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"If there is any immortality to be had among us human beings, it is certainly only in the love that we leave behind. Fathers like mine don't ever die."

Leo Buscaglia

DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, 6TH SEPTEMBER

FATHER'S DAY

FRIDAY, 18TH SEPTEMBER

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
TERM 3 CONCLUDES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

This Sunday we remember and give thanks for our fathers and those very important father figures in our lives.

Dads who engage with their children become their children's heroes. They are central to every life experience those children will have, and will deeply affect how they react, behave, learn, develop a sense of self, and interact with others. A dad is paramount to a child's sense of security and stability. As the saying goes, "A father is a son's first hero and a daughter's first love." As a dad, we don't often stop to think about the profound influence we have on our children's lives. Yet they are always watching, imitating and learning.



Through play and spending time with our children, we teach them strategies for life, including self-control, care and consideration, kindness, fairness, morals, fun, humour and risk taking. These principles are all subtly imparted during roughhousing, for example, when a dad pretends to wrestle his kids. Kids love it! Dad is the greatest! But more than this, they are learning how to develop attitudes towards winning, losing, discovering strengths and dealing with weakness. They are learning aspects of the psychology of coping.

We have all learned so many life-lessons from our dads. So, this Sunday gives us time to stop and honour our first hero or first love, whether they are with us or have passed on.

Sir Ken Robinson

Sir Ken Robinson, a visionary who has inspired teachers and leaders around the world to challenge the status quo and bring about meaningful change in education, passed away on Friday 21 August after a short battle with cancer.

In addition to being one of the world's elite thinkers on creativity, Robinson was a celebrated author, speaker and international advisor on education in the arts to government, non-profits, education and arts bodies.

In 2003, Robinson received a Knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II for his services to the Arts and, just a few years later, shook up the education world with his inspiring TED talk, 'Do schools kill creativity?', which has since been viewed more than 66 million times and seen by an estimated 350 million people in 160 countries.

The talk called for a radical rethink of schooling and reasons that it is incumbent upon educators to prepare children for the unpredictability of future events by putting a stronger focus on creativity and learning through failure rather than being afraid of it.

"If you are not prepared to be wrong, you will never come up with something original. By the time children get to be adults, they have lost that capacity...they have become frightened of being wrong," Robinson reasons in the TED talk.

"We run our companies like this, by the way – we stigmatise mistakes, and we're now running national education systems where mistakes are the worst thing you can make.

The result, said Robinson, is that we are educating people out of their creative capacities.

"Picasso once said that all children are born artists. The problem is to remain an artist as we grow up," he said.

"I believe passionately that we don't grow into creativity – we grow out of it, or rather, we are educated out of it".

Acknowledgement: The Educator Australia

If interested in viewing Sir Ken's inspirational TED talk, click on the following link:

[Do schools kill creativity?](#)

Reaching Out

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's patron saint, has often been viewed as a "nuts and bolts saint" – because she was devoted to giving people the basic tools to overcome poverty, illiteracy and social isolation.

Despite hardship and persecution including excommunication from the Catholic Church, Mary made an extraordinary impact during her 67 years, establishing more than 40 schools for the poor as well as orphanages and homes for the destitute, with the order she cofounded, the Sisters of St Joseph.

She was well remembered for telling the sisters in her order, "Never see a need without doing something about it."

In the current time of the pandemic with which we are faced, what needs can we see in our homes, our neighbourhood, our friends, and in our community? During this time, what can we do about these needs? How can we connect? How do we show kindness? How can we give people the benefit of the doubt? How do we manage the prejudices we have formed?

Sometimes it is as simple as reaching out and connecting with someone via Zoom or Facetime, or intentionally asking how someone is going, and listening with a desire to understand and support.

This is how simple acts of kindness and hope manifest themselves in times of challenge and darkness. As individuals we do not have the capacity to stop the crisis with which we are confronted. However, it is in our power to help make it better for the people in our lives.

Stage 4 restrictions are due to end in a little more than a week, which is one week prior to the end of the current term. Reports in the media suggest that there will be a gradual easing of Stage 4 Restrictions and, therefore, it appears very unlikely that there will be a return of any students prior to the school holidays.

As a school community we are hopeful of a return to onsite classes for students from the beginning of next term. We await to hear from the Victorian government and health authorities regarding the planned return of students. Previous media releases have indicated that the Minister for Education will make an announcement during the last week of this term.

