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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



**Mother's Day is a celebration
of Motherhood.**

**Mother's Day is a day set aside
to express love, respect and
thanks
to Mothers.**

**The day is a special day where
we take the time to
acknowledge all that our
Mums do for us.**

**So to all the mums – have a
wonderful day and thank you
so much for
being a MUM!**



Mother's Day Liturgy and Morning Tea

All mums are asked to RSVP to the Mother's Day liturgy and morning tea which is on Friday 7th May at 9:30 am. in the Hall. Could these notes please be returned to the School Office on Thursday?

Mother's Day Night Out

An invitation was sent home yesterday inviting all mums to a social "get – together" on Friday 7th May at 7:00 pm. at the Epping Hotel.

NAPLAN

Next week the students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the National tests in Literacy and Numeracy. The dates and times for the tests are below:

Year 3	Tuesday 11 th May Language Conventions (40 min) Break Writing (40min)
Year 3	Wednesday 12 th May Reading (45 min)
Year 3	Thursday 13 th May Numeracy (45 min)
Year 5	Tuesday 11 th May Language Conventions (40 min) Break Writing (40 min)
Year 5	Wednesday 12 th May Reading (50 min)
Year 5	Thursday 13 th May Numeracy (50 min)

Master Chef

I am sure that the school community is aware that one of our mums is starring on Master Chef. Joanne Zalm is showing her cooking talents on the program and we wish her all the best for the competition.

Reflection

Mean Mums

Someday when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a parent I will tell them as my Mean Mum told me.

I loved you enough...To ask where you were going, with whom and what time you would be home.

I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your new best friend was a creep.

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that should have taken 15 minutes.

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment and tears in my eyes. Children must learn that their parents aren't perfect.

I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions even when the penalties were so harsh they almost broke my heart.

But most of all, I loved you enough...To say NO when I knew you would hate me for it. Those were the most difficult battles of all.

I'm glad I won them, because in the end you won too. And someday when your children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates parents, you will tell them.

Was your Mum mean? I know mine was. We had the meanest mother in the whole world! While other kids ate lollies for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs and toast. When others had Coke and a cake for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches.

And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labour Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds and learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry and empty the rubbish and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do.

She always insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers; she could read our minds and had eyes in the back of her head. Then, life was really tough.

Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 18.

Because of our mother we missed out on a lot of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault. Now that we have left home, we are all educated honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents – just like Mum was.

I think that is what's wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean mums!

Kevin Turner
Principal

Diary Dates

Term 2 2010

Week 3

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

Happy Mother's Day to all the mums for this Sunday. I hope that you have a fabulous day surrounded by those who you love. Our mums are really special people and they should be honoured

for all that they do in our lives. I know that my mum is a source of continuous inspiration and strength for me.

I look forward to seeing many mums at the Mother's Day Liturgy on Friday. *Just a hint... remember your tissues!*

*All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel Mother.
- Abraham Lincoln*

National Testing

Next week the children in Years Three and Five will participate in the National Testing. One of the most important messages that I can convey to all those involved are contained in the box below.

National Assessments Years 3, 5, 7 & 9

How to best support your child-

- ☺ Ensure your child has a good night's sleep
- ☺ Give them a solid healthy breakfast – but don't overload them
- ☺ Provide healthy snacks and lunch on test days and plenty of water
- ☺ Cut back on after school activities if your child is tired, but encourage fresh air and a fun play outside

*Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever.
- Unknown*

Peace,
Louise McDonald
Assistant Principal

STARS alert!

The winners of our Art competition to design a logo for the STARS are:



1st Prize
2nd Prize
3rd Prize

Thomas Booby
Gabriella Aston
Georgia Manning

The STARS have been working very hard to organise lots of things for all students. We meet every Thursday at lunchtime.

Hornsby Council will be helping us with improving how we recycle and are coming to workshop all the classes.

Year 6 STARS have organized a new school magazine. It will be coming out this week.

We will also be having special assemblies led by the STARS.

Stay tuned for more exciting activities.

Mikhala and Heidi
(Publicity Officers)



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.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open next 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 **tonight** at 6.30pm in the 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

NSW Premier's *Reading* Challenge 2010

Congratulations to all these children who have finished the challenge for 2010.

Jasmine Agostino, Marc Agostino, Sarah Maguire, Jack Prowse, Jessie Prowse, Zoe Re and Rebecca Manning.

During the term we will be focusing on someone who has chosen to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge in 2010. This week it is Sarah Maguire in Year 4. Interviewed by Alex Micallef. Photographed by Rebecca Manning.



Have you participated in the challenge before?

Yes

What has been your favourite book this year?

Go Girls series

Who is your favourite book character?

Bonnie from Go Girls

What genre do you enjoy the most?

Realistic Fiction

Where do you like to read?

In bed

Who is your favourite author?

Chrissie Perry

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

Someone reading to me

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

Animal stories

Finish the sentence **READING IS....my hobby**

Birthday Stars



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

Liam Quinn

Faith Zalm

Merit Awards Week 2 Term 2

Kindy

Jai Oorloff-Kay

Year 1

Abigail O'Sullivan

Year 2

Tadeh Khachiki

Year 3

Elizabeth Bronk

Year 4

Adam Gangemi

Year 5/6

Cameron Fernandopulle

Oliver Quinn

Alison Wright

Tom Findlay

Mikhala Balzan

Amy Blissenden

Jasmine Millen



Community News

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.