



OUR HOLY REDEEMER

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*"Superficial reconciliation can bring only
superficial healing."*

Desmond Tutu

DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, 12 TH	7.00PM	YEAR 3/4 PARENT EVENING
SUNDAY, 14 TH		START OF <i>CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK</i>
MONDAY, 15 TH	8.45AM	ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY, 17 TH	9-11AM	OPEN MORNING
THURSDAY, 18 TH		HOUSE SPORTS CARNIVAL AT HAGENAUER RESERVE, BOX HILL
FRIDAY, 19 TH		YEAR 3 RECONCILIATION REFLECTION DAY
MONDAY, 22 ND	8.45AM	ASSEMBLY
TUESDAY, 23 RD		SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY, 25 TH		YEAR 3 SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
FRIDAY, 26 TH		YEAR 5/6 PARENT EVENING
MONDAY, 29 TH	8.45AM	ASSEMBLY
WEDNESDAY, 31 ST		PFA MEETING
THURSDAY, 1 ST APRIL	1.00PM	HOLY THURSDAY TERM 1 CONCLUDES
FRIDAY, 2 ND		GOOD FRIDAY
SUNDAY, 4 TH		EASTER SUNDAY
MONDAY, 19 TH		STAFF AND STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2

FpROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

Catholic Education Week will be celebrated from 14 – 21 March.

The theme for Catholic Education Week is 'A Spirited Tomorrow'. This theme acknowledges the long tradition of Catholic education and its continued relevance in preparing students for the future. Catholic Education Week provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the strengths and achievements of our Catholic schools and colleges as well as the people who contribute to Catholic Education's ongoing success.

Larger communal events, such as the Mass for Schools in St Patrick's Cathedral and the Concert in the Treasury Gardens for primary students will not be held this year in response to current density restrictions imposed by COVID-19.

Creative Arts exhibition

The exhibition is on at the Catholic Leadership Centre from **Monday 15 March to Friday 19 March**, 9 am – 4 pm with extended hours on Thursday 18 March until 7 pm and Saturday 20 March 12 noon – 4 pm. The Creative Arts Exhibition showcases the wonderful artwork of primary and secondary students in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. It reflects their creativity in a broad range of impressive and inspiring works across disciplines including painting, photography, sculpture, fashion and film. The exhibition is a powerful tribute to their young lives and gives a brief insight into their world.

The Catholic Leadership Centre is located at 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne.

In line with COVID-19 restrictions limits are placed on the capacity of the exhibition. [Free tickets](#) are available.



Catholic Education Week will also be celebrated at a local school level. At OHR, for example, on Wednesday 17 March, we will be holding the first of two Open Mornings which presents the opportunity to showcase our school to the broader community. We will be implementing restrictions on any visitors in line with our COVIDSafe Plan.

The OHR House Sports Day is being held on Thursday 18 March.

On Friday 19 March, the Year 3 students preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be participating in a special Reflection Day.

The National Day of Action Against Bullying & Violence would ordinarily be recognised on Friday 19 March, but due to the number of conflicting arrangements it will be celebrated earlier in the week on Tuesday 16 March.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Last night, our Year 4 students who prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation last year, joined together with the students from the Surrey Hills Wattle Park Catechist Group, where they celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. The students were unable to proceed with the celebration of the sacrament in 2020 due to the impact of COVID-19.

Loving God,

you have reconciled us in Christ Jesus

and have given us the ministry of reconciliation.

We pray for all those from whom we are estranged.

Bring healing to strained or broken relationships.

Forgive us for the times we have wronged others,

whether by ignorance, neglect, or intention.

Grant us the courage and the grace to seek their forgiveness

and opportunity to make amends.

Where others have wronged us,

grant us a gracious spirit,

that we might forgive

even as we have been forgiven in Jesus Christ. Amen.



We ask that you continue to pray and support the following students, both from OHR and the parish program: **William B, Otto C, Julian C, Sienna C, Isabel E, Olivia F, Hunter F, William G, Judd G, Luke H, Louis H, Eleanor J, Emma L, Eamon O, Oliver R, Joshua R, Charlize R, Rory S, Thomas W and Billy Y**

OHR House Sports Day

There is only one more week until the annual OHR House Sports Day. During Phys Ed lessons, Mrs Jo Golds, has been working on skills to prepare the children for this highly anticipated day on the school calendar. The House Captains have also been gearing themselves up in preparation for the Carnival.

The House Sports Day proves to be a great event for the children and parents, alike. Please note that the children cannot be signed out at the Athletics Carnival. They must all return to the school to ensure every single soul is accounted for.