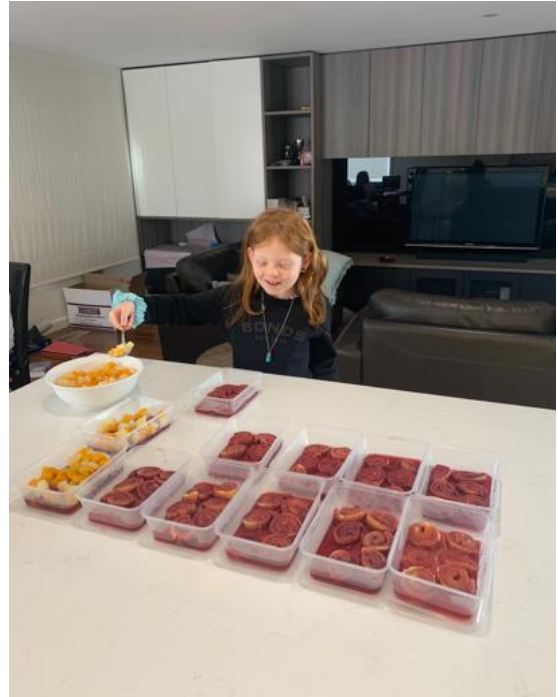
In the meantime, know that we are a strong community at OHR, and that we are here for you.

Year 1's Learning from Home

Our Year 1 students have been engaging in all aspects of our Learning from Home program. Here are some examples ...



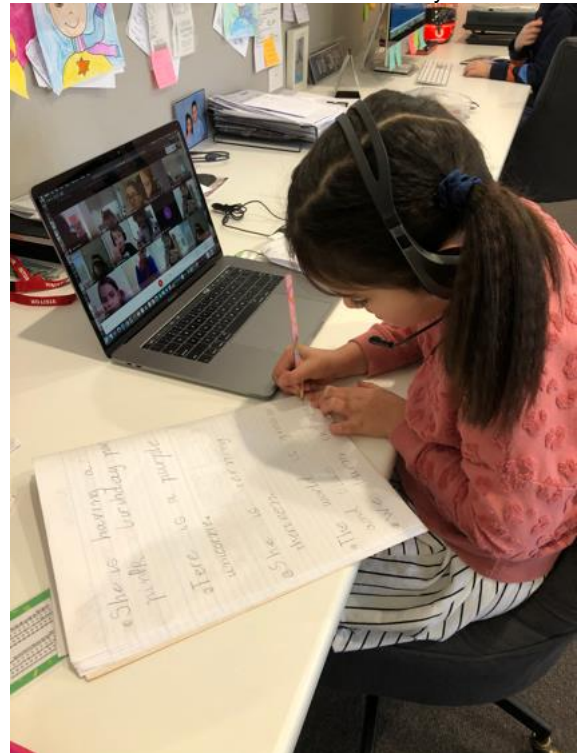
Jacob is extremely focussed on his tasks



Amelia helping to cook trifle while practising her Mathematical arrays



Zoe after baking her daffodil biscuits. Yum!

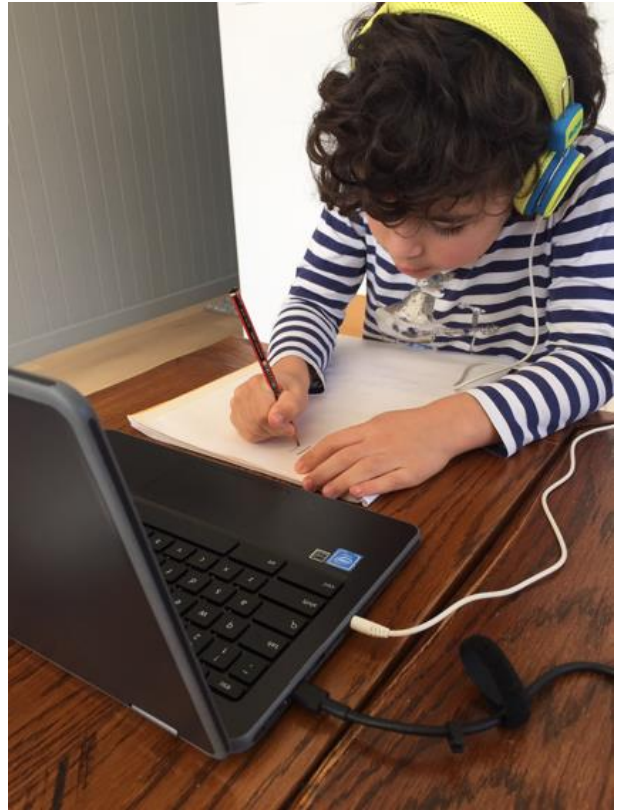


Kiara getting involved in her class Google Meet focussing on spelling

Year 1's Learning from Home



Kaia completing her sound experiment for Science



Arlo working hard on a Father's Day letter



Claudia is learning all about nouns



Christian and Mikaela climbing a tree as the sun shines through on the first day of Spring



