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*"Everything I was I carry with me,  
Everything I will be lies waiting on the road ahead".*

*Mia Jian*

## DATE TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST

PREP 100 DAYS OF SCHOOLING

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

**Congratulations to all our Prep children who celebrate 100 Days of schooling tomorrow. We are so proud of them for having reached this milestone in what has been an extraordinary year.**



Our Prep teachers have been busily planning and organising what we anticipate will be a memorable day for the students and their families. Next week's Newsletter will feature images of the day.

### Omeo

Over the weekend, Janet and I caught up on a recent episode of **Back Roads**, in **which** Heather Ewart relayed the untold stories of the men and women of Omeo and surrounds.

*Victoria's High Country has long been famous for its cattlemen and horsemen, but this episode of Back Roads tracks down the area's extraordinary women, described as the backbone of the region.*

*The episode focusses on the untold stories of the men and women of Omeo and surrounds, whose grit and determination have seen them survive droughts and bushfires.*

*A lot of these mountain people have spent their whole lives around Omeo. It's in their blood. Those that have ventured away, like physiotherapist Jill Hill, have returned, finding the pull of their home too strong. Heather explores the story of Jill and her mother who have teamed up to successfully run the family farm.*

*Heather also meets Jim 'Hardhead' Flannagan. He was the 'pick-up' man at the Omeo rodeo for 55 years, a volunteer job he only gave away when he turned 77.*

*Sisters Tahnee Orchard and Aleshia Sievers are true horse women of the High Country. They grew up chasing brumbies and cracking stockwhips. They were so good with a whip, they were asked to crack them in the opening ceremony of the 2000 Sydney Olympics! Years later Tahnee was dealt a huge blow with ill health. Heather learns how the women in Tahnee's home town of Benambra, just outside Omeo, stepped up to help.*



We found this particular episode inspiring as it is filled with stories of humble characters who brim with a sense of optimism, wisdom and care for one another.

If interested in viewing, simply search Back Roads on ABC iview.

### **Feast of St Mary of the Cross**

Last Saturday was the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. It served as an important celebration for our schools that are named for her and inspired by her in their daily life. Her now-familiar words, 'Never see a need without doing something about it', are a challenge to all of us to think more consciously about our response to those in need. May her feast day remind us of the kind of life we are called to live as followers of Christ.

### **2020 OHR Family Reflections**

Monday's Virtual Assembly contained an interview that I conducted with our two school captains in Bridget N and Meg M. During the interview both girls teased out an idea that Bridget had suggested some weeks ago. Bridget had originally proposed that, as a school community, we have an opportunity of sharing our stories and leaving a memory about the current times we find ourselves in.

Our captains have proposed that each family prepare a page that will go towards a book. The page will need to be **A3** in size and **landscape** orientation. The page should include the **family surname** and be a reflection of these times including: what it was like, how they coped, and how they felt. This may comprise a combination of any of the following:

- Stories
- Drawings
- Artwork
- Photos of the family engaging in activities together
- Poems

- Words
- Recipes
- Song lyrics
- Celebrations shared during COVID-19 time.

When completed, each family will be required to make a PDF copy of their page. The family pages will be called for in approximately four week's time. The school captains will provide details of where to email the family page.

The books will be professionally produced. Two copies will be made for the school and families will be able to explore one of the proofs. At that time we will provide the necessary details, should families choose to purchase a copy.

### **New Classroom Furniture**

With heartfelt thanks to the OHR PFA, the school is now able to proceed in finalising an order for new contemporary and flexible classroom furniture for classes in Prep, Years 1/2 and Years 3/4. The student furniture is bright, colourful and lightweight, allowing for a range of configurations that will support collaborative student learning. The new furniture will be functional for both students and classroom teachers, and will serve to enhance the appearance of our learning environments and subsequently the school. Bright and contemporary furniture not only supports the posture of the students, but can serve to boost their wellbeing while presenting the school in a modern light to any visitors.



The order for the furniture will be placed this week, allowing approximately eight weeks until final delivery and assembly. With a bit of luck the furniture will be ready for Term Four.

The PFA generously donated approximately 67% towards the final cost of the furniture with the school contributing the remaining 33%.

