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*"At the going down of the sun and in the morning
we will remember them."*

DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, 25 TH		ANZAC DAY
TUESDAY, 27 TH		YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP TO COONAWARRA FARM RESORT
FRIDAY, 30 TH		YEAR 1 / 2'S EXCURSION TO HEIDE MUSEUM, HEIDELBERG
		YEAR 5 & 6 CAMPERS RETURN
TUESDAY, 4 TH MAY		CHESS TOURNAMENT AT OHR
WEDNESDAY, 5 TH	7.30PM	PFA MEETING
FRIDAY, 7 TH		MOTHERS' DAY STALL
SATURDAY, 8 TH		WORKING BEE #2
SUNDAY, 9 TH		MOTHERS' DAY
TUESDAY, 11 TH	7.30PM	OHR SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 12 TH		SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
FRIDAY, 21 ST		EUCHARIST RETREAT DAY AT LYSTERFIELD
MONDAY, 24 TH		NO ASSEMBLY YEAR 5/6 HALOGEN LEADERSHIP DAY
TUESDAY, 25 TH		GATEWAYS AT OHR PREP EXCURSION TO CHESTERFIELD FARM, SCORESBY
WEDNESDAY, 26 TH		DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
FRIDAY, 28 TH		EUCHARIST RETREAT DAY AT LYSTERFIELD

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

Silence for one or two minutes is included in the Anzac Day ceremony as a sign of respect and a time for reflection.

The idea for the two-minutes silence is said to have originated with Edward George Honey, a Melbourne journalist and First World War veteran who was living in London in 1919. He wrote a letter to the London Evening News in which he appealed for five-minutes' silence, to honour the sacrifice of those who had died during the war.

In October 1919 Sir Percy Fitzpatrick, a South African, suggested a period of silence on Armistice Day in all the countries of the empire. Throughout the war, whenever South African troops suffered heavy losses on the Western Front, a period of silence had been observed at noon in Cape Town. Fitzpatrick's suggestion was presented to King George V, who readily agreed to the proposal. But after a trial with the Grenadier guards at Buckingham Palace, at which both Honey and Fitzpatrick were present, the period of silence was shortened to two minutes. It is unclear whether Honey and Fitzpatrick ever met or discussed ideas about the silence.



On 6 November 1919 the King sent a special message to the people of the Commonwealth:

I believe that my people in every part of the Empire fervently wish to perpetuate the memory of that Great Deliverance, and of those who laid down their lives to achieve it.

The King requested that "a complete suspension of all our normal activities" be observed for two minutes at "the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" so that "in perfect stillness the thoughts of everyone may be concentrated on reverent remembrance of the Glorious Dead".

Two minutes' silence was first observed in Australia on the first anniversary of the Armistice and continues to be observed on Remembrance Day, 11 November. Over the years, a one-minute silence has also been incorporated into ANZAC Day and other commemorative ceremonies.

*With thanks to the Australian War Memorial
Painting by Kerry Sandhu*

Surrey Gardens ANZAC Day Dawn Service

The Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre is pleased to announce that the 2021 ANZAC Day Dawn Service will take place at the Surrey Gardens commencing with a **5.40am** arrival for a **6am start on 25 April**.

Since 2014, Our Holy Redeemer has been one of four schools invited to send students to participate in the service. Our School Captains – Elizabeth H and Will W – will read during the Dawn Service, while our two Vice Captains – Matilda D and Nicholas R – will lay a wreath on behalf of the school. Earlier this week, the students were taken to Surrey Gardens to rehearse for this Sunday's Dawn Service.

All OHR families are warmly encouraged to attend the Service.

ANZAC at Home

If your family is unable to attend a Dawn Service this ANZAC Day, you may choose to keep the ANZAC spirit alive by accessing some of the resources on the Australian War Memorial's website [ANZAC at Home](#).

Welcome

This week we officially welcome Angela and Julius S and their children Lucy (1/2DE), Edward (3/4CB) and Millie (5/6DU) to the community of Our Holy Redeemer.

I encourage everyone to extend a warm hand of friendship and make the family feel a special part of our school and parish communities.