When: Thursday 18 March

Where: Box Hill Athletics Track,

Hagenauer's Reserve

Barwon St, Box Hill North (Mel Ref 47 C7)

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Mrs Golds is sending home a permission and informed consent notice with each child.

We would also appreciate any assistance with the set up and pack up of the marquees on the day. If you are able to assist, please meet us at the athletics track by 9.00am.



Student Use of Mobile Devices at School

It is important to remember that students are not permitted to use mobile devices, including smart phones and watches to communicate with parents, and vice versa, during school hours.

"...parents who need to contact their child during school hours should do so by placing a call to school Administration. Mobile phones and other personal devices are to be left at school Administration for safe keeping during school hours.

Parents are reminded that in cases of emergency, the school's Administration remains a vital and appropriate point of contact and can ensure your child is reached quickly, and assisted in the appropriate way."

Our Holy Redeemer Cybersafety Policy



Thank you to the parents and students supporting us in this regard. Every day a varying number of children will leave their phones at the school office for safe storage until dismissal.

Maths Professional Learning for Staff

Make sure that you look further in today's Newsletter for an article written by Mrs Mitchell detailing the Maths workshops which were held at the school early last week by Professor Doug Clarke and his wife Dr Barbara Clark.

A Parent's Guide to Answering those Questions About OHR # 2

In last week's Newsletter I wrote that the staff recognise that our parents are the school's greatest asset, and that no degree of marketing can match the power inherent in 'word of mouth' advocacy. With this in mind some years ago one of our parents, Lauren Gardiner, partnered with Mrs Cara Mitchell and myself to develop a document that may assist you, as parents, in answering some of those more challenging questions posed by prospective parents. Each week, one or two of those questions will be addressed in the Newsletter. When all 13 questions have been covered off, we will send home the document in its entirety. This week we will address the third and fourth questions:

How often do the children attend Mass, have RE lessons and participate in prayer?

The school holds a weekly morning assembly in the hall, which includes a reflective component. On average, classes will usually have two RE classes per week which are generally integrated with the curriculum. Every class will normally participate in prayer each morning, which might take a variety of forms, for example, meditation. In non-COVID times, parents are welcome to attend morning prayer sessions. On average each class attends mass once a term.

What processes and policies does the school adopt to help keep children safe? How are children kept safe in the playground? What about visits to the toilet?

Student safety and wellbeing is at the centre of all our learning.

We have a range of programs to support our children in their physical, social and emotional development. For example, each class has weekly social and emotional learning lessons in which students learn about concepts such as relationships, stamina, persistence and character. Classes often use mindfulness and meditation practices to assist with student wellbeing.

There are separate areas for playing and fixed play equipment for older and younger children (P-2 children have separate fixed play equipment to the 3-6 children). A number of staff are always on Yard Duty wearing high visibility vests. OHR has two sets of toilets, with each located inside the school buildings and in close proximity to the classrooms. When attending the toilets during class times, students pair up so that they do not attend the toilets alone.

Years 3/4 Parent Gathering

A final reminder that the Middle School Gathering for parents is scheduled for tomorrow evening. The Middle School staff and I are looking forward to catching up with the parents of the children in Years 3 and 4.

This event will be held on the school grounds commencing at 7.00pm. An invitation containing important details was emailed last week and again earlier this week.

Open Mornings

On Wednesday 17 March, we are planning to host the first of two scheduled Open Mornings for prospective parents considering enrolling their children in 2022 and beyond. There will be strict adherence to our COVIDSafe Plan. As part of this, visitors will tour the school in groups of no more than two.

The school will be open to visitors between 9:00am and 11:00am. A great morning is planned. We will commence with a gathering in the hall where the students, in level groupings, will treat our visitors to a number of exhibitions and performances. The Senior Students will then take on the responsibility of showing our guests around the school. Afterwards our visitors will be invited to the foyer of the hall for a cuppa.

If you know of anyone considering a school for their child, please be an 'active advocate' for OHR, and encourage them to come along to our special Open Morning and to also arrange a personal school tour.

As you can appreciate, we are working towards finalising our 2022 Prep enrolments by mid-May.

It would be gratefully appreciated if all existing school families who have a child commencing school in 2022 complete an enrolment form and submit it to Trish.

Wishing you a great weekend,
Frank Dame



Developing today's bright minds for tomorrow's future

Open Mornings:
Wednesday 17 March at 9am
Thursday 22 April at 9am

Currently taking enrolments for
2022 and beyond

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RE NEWS

Lent - Project Compassion



Project Compassion is Caritas Australia's annual Lenten fundraising and awareness-raising appeal. Millions of Australians come together in solidarity with the world's poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The theme for this year's appeal is *Be More*.