Making the most of a screen-free day

Next week's Newsletter will feature images of the **Year 3's** learning from home. 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 Thank you.

Parish Survey

We need to adapt our Church to meet the needs of people in the 21st Century. This survey seeks to find out what people in our parish communities need to actively express their faith in their own way and will only take 10-15 mins to complete. We encourage you to get as many people as possible to complete the survey within your families and across your friendship groups by sharing the link. It is only by hearing what people need to express their faith, that we can then work towards becoming an active Catholic community. We thank you in advance for completing the survey.

New Parish Survey link:

<http://www.socialsurvey.com.au/CBDparish/2020.htm>



With thanks,
Fr Brendan

OHR Family Reflections Reminder

Our school captains are encouraging each family to prepare a page that will go towards a book reflecting how our school community have managed this time of COVID-19. The page will need to be **A3** in size and **landscape** orientation. A **margin of 12mm** should be left around the perimeter allowing for eventual binding. The page should include the **family surname** and be a reflection of how the family managed this time. 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, anything that is appropriate ...

The captains would like to remind each family to make a [PDF](#) copy of their completed page and email it to principal@ohrsurreyhillscatholic.edu.au by Thursday 10 September.

Wishing everyone a great weekend,

Frank Dame

Merit Awards

Class	Name	For ...
Prep HH	Rosey M	Incredible number formation and counting skills demonstrated while working on, "The Perfect 10 Problem". Congratulations Rosey!
Prep HT	William C	Your incredible addition strategies during our maths tasks this week. I am also very impressed with your number formation as well. Great job
1/2DE	Chloe O	Wonderful expression and characterisation in our Readers Theatre plays.
1/2HN	Ava S	Your outstanding work ethic. You are a positive, happy, enthusiastic and hard working student. I applaud you! Congratulations Ava.
3/4CP	Saige M	Excellent work conducting her science experiment at school.
3/4TK	Alba L	For her outstanding efforts in including figurative language in her Narrative
56DU	Owen B	Sharing your understanding of foreshadowing on Google meet and completing the activity to a high standard.
56MB	Kiara S	Applying herself to all learning tasks and responding positively to feedback.

Social Skills Awards

Class	Name	For ...
Prep HH	Oliver F	Brightening the day of his classmates by sharing his wonderful ideas and friendly nature on Google meets.
Prep HT	Emily N	Your incredible can do attitude with all that you do, especially during our Google Meets. You never give up and that is a superstar quality to have Emily.
1/2DE	Thomas B	Dedication and positive attitude to all remote learning tasks.
1/2HN	Sophie L	Your continued calm, happy, positive and friendly attitude throughout Remote Learning. I love your wonderful involvement in our Google meets.

3/4CP	Julian C	Enthusiastic participation in our Google Meets. Keep up the efforts!
3/4TK	Pia M	Your amazing and positive attitude towards everything that you do. 3/4TK appreciates your smiley face in our Google meets.
56DU	Magnus A	Demonstrating perseverance and hard work to complete all Remote Learning tasks.
56MB	Phoenix B	Maintaining a positive attitude while learning from home. Keep it up Phoenix.

2020 OHR FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Friday 18th September 9am-1pm

- Wear your footy colours and make a donation to help kids with cancer
- Lots of fun activities
- Some Surprise Guests



[Click Here to donate on the OHR Primary School Page](#)

Please make a donation, big or small and help this wonderful cause.

Share the link with your family and friends

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 said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who has known someone who sinned against a friend?
2. What did they do wrong?
3. How did they make up?
4. In today's Gospel what does Jesus say to do if someone sins against you?
5. What does he say you should do if you have sinned against someone?
6. How can we do this at home?



We pray that we will think about others before ourselves this week.



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Question and Answer session with
Principal Mark Murphy at bit.ly/WFCTour

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