



# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS Catholic Primary School

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No. 20 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010 (Week 11 Term 2)

## 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

### First Holy Communion



The First Holy Communion celebrations were held last Sunday. This is a special moment in the lives of the children as they continue their journey in the Catholic faith. Congratulations to all the children who received the body and blood of Jesus Christ for the first time. Many thanks to all the parents and to Julie Astalosh, Parish Sacramental Coordinator, for the support given to the children during the preparation for the Sacrament. Thank you also to the Year 2 parents who provided a beautiful morning tea.

### Combined Schools Mass

A reminder to parents that you are invited to join the school at the Combined Schools Mass at St Gerard's this Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10am.

Parents are advised that they can take their children home after the Mass or from school. Please indicate your intention by returning your permission slip.

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Many thanks to those parents who have taken the time to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress. I would also like to acknowledge the teachers for their dedication and hard work in preparing for these interviews.

### Athletics Carnival

The school community is looking forward to the Athletics Carnival tomorrow. The Colour House Captains have the cheers ready and the children are primed for a big day.

### Annual Report

The 2009 Annual Report has been published and is available to parents from the School Office and a copy will be placed on the school website.

### School Lockdown

Children and staff are to be commended on the way they conducted themselves during the lockdown yesterday. Due to an incident in Oxford Street we were instructed by the police to lockdown the school at 2.10pm.

We were in constant contact with Sgt Phillips from Eastwood Police who advised us at 2.50pm that the incident was resolved and that the children could be dismissed from school as usual.

Thank you to the staff and children for their co-operation and co-ordination throughout the lockdown.

## Reflection

### To Believe *Poet Unknown*

To believe is to know that every day  
is a new beginning.  
It is to trust that miracles happen,  
and dreams really do come true.

To believe is to see  
angels dancing among the clouds,  
To know the wonder of a stardust sky  
and the wisdom of the man in the moon.

To believe is to know the value of a nurturing  
heart,  
The innocence of a child's eyes  
and the beauty of an aging hand,  
for it is through their teachings we learn to love.

To believe is to find the strength  
and courage that lies within us.  
When it is time to pick up the pieces  
and begin again.

To believe is to know  
we are not alone,  
That life is a gift and  
this is our time to cherish it.

To believe is to know that wonderful surprises  
are just waiting to happen,  
And all our hopes and dreams are within reach.  
If only we believe.

Kevin Turner  
Principal

## Diary Dates

### Term 2 2010

#### Week 11

28<sup>th</sup> June

1<sup>st</sup> July

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Week of parent/teacher interviews

OLHC Athletics Carnival

Combined School Mass at St

Gerard's 10am **No canteen**

**Last day of Term 2**

### Term 3 2010

19<sup>th</sup> July

#### Week 5

18<sup>th</sup> Aug

**First day of Term 3**

Cluster Athletics

## Position Vacant



### Stall Holder Liaison Manager

This is a part time role responsible for recruitment, management and relationship development of stall holders for Epping Twilight Markets. The Markets will be held on the second Friday of October, November and December 2010.

**This is a paid position.**

## From the AP

### A Truly Momentous Tuesday!

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June will certainly be one for the records at Our Lady Help of Christians! It was a truly an eventful day for our community.

There was a very busy start to the day with Parent/teacher Interviews underway. Just before the children went into class the staff members were called together so that the announcement could be made that Kevin Turner had been appointed Principal at Villa Maria Primary School, Hunters Hill.

I know that each and everyone one of you will be delighted for Kevin as he takes the next step in his career, moving on to new challenges and a larger school. Of course, it will be with sadness that we will say goodbye at the end of the year. This is a time to celebrate this wonderful achievement with Kevin. For our community we will have the opportunities for goodbyes and the acknowledgement of Kevin's hard work and dedicated service to our school community as the 2010 school year draws to a close.

Our day of excitement and announcements was not to end there! At about 2.10pm yesterday afternoon the children were hard at work, our Year Five debaters had begun their arguments and we were notified by the police that we were to go into Lockdown. We have, of course practiced this drill with the children before so when Kevin's message came over the PA the children knew exactly what they were to do. The Lockdown conditions lasted until nearly 3 o'clock!

I visited each class to give them their *black bag* and I was so proud of the children. From Kindergarten to Year Six the children were calm, extremely sensible and following the procedure. Congratulations to the children on this tremendous effort. You were very impressive and you never cease to amaze me with your behaviour and level-headed approach to situations. Very big congratulations to the staff. They contribute greatly to this sense of calm because they are so reassuring and nurturing of each and every child regardless of the situation that they find themselves in. One thing that you can guarantee in a school is to expect the unexpected!

What a day! I am sure that we all feel the same way: bring on the holidays!

