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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

Living the Gospel – Third Sunday of Lent

This Sunday's gospel taps in to the vexing question: 'Why do bad things happen to good people?' The question implies that God is punishing good people. Surprisingly, this attitude continues and one only has to watch news coverage of a tragedy to hear someone ask, 'How could God let this happen?' The very question suggests a belief in a God who interferes in our lives and manipulates events. Jesus suggests that tragic events are not punishment from God, but the accidental, deliberate or natural event does provide a reminder to turn our lives around and live lives that matter.

Mercy Value

On reflecting on the Mercy value of **'Mutual Respect'** I often recall the gospel story of when Jesus visited Zacchaeus.

What would you do if Jesus knocked on your door and said, "I must stay at your house today"? Would you be excited or embarrassed? Jesus often "dropped-in" at unexpected times and he often visited the "uninvited" – the poor, the lame, even public sinners like Zacchaeus, the tax collector! Tax collectors were despised and treated as outcasts, no doubt because they accumulated great wealth at the expense of others. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and was much hated by all the people. Why would Jesus single him out for the honour of staying at this home? Zacchaeus needed God's merciful love and in his encounter with Jesus he found more than he imagined possible. He shows the depth of his repentance by deciding to give half of his goods to the poor and to use the other half for making restitution for

fraud. Zacchaeus' testimony included more than words. His change of heart resulted in a change of life, a change that the whole community could experience as genuine. The Lord is always ready to make his home with us. Do you make room for him in your heart and in your home?

1, 2, 3 Magic Parent Education

Just a reminder that the parent workshop Part 2 is on this evening at 7.30 pm in the School Library. Everyone welcome!

OLHC Open Day

OLHC's Open Day is on Friday 19th March from 9.30 – 11am. We would like to invite all parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, and friends to this very special morning.

If any parents can pass on flyers to local preschools can they please contact the office and pick these up.

Swimming Age Champions

The following students were presented with their medals as age champions for the recent Primary Swimming carnival:

8 yrs champion	Alessandro Muranty
9 yrs champions	Patrick Morrison Zoe Re
10yrs champions	Tom Findlay Kate Book
11yrs champions	Liam Quinn Holly Baldwin
12 yrs champions	Bradley Booby Kasia Glennie

North Shore Cluster Carnival

On Wednesday 25 of our students competed at the North Shore Cluster Swimming Carnival at Lane Cove. In tough weather conditions the students swam very well and did themselves and the School proud. Some notable results from the day were:

Patrick Morrison – 4th 9yrs freestyle
Liam Quinn – 4th 11yrs breaststroke
Holly Baldwin – 4th 11yrs butterfly

Congratulations to all the students who competed and thank you to the parents who braved the elements for support and drove several students.

Principal's Leave

During the last two weeks of this term I will be taking some long service leave. Ms Louise McDonald will be taking on the role as Acting Principal and Mrs. Tracey will be Acting Assistant Principal. I know that the school will be left in the capable hands of these two leaders.

Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 1 2010

Week 6

3rd Mar 1, 2, 3 Magic-parent education
7.30pm

4th Mar K – 2 Swimming Carnival

Week 7

8th Mar Yr 3 & 4 excursion to the Rocks

12th Mar Epping Twilight Markets

Week 8

15th Mar Young Leaders Day

16th Mar Lenten Season Mass 12.15pm

19th Mar OLHC Open Day

Week 9

25th – 26th Mar Stage 3 excursion to Canberra

From the Office

School Fees

The Year 5 and 6 Canberra excursion is on the 25th & 26th March. The payment for this needs to be made prior to the children participating. Please ensure you make your payment in time.

From the AP

Education has been in the headlines this week with the launch of the Australian Curriculum for Kindergarten to Year Ten. Over the next two months teachers, parents and administrators have been asked to take the time to look at the new curriculum and give the Federal Government feedback regarding the changes. I would urge you to take the time to have a look on the internet, remembering that the media gives a particular perspective in their coverage.

Food for thought...

A few weeks ago I included the homework requirements for each grade. Reading is a critical part of homework. Home reading should be enjoyable. The books do not need to be difficult; rather it is an opportunity to enjoy a text together.

Some of the following suggestions may get you going!

Read Aloud Tips Hints and Suggestions

- ☺ Have lots of stimulating reading materials at home; comics, magazines, newspapers, library books, joke book, non-fiction, poetry and short chapter books. Place books by the bed, in the bathroom, in the lounge room, in the kitchen. Sit books all over the house!
- ☺ Join your local library and borrow books for your child and for you. Many libraries have children's librarians and they are experts, so ask them to help you.
- ☺ Find out where your nearest children's specialist bookseller is located. They often have story times and activity sessions that you can join... and they are experts too.
- ☺ Look for words everywhere, such as street signs, shops and letters. Read them with your child.
- ☺ When you are shopping for groceries let your child read the shopping list and read the contents for you of the grocery items.
- ☺ When relatives ask you what present to give your child there is only one answer: a good book or three!

- ☺ Remember that just as sport is great for exercising the body, and good food exercises the insides, **reading exercises the mind.**

University Competitions

The note went home with the newsletter last week regarding the children in Years Three to Six having the opportunity to participate in the upcoming Science, Maths and English Competition. Please note that participation in these competitions is voluntary.