During Lent our RE Year 5/6 Student Leadership Team will be selling *Zooper Dooper* icy poles for 50c after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15 - 3:30pm at the Tuckshop window. All money raised will be donated to Project Compassion. If you would like to donate a pack (or more) of *Zooper Doopers*, please bring them to the Office, and we will look after the freezing for you!!



Sacrament of Reconciliation

On Wednesday 10 March a number of our students in Year 4 were joined by other children in the Parish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. This was originally scheduled to take place in Term 1, 2020 so we are grateful that despite the current restrictions we were able to schedule this important event. We congratulate these students for the hard work they put in preparation to take this next step in their faith journey. Special mention to the staff and the students' families who all worked together in this process.

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 questions for discussion with your child/ren.

Nick Byrne, RE Leader

RE LEARNING IN 1/2DE

As we continue on our Lenten journey may we welcome the opportunity to 'be more' open to God's invitation to "listen to him". We made our Lenten promises and have tried to think of something we can *give, fast or pray* for in this special time.

***Jesus, we read in the Bible,
About the time you went alone into the desert,
Where you ate nothing for forty days.
Help us in, the forty days of Lent,
To remember what you suffered for us,
Because you wanted to save us.
Amen***

We have placed these promises on our Lenten Promise Tree so we might be reminded daily of our sacrifices.

- 'My Lenten promise is to save money' Edward C
- 'My Lenten promise is to give up sweets' Jacob Y
- 'My Lenten promise is to give some of my food to the poor' Lachlan G
- 'My Lenten promise is to give up some old toys to the poor' Alexis P
- 'My Lenten promise is to care about everyone around me' Rosey M



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.

On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'



The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Can you think of a time when you were worried about being in trouble for something you did?
2. Have you been forgiven much easier than you expected?
3. When someone forgives you they show you mercy. How do you feel when someone shows you mercy?
4. Who are some people you know who are merciful?
5. God is merciful. He loves us and does not want to be parted from us. How can we show mercy to others?

Let us pray that we will show others mercy by following God's example.

ADMIN NEWS

2021 SCHOOL FEES

The school fee statement for the 2021 school year went out last night. The schedule for the various payment plans is below:

In full by or before 15th July 2021

In two instalments, by or before 31st March and 31st July 2021

In three instalments, by or before 31st March, 18th June and 10th September 2021

In four instalments, by or before 31st March, 18th June, 10th September and 30th November 2021

In nine instalments, due on the 30th of each of the months of March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November 2021.

Please select an option that suits your family circumstances.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

If you have a child who is starting school in 2022, please see me for an Enrolment Application – thank you.

UNNAMED WOOLLEN JUMPER

I have a woollen Size 6 unnamed jumper in my Office. Please see me – no judgment regarding the unnamed thing!!!

Trish

BOOKCLUB NEWS

Scholastic Bookclub orders have arrived! If you have an order, would you please send in a **reusable bag CLEARLY NAMED by TOMORROW**. Orders will then be distributed early next week.

Cara Mitchell, Coordinator

MATHS NEWS

Last week Professor Doug Clarke and his wife, Dr Barbara Clarke, ran a series of workshops in classrooms focusing on extending and enabling children's learning in the area of Mathematics. Doug also worked with staff after school on how to effectively plan for these types of experiences. Have a look at some of the learning in action...



Foundation: Using card games to order numbers.



Year 1/2: Learning about the properties of shapes... the new favourite words in 1/2 are rhombus and parallelogram

Year 3/4: Using dominoes to investigate

multiples and odd and even numbers



Year 5/6: Learning about calendars.



PE NEWS

ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO!

The Our Holy Redeemer House Sports Carnival is being held NEXT Thursday 18th March at Box Hill Athletics Track from 9.15am until 12.30pm.

The children will need to wear a hat, apply sunscreen and bring playlunch, all clearly named.

We are travelling by bus to and from the Box Hill track as a whole school. The bus will leave OHR at approximately 8.50am and return to school by approximately 12.45pm for lunch. If parents wish to take their children home after the Carnival they MUST pick their child up from school and sign them out at the Office.

If you are able to help with setting up (9.00am) and packing up of the School marquees (12.30pm) at the track, would you please email me at igolds@ohrsurreyhillscatholic.edu.au. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

*Remember to wear your Sports Colors

*Weather - 24degrees (at this stage)

*A permission slip is being sent home today

*An order of events program will be emailed to each family.

The children have been training hard and we all look forward to a FANTASTIC 2021 Sports Day.

Jo Golds

L R C NEWS

Chess

Chess Club in Term One certainly has been a great success, with many children beginning to learn or improving their game and having lots of fun.

The classes will continue next Term, and we will be hosting a Tournament here on May 4, which will give all players from OHR an opportunity to play against students from nearby schools.