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

It is wonderful to see parents around the school for Parent Teacher Interviews this week. Your time and effort really does speak volumes to your child about the value that you place on their learning. I am sure that you appreciate and are grateful for the time and effort that the teachers also put into providing you with feedback to complement your child's report.

Don't forget the [Parent and Child Reflection Sheet](#). It would be great if this is brought to the interview completed. If you have forgotten to bring yours please send it in with your child the next day so that your child's teacher can make a copy and return the sheet to you. These are really helpful in collaboratively setting achievable goals for your child.

*Remember we are working in partnership with you to ensure that your child blossoms to be the very best person that they can be.*

*I hope that you all have a safe, restful and enjoyable holiday. This has been a long and busy term and we have achieved so much together. This is especially true of the children and their on-going efforts should be encouraged to continue. I really marvel at all that they learn and the way that they grow so quickly as learners and as individuals.*

*I hope that you all have the opportunity to recharge your batteries and come back ready to grow and learn together in term three.*

*Take time to be friendly- it is the road to happiness.*

*Take time to dream- it is hitching your wagon to a star.*

*Take time to love and be loved- it is a privilege of the Gods.*

*Take time to look around- it is too short a day to be selfish.*

*Take time to laugh- it is the music of the soul.*

Peace,  
*Louise McDonald*  
Assistant Principal

### **First Holy Communion**

Congratulations to the children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Thank you to the many people involved in the preparation program and to those who have assisted with the celebrations. This group includes parents, friends, family, catechists, teachers, parish staff, parish volunteers, altar society, sacristans, musicians, parishioners, adult and junior servers and the families who coordinate the morning tea gatherings after the Sunday Masses.

### **Confirmation Preparation Program**

Enrolments for the Confirmation preparation program commence on Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> and the enrolment forms will be available from that date in both our churches and on the parish website [www.eppcarl.org.au](http://www.eppcarl.org.au)

Details of lesson times and Sunday rituals to attend will be on the enrolment forms. The Sacrament will be conferred on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September in both our communities.

Children aged 7 and older may be enrolled to prepare for their Confirmation. If your child was baptised in another parish, a copy of their baptism certificate must accompany the enrolment form. Please note that the children need to have celebrated Confirmation before they celebrate First Holy Communion.

Julie Astalosh  
Sacramental Program Coordinator  
0407 255 593



### Canteen

Due to some children leaving early this Friday the canteen will not be open. We will be open for business on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July in Term 3.

Have a lovely holiday and we will see you all again next term.

Marissa Sheehan  
Canteen Co-ordinator

### Library News

**Book Donation Fair Today  
from 3pm in the School  
Hall**



The annual OLHC Book fair is being held today and provides an opportunity for the children to donate a book and have their name acknowledged as the donor on the inside cover. The children are able to take the book home today to be the first to enjoy but could they please be returned to school on Thursday or Friday at the latest. Thank you for your generous donations and we will look forward to reading and sharing these books next term.

Should you wish to donate, the books will be on display in the hall during the parent teacher evening today Wed 30<sup>th</sup> June from 3pm. Books are priced at \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$30.

### Thank you

As this semester draws to a close, I would like to thank the wonderful regular helpers in our library. Without your helpful hands and willing work, our library would not function as well as it does. Many thanks to Lucy Chow, Belinda O'Sullivan, Kate Cleary and Julie Moon. Have a wonderful holiday and we will look forward to seeing you next term.

Mary Anne Jackson  
Teacher Librarian

### Merit Awards Week 10 Term 2

Kindy	<b>Jai Oorloff-Kay Tahlia Demasi</b>
Year 1	<b>Mikayla Caravella Alessandra Re</b>
Year 2	<b>Cameron Fernandopulle Niamh Keeley</b>
Year 3	<b>Ben Horsley Annabel Da Rin</b>
Year 4	<b>Thomas Booby David Williams</b>
Year 5/6	<b>Emma Horsley Bradley Booby</b>



### Birthday Stars

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to **Alessandro Muranty** who celebrated his birthday this week.



### Community News

**Free Parenting Course for families with children aged 3 – 8 years** – Term 3 From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 10am – 12pm for 8 weeks at Rm 8/29 Oxford Street (old school building). Bookings are essential. Please call Clarissa on 0412 206 531 or email

[clarissa4@optusnet.com.au](mailto:clarissa4@optusnet.com.au) For more information visit

[www.onestepatatimecounselling.org/](http://www.onestepatatimecounselling.org/)

**Epping Mobile Blood Service** – at Epping Baptist Church Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2 – 7pm and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 10am – 3pm. Please call 13 14 95 to book an appointment or drop in. For more information visit [donateblood.com.au](http://donateblood.com.au)