A day without laughter is a long day

Peace,
Louise McDonald
Assistant Principal

2010 Enrolments

Phase One enrolments are now open. Enrolment packages are available from each School Office and will close on Friday May 7th 2010.

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Epping Twilight Markets

The following families are rostered on to assist with the smooth running of the next

Twilight Markets on Friday 12th March 2010:

3.30 to 6.30pm: Kirk (Operations Manager), Ré, Chipin, Gangemi, Yuen, Honor, Agostino, Millen, Micallef, Varlow, Trujillo.

6.30 to 8.45pm: Gonzalez, Eymael, Proudfoot, Horsley, Muranty, Quinn.

8.45 to 9.30pm (Pack up crew): Cullen, Williams, Sheehan, Khachiki, Findlay, Stubbs.

On the night, can all volunteers sign in on the form that is located at the first aid desk.

Sandra Tucker



Crazy Hair Day- Friday 12th March

The Student Leadership Team is fund-raising during Lent for Haiti. All students are encouraged to wear mufti and to come to school with crazy hair. Wear a wig, gel or colour your hair.

Please bring a gold coin donation and support the plight of the Haitians.

Students who have sport on this Friday are to wear comfortable clothing and their runners.

Kindergarten say thank you!

Kindergarten would like to send a big thank you to the members of our OLHC community who have donated toys, dressups etc. We are extremely grateful and are learning about sharing.



A big thank you also to the Abbott and O'Sullivan families for transporting, fixing and decorating our newly acquired magnificent doll's house.

Ms Dalle-Nogare

Nominations for New PPC

The three-year term of the current Parish Pastoral Council is drawing to a close. Nominations are now being called for membership of the new PPC. Five members from each of our two communities need to be elected to the PPC. If there are more than 5 nominations in either community there will be an election following the close of the nomination period.

Nomination forms are available on the shelf in the front foyer each of our two churches and need to be returned by Monday 8th March. You are welcome to nominate either yourself or another person – though please ensure that the form is signed to confirm that the person accepts nomination.

Nominees need to be regularly worshipping members of our parish who are at least eighteen years of age. Please consider if either yourself or someone you know could take on this important role of service and leadership in the parish.

EdAlive Manic Maths Programs

Ed Alive brochure and order forms were sent home today to every family. If you are interested in ordering a program from the brochure, please complete the order form and return to the school along with the payment before Friday 19th March. Please do not send cash payments. Credit cards and cheques are accepted and cheques are to be made out to Ed Alive. Details are on the order form and for more information go to www.edalive.com Participating schools will receive free EdAlive software.

Merit Awards Week 5 Term 1

Kindy	Jasmine Agostino William Wright
Year 1	Sarah Thomas Lucy Findlay
Year 2	Faith Zalm Marco Muranty
Year 3	Marc Agostino Georgia Manning
Year 4	Heidi Kirkman Sam Cleary
Year 5/6	Yasmine O'Callaghan Emma Horsley



From Before & After School Care

ATTENTION

Please note that the date of the Annual General Meeting is the **5th May**. Please ignore all previous correspondence. I apologise for the confusion. Your understanding is greatly appreciated.

Gem Brooks
Coordinator

Community News

Moving Bodies Holiday Fun - Gymnastics Olympic Style at the State Sports Centre, Homebush using Olympic equipment. Holiday Clinic at Willoughby with ball sports, music, fitness and more. For details and enrolments visit www.movingbodies.com.au or phone 9940 5240.

Hornsby Shire Libraries Holiday Programs – Epping Library (9847 6120) – Storytime session 7th April 6.30 – 7.30pm, beebot robotics 16th April 3 – 3.45pm. Lego Robotics at Pennant Hills Library 11.30am – 1pm. Call for bookings.

Mount St Benedict Open Day - 14th March 10am – 2pm. Principal's address at 11am & 1pm. Call Jill on 9980 0444 or go to www.msb.nsw.edu.au

Monte Open Day – 21st March 9.30am – 1.30pm at 128 Miller St North Sydney. For further information go www.monte.nsw.edu.au or phone 9409 6242.

Birthday Stars

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

Kate FitzGerald
Sarah Khachiki

Matthew Eymael



NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2010

During term 1 and 2 we will be focusing on someone who has chosen to participate in the Premier's reading Challenge in 2010. Lots of new books have been added to the list this year and the good news is it is not too late to send your participation slips in!! This week it is Alison Wright in Year 3. Interviewed by Caitlin Halmarick.

1. Have you participated in the challenge before?
Yes
2. What has been your favourite book this year?
"Easter Things to Make and Do" by Kate Knighton
3. Who is your favourite book character?
Ali from the All Stars Netball series
4. What genre do you enjoy the most?
Craft
5. Where do you like to read?
In my bedroom
6. Who is your Favourite author?
Enid Blyton
7. Do you prefer reading to someone or being read to by someone?
Reading to someone
8. Do you prefer the narrator to be a main character in the story or just an observer?
I like the narrator to be the main character
9. What genre would you like to explore further in the future?
Cook Books
10. Finish the sentence READING IS....
...enjoyable