I'd love more students to join Chess Club and I am offering an after-school class if we can get the numbers. It would run on Thursdays from 3.20 -4.15pm. Please email me to express interest in enrolling your child in this class.

For continuing lunchtime students, I will assume your child will continue next Tperm unless I hear otherwise.

Please email me lgole@ohrsurreyhills.catholic.edu.au before Thursday 18th March.

Regards,

Leone

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

GRADE 3 AND 4 PARENTS ARE
INVITED TO THE:

OHR Middle School Parent Evening 2021

Friday 12 March at 7pm
Outdoors at OHR, enter from York Street only

COMMUNITY NEWS

Surrey Clothing

We are open this Saturday, 6th March
10 am - 1 pm

Shop online for free delivery to school
www.surreyclothing.com.au

Using your school login: username: OHR password: OHR



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Welcome to Dance Fitness in 2021!

For 17 years Dance Fitness has been conducting exciting and fun jazz and ballet classes at Chatham Primary School on Saturday mornings where students get to experience the joy of dance in a relaxed, fun and friendly environment. Students study a combination of individual open work, choreography, group work and performance preparation.

We take a no fuss approach, with the end of year performance including rehearsal and photo day, all in one day, plus no sewing of costumes!

Come and join our really special dance team and begin benefiting from this incredible art and physical activity.

Saturday
3 & 4 year old Kinder Ballet: 8.45am - 9.25am
Prep & Grade 1 Ballet and Jazz: 9.30am - 10.30am
Grade 2 - 4 Ballet and Jazz: 10.30am - 11.30am
Grade 5+ Fusion (Mixed Styles): 11.30am - 12.30pm
Free To Be Me: 12.30pm - 1.30pm



Dance Fitness Victoria 0420DANCER (0420 326 237)
or email: info@dancefitnessvictoria.com.au



**FRIEND STREET
KINDERGARTEN
OPEN DAY**

2022 enrolments now open

Limited 2021 places available for 3 year olds

**SATURDAY 20th MARCH
10am - 12pm**

5 FRIEND STREET, MONT ALBERT NORTH

Please register your interest at
friend.st.kin@kindergarten.vic.gov.au
or call 9857 6583

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Grade 1 Boys Basketball Players Wanted

We are looking for grade 1 boys who would be interested in joining the Our Lady's basketball team for the Playball Basketball Competition.

Play commences in Term 2 (20th April) on Friday afternoons at Box Hill Aqualink. We have a team coach and manager organised (both have current WWCC). No prior basketball playing experience is necessary. Additional skills training will be organised out of school hours. The aim is for the children to have fun and to experience playing in a team environment.

If your child would be interested in joining, please contact Kasia on 0421 151 261 or email (dcostakj@gmail.com).



LET'S BUILD INCLUSIVE SAFE FAMILIES

**RECOGNISE, RESPOND, PREVENT
DOMESTIC & FAMILY VIOLENCE**

000 - Police

For emergencies and immediate danger 24/7

1800 015 188 - Safesteps

For anyone to understand your family violence risks, explore safety options and make appropriate referrals to services that will meet your needs 24/7

1800 737 732 - 1800Respect

For confidential information, counselling and support services 24/7

(03) 9428 2899 or 1300766491 - The Men's Referral Service

For men concerned about their own violent and/or abusive behaviour
12-9pm weekdays

1800 542 847- WithRespect

For LGBTIQ+ people of all ages and their families, experiencing difficulty in their relationships, including family violence
9-5pm weekdays, Wednesdays 9am-11pm, 10am-10pm weekends

1800 755 988 - InTouch

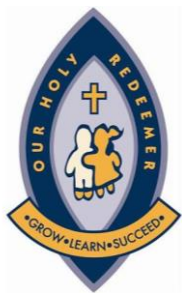
For confidential information, counselling and support services for migrant and refugee women 9-5pm Weekdays

1800 105 303 - Djirra

For counselling and support services for First Nation Peoples 9-5pm Weekdays

1800 435 799 - Dardi Munwurro

For Aboriginal men experiencing family violence issues or stressful relationships 24/7



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SAC

School Advisory Council

NOMINATION FORM FOR 2021

Please return to the school office by Wednesday 17 March

We appreciate you nominating yourself for the 2021 School Advisory Council (SAC). The Council brings together the Parish Priest, Principal, parents, teachers and the parish community in a spirit of cooperation to serve and meet the needs of our children both now and for future generations.

In nominating for a position on the Council, it is expected that you attend the six SAC meetings that are scheduled throughout the year. The meetings are always held on a Tuesday evening commencing at 7.30pm.

I, (print name in full)

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nominate myself as a parent representative.

I acknowledge that my nomination will be seconded at the meeting scheduled for 23 March 2021 before confirmation.

Signed..... Date.....