Years 5 and 6 Camp

There are only five more sleeps until the students in Years 5 and 6 commence their four-day camp to Coonawarra Farm Resort. Despite what some parents may think, the Camp is not located in the Coonawarra wine-growing district! In fact, we will be travelling in exactly the opposite direction. The outdoor activity-based Camp is a just over a three hour drive from Melbourne in East Gippsland. The program offers a range of exciting experiences and challenges for the students.



The school staff attending the camp include: Mrs Bettina Harrison, Mrs Naomi Hart, Mrs Jo Golds, Mr Nick Byrne and me.

The campers depart on Tuesday morning and will return to school on Friday afternoon.

OHR Cross Country

Today, all students in Years 3 - 6 will participate in the OHR School Cross Country at Macleay Park in North Balwyn. The Cross Country is run as a House event and is conducted in the lead-up to the North Balwyn District Cross Country. The students in Years 3 and 4 will run approximately 1500 metres while those in Years 5 and 6 will cover a distance of approximately 2000 metres.



Science Talent Search (STS)

During the last week of Term One, our Science teacher, Mrs Stephanie Axon emailed all parents with details of this year's STS, which is open to students in years 2 – 6. Newsletter No 10 contained a further reminder from Mrs Axon. Proposals are due tomorrow, Friday 23 April.

Additional Funding for Tutors

Last year the State Government announced that money would be distributed across schools to provide additional assistance to students following the impact on learning as a result of COVID-19. In fact, the money allocated equated to \$20 per student. In schools, with a total student population less than 250, the grant was increased to a school total of \$5,000. Over the course of a year this equates to approximately 1 hour 15 minutes per week of additional student support. At OHR we will double the time to 2 hours 30 minutes per week and concentrate the program across Terms 2 and 3.

OHR have made the decision to target Mathematics support in the areas of Number and Place Value.

Based on the results of standardised testing and 1:1 interviews in Mathematics, students from year levels 1 – 6 have been selected to participate in the program.

Commencing this term, Mrs Esther Jackson will work with small groups of students, supporting them with number and place value skill development. Student sessions will run between 30-35 minutes on Mondays.

Winter Uniform



In the final newsletter of Term 1 I wrote that as the first few weeks of Term 2 can offer temperamental weather with a mixture of warmer and cooler days, the children are allowed to wear either summer or winter uniform for the first fortnight. Therefore, all children are expected to be in winter uniform from Monday 3 May.

Chess Tournament at OHR

Mrs Leone Gole has proudly organised for OHR to host an interschool chess tournament on **Tuesday 4 May**. The tournament will take place in the hall, and last for most of the day. Each participant will play a total of seven games. We wish all our participants representing OHR well for the day.



Answering Those Deeper Questions About OHR #6

This week we provide two further questions and answers that may assist you, as parents, in answering some of those more challenging questions posed by prospective parents. Each week, we will continue to provide one or two of those questions that will be addressed through the Newsletter.

I've heard OHR has composite classes – do you think this is a good or bad thing?

At OHR, whether as part of a composite class or as part of a single year level class, we cater for a broad range of abilities. We recognise that even within any single level there is always a great cross section of abilities. The teaching program is structured in a way to cater for the individual differences of our students. In this sense, we support children that require extension, but also focus on children that require support.

How do I know if my child is ready for school next year? Is there anyone I should consult? Any thoughts on my child attending school when they're turning 5 or just turned 5 (not 6) in the year of entry?

Every child is different, and the age of the child is not the only determinant for school readiness. At OHR we aim to help all children in their learning, whether they require extension or support.

We suggest that parents talk to the child's pre-school teacher to understand whether their child is ready for school.

Next School Closure Day

During Term 2 there will be one school closure day for staff professional development. This will take place on Wednesday 12 May.

Wishing everyone a great weekend,
Frank Dame

RE NEWS

Project Compassion – Caritas K's

A friendly reminder from the RE Student Leaders about the Caritas K's Challenge they set all students over the holidays - it would be great if families who were able to collect donations would send them to school with the oldest child this week. Would also love a photo of families completing the 30 minute walk to share at an Assembly.