The school could not have embarked on this purchase without the generous support of the PFA which, in turn, has been supported by countless fundraisers orchestrated by our OHR parents over recent years.

### **St Benedict's School closure**

With enrolments declining over recent years, St Benedict's School, Burwood, will regrettably close at the end of this year. The decision was an extremely difficult but necessary one. With a number of other Catholic schools nearby, unfortunately, St Benedict's was no longer viable to operate. Parish Priest Rev Daniel Serratore and Catholic Education Melbourne have worked closely with the school leadership team throughout the decision-making process and will continue to support students, staff and families to continue their journey with Catholic education.

### **Operation: Community Connect – Camberwell Police**

From July 1 2020, the *CommConnect* initiative commenced across the Eastern Region of Victoria Police. *CommConnect* is a different approach to Policing. Officers (usually at Sergeant level) have been assigned to engage with key stakeholders in specific sectors matching the Boroondara Council wards to the Boroondara Police Service Areas, more directly focusing resources to build stronger and more collaborative relationships.

Police want to hear from you about safety issues important to you in your community.

Complete a short two-minute survey to have your voice heard: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/victoria-police-community-connection-project/victoria-police-boroondara>

We want to know about your safety concerns, any ideas you have for safety improvements, and your trust and confidence in Police. Your responses will help us better connect with and support communities, helping to create a safer Victoria. And don't forget to 'Like' us on Facebook at Eyewatch – Boroondara Police Service Area.



### **Year 4's Learning from Home**

All our Year 4's have been busily adapting to new ways of learning from home. Below are a selection of images capturing some of the learning that has taken place.



Lucy cooking up a storm on her screen-free day!



Josephine is well set up for her learning



William getting ready for his Google Meet



Angelina practising her handwriting



Pia trying to work with her study buddy, Billy!



Oliver deep in concentration



Emma is nicely set up in her little corner of the home

# Year 4's Learning from Home



Raja working on her Science Talent Search entry



Eamon on a Google Meet with Mrs Canty

Next week's Newsletter will feature **images from the Prep 100 Days of schooling.** It would be great if images could reflect hands on learning completed by the children during the day. Images must be received by next Tuesday evening. Simply email to [principal@ohrsurreyhillscatholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@ohrsurreyhillscatholic.edu.au) Thank you.

#### **A Message from Mrs Axon on the Science Talent Search**



As well as navigating the demands of remote learning, a group of students from Years 2-6 have been working hard for the past three months on their 2020 Science Talent Search entries. Well done to **Kiara S, Brenda S, Lucas T, Noah S, Raja R, Will G, Yasmin W and James G.** We are so proud of your efforts and the determination and persistence you showed in completing your entries despite the extra challenges we have faced this year.  
Mrs Axon

#### **Specialist Subject Areas are Commencing Google Meets**

At OHR we value the rich specialist subject areas of Science, Phys Ed, Sustainable Gardening and Mandarin. During the learning from home program these curriculum areas support the learning and wellbeing of the students in providing a balanced and well-rounded curriculum.

The specialist teachers will commence their Google Meets next week. Different year levels will be targeted by the specialist teachers each week

Wishing everyone a great weekend,

Frank Dame

### Merit Awards

Class	Name	For ...
Prep HH	Edward C	Your amazing effort and dedication that you show towards working on your tasks during our Remote Learning
Prep HT	Harry C	For your consistent effort in all your home learning tasks and contributing great ideas in our google meets.
1/2DE	Patrick S	Your conscientious attitude to all remote learning tasks. Well done on preparing a fabulous speech on Sydney.
1/2HN	Zachary T	Your thoughtful reflections in delivering your prayer via video. You spoke beautifully.
3/4CP	Archie G	Using great figurative language in his writing. Impressive!
3/4TK	William G	For your impressive efforts in tackling problem solving in Maths. Keep up the great work.
5/6DU	Lucia C	for demonstrating excellent research skills for the Paris 'a Rooftoppers' activity.
5/6MB	Genevieve C	Applying herself to all learning tasks and maintaining a positive growth mindset.

