



# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Catholic Primary School

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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 ([Lk 12:13-21](#))

The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others.



How often have we heard the catch phrase, '**live simply so that others may simply live**'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

### Mary MacKillop Canonisation Fund Raiser



A reminder that the children are asked to come to school in 'mufti' on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August to support the Mary MacKillop Canonisation fund raiser. The children are required to make a donation to support the canonisation of Australia's first saint.

### Grandparents Day

The date for the grandparent day celebrations is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2010. A formal invitation will be sent in the coming weeks. Please alert grandparents or honourable friends that the school community looks forward to welcoming them on this day.

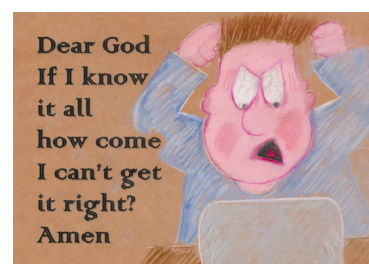


### Riverview Students Visit

This Friday a number of students from St Ignatius' College Riverview will be visiting the school as part of their founder day celebrations. The students will assist the teachers in a number of ways as they engage in service to the community.

### Dads In The Classroom

There is information later in the newsletter about the activities of the 'Dads in the Classroom'. I would like to thank Louise McDonald, Daniel Paul and Mike Exton for their hard work in continuing this very important initiative.



## Reflection

### ***The Trouble Tree*** *by Author Unknown*



The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job. A flat tyre made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start. While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence.

On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.

"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again."

He paused. "Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there ain't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

Kevin Turner  
Principal

## Diary Dates

### **Term 3 2010**

#### **Week 3**

6<sup>th</sup> Aug Mufti Day

#### **Week 4**

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Aug OLHC BBQ 10.30am – 3pm

#### **Week 5**

16<sup>th</sup> Aug Life Education Van

18<sup>th</sup> Aug Cluster Athletics

#### **Week 6**

24<sup>th</sup> Aug Dads in Classroom – Guest Speaker  
7.30pm

25<sup>th</sup> Aug Dads in Classroom – 9 – 10am

#### **Week 8**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept **Father's Day Breakfast**

## 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.

## From the AP

Term Three is filling up very quickly here at Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School. There are so many things happening and so many people working diligently behind the scenes to ensure that this is a vibrant Catholic learning community.

One of those groups is the Dads in the Classroom organising team. Under the leadership of Daniel Paul and Mike Exton there are a number of events planned for the second part of this year. These activities ensure that we continue to make available opportunities for Dads as well as Mums to enrich our community with a particular focus on participation in Literacy based activities to give support to their importance amongst the children.

Daniel and Mike have provided a number of dates in this newsletter for up coming events. I urge you to enter these dates in your diary or calendar today! Take a moment now to sit down with a warming coffee or tea (*or hot chocolate*) and pop these events in so that they can be taken into account when you are making plans for your family. Please do not forget that Mums are welcome, especially to the Dads in the Classroom mornings.

I would also encourage all the dads to read their emails and keep in touch with their Class Dad to keep up with all the events of this semester!

## University Competitions

This week we received the results of The University of New South Wales Science Competition. Students from our school achieved very pleasing results in this very challenging competition.

Twenty three children participated in the competition and were awarded 5 Distinctions, 6 Credits and 12 Participation Certificates.

Congratulations to all of the participants and certificates will be presented at the School Assembly this week.

The English Competition will take place this coming Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August for those children who entered earlier this year.

### Reading Tips!

One of my favourite places is a good bookshop. I can often be found browsing the bookshelves and this week I discovered the fun of ordering books on the internet. I enjoy snuggling up with a good book in this weather.

It is one of the great privileges of my profession that I can be part of your child's journey in learning to read and build a great love of books. We often enjoy a good book in Year Two and we talk with great anticipation about the worlds that can be opened up to us now that we are more confident readers!

I recently downloaded a pamphlet that was published by the Victorian Department of Education, Employment and Training titled *Books for Kids. Choosing Books for Kids in the Early Years of Schooling, A Parents Guide (2000)*. The following suggestions were offered when looking for books for your child.

*When selecting books ask yourself ...*

#### **Will the book be of interest to your child?**

Think about your child's interests, hobbies or sports. We all like to read about the things that matter most to us.

#### **Are there other books by favourite authors or in the same series which could complement this book?**

Particular books or authors they may have enjoyed before are a great guide when selecting books.

#### **Can the book relate to classroom activities?**

Sometimes a school project can provide stimulus for pursuing a particular type of book.

#### **Is the book affordable?**

Books make great presents. *(My family and friends can tell you that I really observe this one!! LM ☺)*

#### **Will the book provide an example of a different style?**

Explore different forms of illustration (photos, cartoons) and presentation (audio books, electronic text and puzzle books).

#### **Will the book become a treasured part of a book collection?**

Great readers love to collect their favourites to re-read over and over again. Seek advice from others – children, librarians, teachers, book sellers, authors are great for recommending popular titles.

Try to choose books for your children that suit their ability and interest regardless of their age, gender or year level.

*Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great, because greatness is determined by service.*

**Martin Luther King**

Peace,  
Louise McDonald  
Assistant Principal

### Dads in the Classroom Activities - Term 3

In the coming weeks, a number of activities are planned. The next event is the **Annual School BBQ**, which will be on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August**, at a local park venue to be announced next week, along with details of what families will need to bring on the day and the fun activities planned for kids and parents.

Furthermore, to ensure we have strong attendance from our parents to all these activities this term, please take a minute to mark these dates in your calendar.

<b>Term 3</b>	
Week 4	<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> Annual School BBQ 10.30am – 3pm Venue TBA
Week 6	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> Your Child's Literacy – Guest Speaker 7.30pm Venue School Library
	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Aug</b> Dads in the Classroom – 'Bridges' Theme 9am – 10am Venue School Playground
Week 8	<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept</b> Father's Day Breakfast Venue school hall
Week 10	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> School Canteen BBQ 11.30am – 1.30pm Venue School Canteen Kindy, Years 1 & 2 dads to run the BBQ

Mike Exton & Daniel Paul

### P & F Treasurer & Canteen Co-ordinator

#### Canteen Co-ordinator

Unfortunately due to extra work commitments Marissa Sheehan will be unable to continue running the canteen, thus, **we need a new Canteen Co-ordinator**. Marissa has done a terrific job over the last 4 years providing a great canteen for the children once a week with some fantastic specials which she has introduced.

If you are interested in co-ordinating the canteen and would like more detail on what is involved, please contact Marissa or Kevin. It is important we continue a canteen day at OLHC as the children love it. A BIG THANKYOU to Marissa from the parents and children on a job VERY well done!!!

#### **P & F Treasurer**

The Executive positions on the P&F Committee can only be held by the same person for a maximum of 3 years. This unfortunately means that Julian will be unable to continue as Treasurer after 2010. Julian has done a brilliant job as Treasurer for the last three years but his term will end at the Annual General Meeting in Term 4 this year. If you are interested in potentially performing the role of P&F Treasurer please contact Julian or Kevin to find out more about what is involved. The P&F cannot run without a Treasurer so it is important we find a replacement for this role.

Jane Morrison  
P & F President

#### **Library News**

##### **Author Visit at Pennant Hills Library**

The award winning children's author, Duncan Ball (*Selby, Emily Eyefinger series*) will be visiting Pennant Hills Library for an author talk on Friday, 20th August at 4:00 pm. The talk will kick off Children's Book Week for the Hornsby Shire Libraries. Tickets will be on sale from all branches for \$5.00 per child. Children under seven must be accompanied by an adult.



#### **PRC Update**

Alessandra Re has completed the PRC 2010 challenge. Congratulations Alessandra!

#### **Book Covering**

We have bags of books ready for covering in the office. If you think you can help out with covering some books please pop into the office to collect one or two bags. We are looking forward to sharing all our wonderful new books this term although we are still waiting for some book donations from the book fair to be returned to the library.

Mary Anne Jackson  
Teacher Librarian

#### **Birthday Stars**

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to **Charli Fidler** who celebrated her birthday this week.



#### **Merit Awards Week 1 Term 3**

<b>Kindy</b>	<b>Owen Eymael</b>
	<b>Grace Keeley</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Madison Tucker</b>
	<b>Marie Caravella</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Ben Kirkman</b>
	<b>Matthew Hogan</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Tia O'Callaghan</b>
	<b>Travis Elmir</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Henry Kirk</b>
	<b>Bryan Herijanto</b>
<b>Year 5/6</b>	<b>Caitlyn Halmarick</b>
	<b>Nathan Stubbs</b>



#### **Canteen**

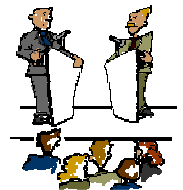
The canteen will be open for business this Friday. As our opening special we will be selling fried rice for \$1.50. This offer will be available until sold out.

Watch this space for future specials.

Marissa Sheehan

#### **Year 5 Debate – Congratulations!**

Yesterday four students from Year 5 debated against students from Epping West Public School. This debate had been postponed from Term 2 due to the Lockdown.



The topic was "That broadcast TV is good for you" and OLHC were the affirmative. All the students were very confident when presenting their arguments but on the day OLHC were the stronger team.

Congratulations to Amy Blissenden, Nathan Stubbs, Holly Baldwin and Jack Boyce.

Good luck for our next debate which will be held on Tuesday (Wk 4) 10<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **Community News**

**Rotary Club of Epping** – Teenage Health - Drugs & Alcohol Information Evening 7pm Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August at Epping Boys High School. For more information and bookings call John Fenessy on 0418 167 662 or email [eppingrotary@gmail.com](mailto:eppingrotary@gmail.com)

**Centacare Positive Parenting Program** – for separated fathers at Family Centre, Waitara from Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Aug for six consecutive Wednesday nights 6.30pm – 9pm. No cost and dinner is provided. Call Alex on 9488 2472 for bookings and more information.

**Meet Isobelle Carmody** – Author of the "Little Fur" series at Beecroft Bookshop. Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July 5 – 5.45pm. Afternoon tea is provided and bookings are essential.