Email me at nbyrne@ohrsurreyhills.catholic.edu.au.

A huge thank you to the many families who have already brought in money they were able to raise and emailed me a photo.



Sunday Gospel

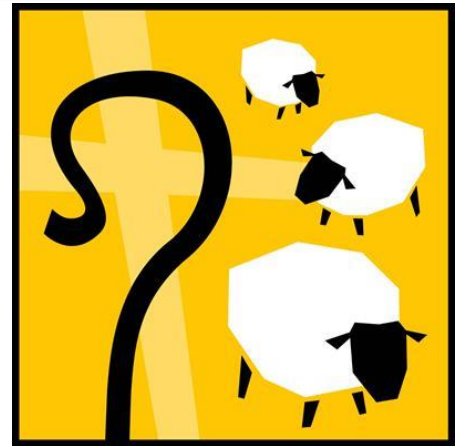
The liturgy of the Catholic Church provides a framework for reflection which is used by Catholics throughout the world. Each week in the Newsletter, you will find the Sunday Gospel as well as some questions for discussion with your child/ren.

Nick Byrne, RE Leader

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'



The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Can you think of some people who have the job of protecting or looking after people?
2. What would they need to be like or need to know to do their jobs well?
3. Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. Who are the sheep Jesus cares for?
4. We are his flock. How can we be a good flock?

We give thanks for God's love and care for us and pray that we can show God's love to others.

ADMIN NEWS

ENROLMENTS FOR 2022

We are commencing the process for orientation for the Prep/2022 children. **If you have a child who is starting school in 2022, please see me for an Enrolment Application – thank you.** If you have already taken an Enrolment Form, please return it to me as soon as possible so that numbers can be assessed – thank you.

YEAR 6 TO 7 ENROLMENTS

Entry information for enrolment in Year 7, 2022 into Government Schools has been sent out to all current Year 6 families.

If you are seeking a placement for your child, please return the application form to me **BEFORE FRIDAY, 14TH MAY 2021** so that I can complete the remainder of the paperwork required by the Department – thank you, your understanding is greatly appreciated. Any questions, please don't hesitate to come and see me.

CONSENT TO CLOUD-BASED STORAGE

Thank you to those families who have returned their form. Would those families who have yet to do so, please return as soon as possible – thank you. Please see me if you need to get a reprint.

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ANZ TENNIS HOT SHOTS IN SCHOOLS

Future Demand Tennis are proud to be delivering an exciting fun, tennis program for beginners from 5 to 9 yrs where your child can learn tennis at school. Friendly, qualified pro tennis coaches run the 8 week, Term 2 program at OHR.

EACH NEW STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A FREE TENNIS RACQUET!

Time 8.00am - 8.40am
Date From Thursday April 29th 2021
Where Our Holy Redeemer Primary School
Cost \$136.00

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PLAY, LEARN & GROW

This 6 week creative class is for little ones from 2 years old through to preschool age, plus a parent / grandparent / carer. Through creative activities, the workshops encourage play-based learning, early literacy and social skills.

Classes are presented by the team at Squiggle Kids - Debbie Isaac (occupational therapist) and Lauren Gardiner (locally based children's author).

The workshop includes a material pack to use and take home.

FRIDAY 10AM - 10.45AM (6 WKS)
\$135 (INCLUDES MATERIALS)
STARTS 30th APRIL

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MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Shhh ... don't tell mum, but our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday, 7th May in the school hall. The children

always take great joy in purchasing that special gift for mum and/or special person. Please send no more than \$5 with each child (BYO shopping bags).

Gifts will be priced between \$1 to \$5.



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SURREY HILLS
ANZAC DAY
DAWN SERVICE
25 APRIL 2021

Lest We Forget

ANZAC DAY



**Assemble at 5.45am for 6am start
The Shrine, Surrey Gardens
88-90 Union Road Surrey Hills**

*Please visit www.surreyhillsnc.org.au before attending this
event and check current COVID-19 restrictions*

*Pre-arranged priority seating is available upon request. Apply by email to enquiries@surreyhillsnc.org.au
or phone 9890 2467*