### Social Skills Awards

Class	Name	For ...
Prep HH	Oliver M	Your confidence, contributions and kindness that you demonstrate during our Class Google Meets
Prep HT	Arabella B	Your incredible attitude during remote learning and the way you continue to want to improve all that you do.
1/2DE	Claudia C	Thanks for always being an active, supportive and fun student in our Class Google Meets.
1/2HN	Lars R	Your involvement in our daily google meets. We love hearing your contributions. Keep it up!
3/4CP	Ben W	Taking up the challenge of the extension activities offered in our Remote Learning Program every day. Impressive!
3/4TK	Henry C	For your positive attitude and courteous manner in our daily Google Meets.
5/6DU	Dean L	for your efforts in participating at our class Google Meets this term.
5/6MB	Meg M	Maintaining a positive attitude and responding positively to feedback.

# RE News

## Sunday Gospel

The liturgy of the Catholic Church provides a framework for reflection which is used by Catholics throughout the world. Each week in the newsletter, you will find the Sunday Gospel as well as some discussion questions to have with your child/ren.

Nick Byrne, Education in Faith Leader

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

The Gospel of the Lord

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What happened when the woman in today's gospel first called out to Jesus for help?
2. Why do you think the disciples tried to turn her away?
3. How did Jesus reward her faith?
4. Have you ever heard of or seen people in need who have been turned away?
5. How should we treat people who are in need or different to us?



Let us pray that we will become more like Jesus and show kindness to all people.



# COMMUNITY NEWS



WHITEFRIARS  
CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR BOYS



## Meet the Principal

Register now for our virtual  
Question and Answer session with  
Principal Mark Murphy at [bit.ly/WFCTour](https://bit.ly/WFCTour)

Applications for Year 7 2022 close October 2020.  
To apply, please visit [bit.ly/WFCAApplication](https://bit.ly/WFCAApplication)

[info@whitefriars.vic.edu.au](mailto:info@whitefriars.vic.edu.au) | 9872 8200

**Dr. JUSTIN COULSON**

## LIGHTENING THE LOCKDOWN LOAD

**A FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS IN VICTORIA**

Lockdown is hard. It hurts our kids and it's a drain on parents. The first time was tricky. There were challenges. For some, it was horrible. But most of us managed ok and got through it.

This time it's different. The pressure is higher. The demands are greater. The children are more oppositional. The home learning stretch will be longer. There's work stress, family stress, and stress about being stressed!

While we can't click our fingers and make it magically disappear, there are real strategies that parents and children can rely on to not just survive, but thrive – even in a far-too-long lockdown. They're simple ideas that you can start on right away.

Join Dr Justin Coulson, one of Australia's most trusted parenting specialists, as he shares 4 secrets to make it through the pain of the winter COVID-19 Victorian lockdown. By the end of this FREE webinar, you'll:

- ▶ Feel reassured, with less stress and pressure around your kids, their schooling, and life
- ▶ Have concrete strategies you can start on immediately to make your family happier
- ▶ Know how to be on the same page as your partner
- ▶ Be able to develop habits and practices that will ensure your children – and YOU – can get your daily work done, even while everyone is stuck at home.

**WEDNESDAY 20 AUGUST | 8.00PM** [REGISTER NOW](#)

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## 2020 Tour Opportunities

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# MARCELLIN COLLEGE

Marcellin College is a leading Catholic Secondary School for boys established by the Marist Brothers in 1950.

## OPEN FOR ENROLMENT

YEAR 7 2022 APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
Friday 09 October 2020

Offers notified 27 November 2020  
See website for more details

**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**  
27/08/2020 | Register Here:  
<https://bit.ly/2PGjbPQ>

[Twitter](#) [YouTube](#) [LinkedIn](#) [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#)

Enrolment enquiries T + 61 3 9851 1512 W [marcellin.vic.edu.au](https://www.marcellin.vic.edu.au)

## VIRTUAL TALK AND TOUR MORNING

Applications for Year 7, 2022, close 9 October, 2020

**Friday 11 September**  
9.30 - 10.30 am

Visit Our Lady of Zion College in a whole new way and discover how your daughter can embrace life at Zion.

Join us for a live-stream virtual tour of our College via Zoom.

Our Virtual Talk and Tour Mornings will feature a live address by our Principal, Mrs Tina Apostolopoulos, an opportunity to meet the Leadership Team and our student leaders as well as a chance to ask questions.

Visit our website to book.

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