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"The thing that lies at the foundation of positive change, is service to a fellow human being".

Lee Lacocca

DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, 14TH AUGUST

LANGUAGES SURVEY DUE

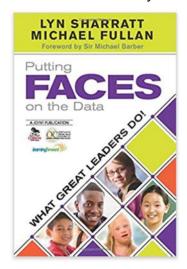
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Earlier in the year I communicated that since the beginning of 2018, OHR has been a Cohort 1 School in The Learning Collaborative (TLC). The Learning Collaborative is now in its third year

and is based on the work of Dr Lyn Sharratt. Through Catholic Education Melbourne (CEM) Eastern office, Catholic primary and secondary schools have been supported in learning about the "right things to do right" to achieve effective system-wide student improvement. Our schools have been working together with Dr Lyn Sharratt on how to increase achievement levels for all students, for all teachers, in all schools, by putting the FACES of the students on the data.

Dr Sharratt has worked in four school districts across Ontario as a Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, School Superintendent, Administrator, Curriculum Leader, and a K–10 and Special Education teacher. She consults internationally, working with system, school, and teacher leaders at all levels in Australia, Canada, Chile, Denmark, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Singapore, Spain, the United Kingdom, and the United States.



Even during this time of transition and change Dr Sharratt has been working alongside our schools. Less than a fortnight ago, for example, leaders from OHR joined Sharratt, along with representatives from the CEM, and leaders from three other schools who are also part of The Learning Collaborative. We met together via Zoom. Each of the schools presented our areas of focus and articulated our learning journey. Sharratt asked questions and provided an appraisal on each school's progress thus far. She also provided suggestions on our next steps, all the while acknowledging that current circumstances restrict what can be enacted in schools during the present time.

I will continue to keep you updated with our school's work in this area as the year progresses.

School-based Psychologist

At OHR we have partnered with Minds that Matter Psychology (MTMP). MTMP is a psychology clinic that provides bulk-billed psychological services support to children and families in our school setting. Further in today's Newsletter there is a flyer that explains more about MTMP and how you can obtain further information.



Welcome Fr Frank to Barton Street

by Fr Brendan Reed

We are getting ready to welcome Father Frank O'Loughlin to Surrey Hills Wattle Park!

Father Frank has been parish priest at Sacred Heart Parish, Sandringham for the last twenty-four years. He is a renowned theologian and adult educator. Fr Frank has researched and taught in the areas of fundamental theology, sacramental theology and liturgy in the Archdiocese of Melbourne for the last fifty years. In recent years he has published a number of books including *This Time in the Church* and *The Future of the Sacrament of Penance*, and much on the Eucharist including his latest book *New Wine Skins*.

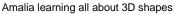
Fr Frank is retiring from his responsibilities as Parish Priest in August this year. He will live in the parish house at Barton Street, Surrey Hills, supported by the Priests Retirement Foundation, and will become a member of our parish community. Frank is keen to be involved in the life of our parishes here at Surrey Hills Wattle Park and Camberwell, Balwyn and Deepdene. He will have much to offer us in the way of adult education, liturgy and friendship.

Frank has been a great friend to me over my time as a priest and it will be wonderful to share the coming years of priesthood with him. We are blessed to have such generous and talented (retired) priests in our diocese who continue to live out their priestly ministry in new ways. I look forward to welcoming Frank among us in the coming weeks.

Year 2's Learning from Home

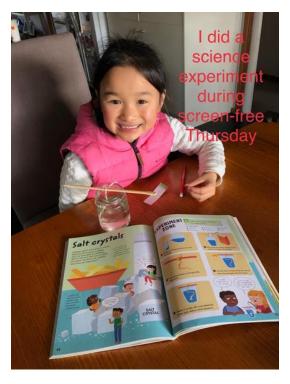
All our Year 2's have been busily adapting to new ways of learning from home. Below are a selection of images capturing some of the learning that has taken place.







Nicholas posting his pen pal letter written in home learning



Alicia undertaking a science experiment



Lars surrounded by maths tables charts



India starting the day with a Google Map activity for Maths



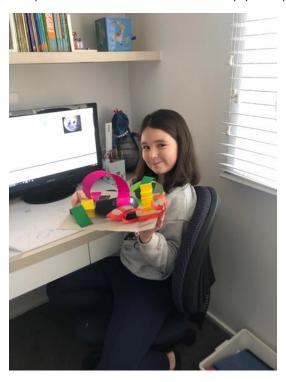
Hugo working on some Soundwaves



Preps and Yr. 2's unite on their cool coloured paper sculptures



Annie working on the kitchen bench with Lizzy



Poppy with her beautifully completed paper sculpture



Matisse proudly showing off her creative 3D art

Next week's Newsletter will feature **Year 4** learning. It would be great if images could reflect hands on learning completed by the children. Images must be received by next Tuesday evening. Simply email to principal@ohrsurreyhills.catholic.edu.au Thank you.

Specialist Subject Areas

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

We thank all parents who have encouraged their children to fully participate in these immersive experiences and continue to ask that you support your children in engaging with these important lessons each week.

Updated Key Enrolment Dates for Year 5 Students: Repeated

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, enrolment dates for Year 5 students in 2020 enrolling in Year 7 in 2022 has been pushed back. The timeline of events has been updated and is reflected below:

- 9 October 2020 applications close
- 23 October 2020 principals exchange full list of applications with neighbouring colleges, including parish of residence
- **6 November 2020** principals exchange full list of applications with neighbouring colleges, identifying proposed offers and non-offers
- 20 November 2020 Principals and Registrars Enrolment Briefing will be held to finalise offers for 2022 and exchange names of unsuccessful applicants to ensure all students are offered a place
- 1 December 2020 offers posted to prospective applicants
- 15 December 2020 final date for families to accept offer made by school.

