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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

Gospel reflection

Gospel Jn 10:27-30
4th Sunday of Easter, Year C

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

"The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Father and I are one."

In the gospel from last Sunday, Jesus says of the sheep that belong to him, 'I give them eternal life.' He does not say, I give them the promise of eternal life. The message that comes through the gospel of John is clear that eternal life is not some future existence, but rather a new way of being in the here and now. But that is not to suggest that there is not an 'eternal' quality to eternal life.

The gospel of John makes clear that eternal life begins in the here and now but has no end.

Anzac Day Ceremony

The whole school gathered on Tuesday for the Anzac Day Ceremony. Mr Wighton from the Epping RSL



spoke to the children about the need to acknowledge all those people who have sacrificed so much so that we could live as a free nation.

The two school captains Bradley and Lina attended the dawn service on Sunday morning at the Epping RSL and laid a wreath on behalf of the school community. It is important for the children to experience these occasions as they are part of our Australian heritage.



Parents and Friends Fund Raising

The children are about to benefit again from the fundraising efforts of the school community with the purchase of Library and teaching resources. The term two priorities will be brought for the school over the next two weeks thanks to the \$7,000.00 donation made by the Parents and Friends. The resources will include books for the library, home readers and mathematics and spelling resources.

Many thanks for the continued generosity and support of the Parents and Friends.

Mothers Day Liturgy and Dinner

An invitation will be sent home this week inviting all mums to our Mother's Day Liturgy at 9:30 am. on Friday 7th May in the Hall. The liturgy will be followed by morning tea and we are hoping that many mums can join us for this celebration.

The P&F Executive, under the leadership of Jane Morrison, are organising a night out on Friday 7th for

all mums also. More details will follow, via email from the class mums, in the next few days but the night promises to be one to remember. Jane assures me that the dads have volunteered to babysit!

Booster Seats Available

The new laws have been introduced where all children 7 years of age and under are required to sit in a booster seat when travelling in a car. As some families car pool the school is making available two seats to borrow for the times when more booster seats are required. These can be borrowed from the office if needed.

Reflection

An eyewitness account from New York City, on a cold day in December: A little boy about 10 years old was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window and shivering with cold. A lady approached the boy and said, "My little fellow, why are you looking so earnestly in that window?" "I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand and went into the store and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her. She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet and dried them with a towel. By this time the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair

upon the boy's feet she purchased him a pair of shoes.

She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?" As she turned to go, the astonished lad caught her by the hand and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes answered the question with these words: "Are you God's wife?"

Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 2 2010

Week 2

30th Apr Easter Season Mass 12.15pm

Week 3

4th May School Photos

7th May Mother's Day Liturgy & morning tea

9th May Mother's Day

Week 4

11th – 13th May NAPLAN testing

12th May Year 4 Class Mass 10.15am

Week 5

18th May P & F Meeting 7.30pm

21st May Pentecost Mass 12.15pm

Week 6

25th May OLHC Mass 12.15pm

27th May Year 3 Class Mass 10.15am

From the AP

A four day week certainly is a gentle way to ease into second term. It was very special to have the opportunity for those who fought for our freedom and most importantly for peace.

Helping Your Child Acquire Spelling Skills

Last week I wrote about *why* we teach spelling. We know that education is a partnership between home and school and there are a number of ways that you can assist you to encourage your child.

How you can support your child in learning to spell

- say speech rhymes and tongue twisters together
- play 'detective' games with words. Ask your child to be a detective and find:
 - words that rhyme, eg can, fan, man, tan
 - words that begin with the same sound, eg sun, sausage, sea
 - words that end with the same sound, eg hat, street
 - little words in big words, eg 'am' in 'jam'
 - words that sound the same but are spelt differently, eg ate - eight, to - two - too, their - there
- play word games that focus on the sounds of words, eg *Junior Scrabble, Boggle, Word Snap, Wonderwords, Junior Crosswords, I Spy, Hangman*
- encourage your child to write words that start with a particular sound
- encourage your child to write words with three letters, five letters and so on
- try to make spelling activities enjoyable
- encourage your child to 'have a go' at spelling words
- encourage your child to 'sound out' words, eg h-i-t, s-a-n-d

- ask your child to write words that are not easily 'sounded out', eg home, watch, after
- encourage your child to develop memory tricks such as 'a piece of pie', 'hear with your ear'
- encourage your child to use the LOOK SAY COVER WRITE CHECK method to spell a variety of words, eg ask your child to: - LOOK closely at the word
- SAY the word and then
- COVER it
- WRITE the word and then
- CHECK to see if it is correct!
- 'hear' your child's personal spelling lists
- show your child how to use dictionaries, encyclopedias and thesauruses

Provide positive feedback when your child attempts to spell a word and/or spells a word correctly. See your child's class teacher for information about the spelling strategies for your child.

