.digigirls.com.au for information on short courses for women.

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.