Let's GET ACTIVE and KEEP MOVING

Congratulations to all the children who got active last week. Their combined tally resulted in a distance of 2,345 kilometres being covered in the first week! That effort exceeded expectations. Don't forget that tomorrow, your child will be able to

submit the kilometres they have personally covered throughout this week in a very simple Google form. Their personal effort will also help to earn points for their House team.



Wishing everyone a great weekend,

Frank Dame

PARISH NEWS

MASSES

The Surrey Hills Wattle Park Parish website (https://ourholyredeemer.cam.org.au/) will continue to stream the Mass to you at home each week.

EASTERN CENTRAL CATHOLIC PARISHES FACEBOOK GROUP

Parishioners, friends, supporters and colleagues of Surrey Hills Wattle Park, Camberwell, Balwyn and Deepdene Parishes are invited to join us in establishing the <u>Eastern Central</u> <u>Catholic Parishes Facebook Group.</u> This new group will provide an opportunity for dialogue, connection and support as both our Church and world are renewed at this time.

Kirsten Italiano, Parish Secretary

Merit Awards

Class	Name	For
Prep HH	Noah R	Your fantastic effort that you demonstrate in each of our learning tasks during our Google Meets.
Prep HT	Alessia V	Your incredible efforts during all your home learning tasks this week. You go above and beyond Alessia. Congratulations

1/2DE	Nicholas D	Fantastic effort and dedication to daily learning tasks. You are a star!
1/2HN	Kaia P	Your dedication to home learning, your well articulated videos and your wonderful smile throughout every google meet. I am so very proud of you!
3/4CP	Hunter F	Fantastic efforts in Literacy activities, particularly great alliteration writing.
3/4TK	Mason M	For his outstanding and interesting use of alliteration, synonyms and similes in his writing.
5/6DU	Charlie S	For demonstrating understanding of language features in speeches.
5/6MB	Eddy O	Fantastic application to all learning tasks, you are showing great independence Eddy.

Social Skills Awards

Class	Name	For
Prep HH	Emily H	Your continued dedication and drive when working on all of your tasks. We have enjoyed everything that you have shared with us during the Google Meets
Prep HT	James B	Your contributions to our google meets and your infectious smile and positive energy you bring to them each day. Super Star Learner James
1/2DE	Alexis P	The infectious smile you bring to our Google Meets, thanks for sharing your positive energy.
1/2HN	Annabell e F	Your happy involvement and enthusiasm in every google meet. Watching you get so excited playing bingo and scavenger hunts makes me smile!
3/4CP	Eleanor J	Sharing her enthusiasm and excitement for our Public Speaking Competition. Your smile makes us feel so happy. Thankyou Eleanor.
3/4TK	Oscar B	His exceptional start to term three and efforts in completing Remote Learning tasks. You're a Star!
5/6DU	Alice H	For demonstrating organisation and completing tasks online to the best of your ability.
5/6MB	Lia V	Maintaining a positive and growth mindset during learning from home. Well done Lia.

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 made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is !! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION OUESTIONS

- 1. Where were Jesus and his friends in today's Gospel?
- 2. What did his friends do when they saw Jesus walking on water?
- 3. What did Jesus say to them?
- 4. Why did Peter begin to sink when he got out of the boat?
- 5. What did Jesus do?
- 6. Jesus comes to help us when we find things hard.
- 7. What are some of the things that you need Jesus to help with?

We pray that we might believe in Jesus, even in the hard times.





Would you like to enhance your child's emotional development?

Minds That Matter Psychology (MTMP) is excited to be working at Our Holy Redeemer Primary School to help children be the best that they can be. MTMP is a psychology clinic that provides bulk-billed psychological support to children and families in the school setting.

With a valid GP Mental Health referral, children and their families can be seen at Our Holy Redeemer Primary School during school hours at no extra cost. Some common areas that we can help with include:

- worrying and anxiety
- emotional resilience
- friendship difficulties
- bullying
- divorce/separation
- sleep difficulties
- grief and loss
- managing anger

We can also provide comprehensive, evidence based assessments for autism, ADHD or learning difficulties such as reading, writing or mathematics
If you would like to access services, please feel free to speak to contact the school

office to ask for a family information pack.

Otherwise, feel free to call Samantha Davies (psychologist at OHR) on 0402 986 217 or email enquiries@mindsthatmatterpsychology.com.au or visit our website www.mindsthatmatterpsychology.com.au.

"Mental Health is possibly the most important aspect of COVID-19 concerning children"

Dr James Best (GP and Chair of the RACGP Specific Interests Child and Young Person's Health)

No matter how the coronavirus pandemic is affecting you and your family, we are here to help. Supporting children's mental health during this time will help them adjust to the current upheaval and potentially avoid long-term mental health difficulties. Minds That Matter Psychology is continuing to support children and their parents by offering bulk-billed access to telehealth psychological sessions during the pandemic. The Victorian government has also recently announced that it has increased the number of Medicare rebated psychology sessions that children can access during the pandemic. If you would like to discuss accessing psychological support, please feel free to contact your school's well being coordinator or Dr Jennifer Papoutsis (Program Director) on enquiries@mindsthatmatterpsychology.com.au or 0435 910 447.