School Photos

This Tuesday, 4th May School Photos will be taken. The envelopes for individual photos came home last Wednesday with all of the relevant details. If your child did not bring one home they are available at the school office. Each child is required to have their OWN envelope with their order.

Envelopes for *family photos* are available from the office. The children will need to wear **full winter uniform** on this day.

The morning will start with a whole school photo in the amphitheatre at 8.45am. It is very important that the children are on time for school that morning because this photo does require some organisation.

To get through the hardest journey we need take only one step at a time, but we must keep on stepping.

Chinese Proverb

Peace,
Louise McDonald
Assistant Principal

Our Parish Multicultural Food Festival

To celebrate the wonderful cultural diversity of our parish, we are holding a food festival.

When: Pentecost Sunday 23rd May
Where: Parish halls at both Epping and Carlingford
Time: After 10am Mass

To make this event a great success, please join in by providing your cultural food to share on the day.

Library News

Parents with children in Year 5/6 please note that their library lesson is on Wednesdays and their borrowing is on Fridays.



Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on Monday 10th May 8.30 -9.30am. Winter scarves in red and navy will be available for \$5 each.

Monica Power & Carmel Hartman

Before and After School Care News

The OLHC CCA **Annual General Meeting** is upon us!

Date: 5th May 2010

Time: 6:30pm

Place: OLHC CCA Centre

Please join us for a fun and informative night to ensure you are kept up to date with information about before and after school care! All are welcome.

Also, don't forget to book your child in on Tuesday afternoons for our dance program, and Wednesday afternoons for 'World Cup Soccer'.

Gemma

Scholastic Book Club

Please return book club orders by Wednesday 5th May. Thank you.



Julie Moon

Merit Awards Week 1 Term 2

Kindy	Kaitlyn Meares
	Matthew Sridhar
Year 1	Marie Caravella
	Madison Tucker
Year 2	Tarun Oorloff-Kay
	Jessica Honor
Year 3	Annabel Da Rin
	Paddy Morrison
Year 4	Cory Gonzalez
	Michael Gray
Year 5/6	Gabby Aston
	Caitlin Halmarick





Birthday Stars

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

Jasmine Agostino

Sarah Maguire

Community News

Epping Scout Group presents Walkabout Reptiles

– See and handle live reptiles at North Epping Scout Hall 30 Boundary Rd at 4pm Sunday 16th May. Stay on for the sausage sizzle and Scout's AGM.

Weekend Camp for Gifted Children – For children 7 – 14 years 18th – 20th June, theme Mythology. Cost \$170 per child \$95 per adult which includes meals, workshop materials and accommodation. For further information call Helen on 0417 208 562 or email enquiries@australiangiftedsupport.com

Diocesan Parent Council – Parent forum back by popular demand Kimberley O'Brien from Quirky Kids Wednesday 26th May 7 – 8.30pm OLOR Primary School, Waitara. For further information visit the DPC website www.brokenbayparentcouncil.org or contact parentcouncil@dbb.edu.au

Diocesan Parent Council – Women's Retreat at Challenge Ranch May 29th – 30th. Cost \$190. For further information and bookings call Margaret Channing on 0419 001 890 or 43 441509.

2. What has been your favourite book this year?

Shark Bait by Justin D'Ath

3. Who is your favourite book character?

Sam Fox

4. What genre do you enjoy the most?

Thrillers

5. Where do you like to read?

In bed at night

6. Who is your favourite author?

Justin D'Ath

7. Do you prefer reading to someone or being read to by someone?

Reading myself

8. What genre would you like to explore further in the future?

More action books

9. Finish the sentence READING IS....
Imaginative

NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2010

Congratulations to Brandon Fisher in stage 3 – he is the first person at OLHC to complete the challenge!!



During the term we will be focusing on someone who has chosen to participate in the Premier's reading Challenge in 2010. This week is David Williams in Year 4. Interviewed by Holly Baldwin. Photographed by Caitlyn Halmarick.

1. Have you participated in the challenge before?

Yes

Year 5/6 Incursion - Antarctica

Last Friday Stage 3 met Chris Olsen who has been to the Antarctic 3 times. He talked about and showed us lots of equipment that he used on his journeys. We also saw some fantastic pictures that he shot while he was there. He mentioned how difficult it was to get around Antarctica on foot. We got to touch some ice from a glacier and to try on some of his clothes. It was a really interesting incursion.

By Gabi and Amy

