



# OUR HOLY REDEEMER

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*"Your kids will remember the adventures you went on,  
not the stuff you bought them.*

*Kids outgrow stuff, they never outgrow adventures."*

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

FRIDAY, 30 <sup>TH</sup>		YEAR 1 / 2'S EXCURSION TO HEIDE MUSEUM, HEIDELBERG
		YEAR 5 & 6 CAMPERS RETURN
TUESDAY, 4 <sup>TH</sup> MAY		CHESS TOURNAMENT AT OHR
WEDNESDAY, 5 <sup>TH</sup>	7.30PM	PFA MEETING
FRIDAY, 7 <sup>TH</sup>		MOTHERS' DAY STALL
SATURDAY, 8 <sup>TH</sup>		WORKING BEE #2
SUNDAY, 9 <sup>TH</sup>		MOTHERS' DAY
TUESDAY, 11 <sup>TH</sup>	7.30PM	OHR SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 12 <sup>TH</sup>		SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
FRIDAY, 14 <sup>TH</sup>		DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
FRIDAY, 21 <sup>ST</sup>		EUCCHARIST RETREAT DAY AT LYSTERFIELD
MONDAY, 24 <sup>TH</sup>		NO ASSEMBLY YEAR 5/6 HALOGEN LEADERSHIP DAY GATEWAYS AT OHR
TUESDAY, 25 <sup>TH</sup>		PREP EXCURSION TO CHESTERFIELD FARM, SCORESBY
FRIDAY, 28 <sup>TH</sup>		EUCCHARIST RETREAT DAY AT LYSTERFIELD

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

My section in this week's Newsletter is a little briefer than normal due to the fact that I am currently away on the Year 5/6 Camp having a terrific time with our students and some of our staff.

Since Tuesday, the Year 5/6 students and their teachers have been immersed in an exciting range of camp experiences at Coonawarra Farm Resort located in East Gippsland. The activities are designed to be fun, while fostering a good sense of team building. The activities have included: hut building, horse riding, the ropes course, giant swing, the climbing wall, flying fox, canoeing, raft building and the labyrinth, to name a few. The activities are designed to provide the students with a range of experiences to which they might not have been previously exposed.



The Camp is nestled in a very picturesque valley, alongside the Iguana Creek, not all that far from the Mitchell River National Park. A beautiful man-made lake plays host to the water-based activities.

I would like to thank Mrs Harrison, Mrs Hart, Mrs Golds and Mr Byrne for putting their families on hold this week, while they have cared for and engaged with the students in Years 5 and 6. We will all return from the Camp tomorrow afternoon.

### OHR Remembers ANZAC Day

A good number of people gathered in Surrey Gardens for this year's Anzac Day Dawn Service.

The Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre in partnership with the Surrey Hills Progress Association and the Rotary Club of Mont Albert & Surrey Hills were responsible for orchestrating proceedings. Our Holy Redeemer was honoured to play a part in this significant occasion. Our two School Captains – Elizabeth H and William W – told the story of Australia's role in the Battle of Kapyong, which proved to be one of the most decisive battles of the Korean War. Our Vice Captains – Matilda D and Nicholas R – laid the wreath on behalf of Our Holy Redeemer. In the image, the Captains and Vice Captains are depicted standing in front of the cenotaph where the wreaths were laid. I thank these students and their families for committing themselves to participate in this significant event. Other OHR families joined us during the annual service.



Monday morning's school assembly contained our own prayer service as a tribute to ANZAC Day. Thank you to Mrs Canty and the students in 3/4CB for recognising this significant day.

### OHR Cross Country

Last Thursday afternoon all the students in Years 3 - 6 participated in the OHR School Cross Country at Macleay Park. The Cross Country was run as a House event and specifically conducted in the lead-up to the North Balwyn District Cross Country, which will be held on Friday 14 May at Macleay Park. Congratulations to all our students who ran last week.



Mrs Jo Golds has written more about the day further in today's Newsletter.

The following students were presented with place medals during Monday's Assembly:

	Year 3 Girls	Year 3 Boys
1	Sophie L	Patrick S
2	Betty J	Hugo H
3	Annabelle H	James C



	Year 4 Girls	Year 4 Boys
1	Harriet J	Eamon O
2	Eleanor J	William G
3	Emma L & Saige M	Oliver R & Thomas W

	Year 5 Girls	Year 5 Boys
1	Madeleine S	Sebastian L
2	Pia M	Hayden S
3	Lucy E	Lucas T

	Year 6 Girls	Year 6 Boys
1	Matilda D	Nicholas R
2	Matilda P	William W
3	Madeleine S	Phoenix B



## NAPLAN Online

In May each year, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). NAPLAN is moving online. This means moving NAPLAN from the paper-based tests to computer-based assessments. The transition to NAPLAN Online commenced at Our Holy Redeemer in 2018, with OHR being amongst the first 500 schools across the nation to participate in the online assessment format.

From 11 May our students in Years 3 and 5 will sit the tests again using the online format. Only the Year 3 Writing Test will still be administered nationally as a paper-based test. Towards the end of last term our students sat a practice test session to familiarise themselves with the online platform.

NAPLAN Online uses a tailored test or adaptive design, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match the student's achievement level, allowing the student to demonstrate their knowledge. This provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance on the tests.

At OHR we have scheduled the tests to be administered on **Tuesday 11 May, Thursday 13 May, Tuesday 18 May and Wednesday 19 May.**



## First Eucharist

As previously notified, our Parishes will celebrate First Eucharist on **Sunday 30th May and Sunday 6 June.** Due to the ongoing restrictions on numbers in our Churches and the need to maintain a parish Sunday Mass schedule, the parish have had to make a change to the time we will celebrate the First Eucharist Mass. Rather than the previously advertised time of 2:00 pm the Masses will now take place at **1:00 pm.**

Therefore, at OHR the masses will be held on the following dates and times:

- Sunday 30 May, 1:00 pm Eucharist I (Students currently in Year 5 OHR)
- Sunday 6 June, 1:00 pm Eucharist II (Students currently in Year 4 OHR).



## Enrolments for 2022

A good number of families turned up to last Thursday's Open Morning. Thank you to Genevieve Little, Lisa Cuteri, Roshi Weeratunge, Kelly Wong and Belinda Grant who provided a positive parent perspective during the morning tea.

Enrolments for next year have officially opened. If you have a child who will be commencing school next year, or have a friend who is intending to enrol their child, please ensure enrolment forms are lodged with the Office by, **Friday 14 May.** We need this information in order to ascertain student numbers for 2022. Enrolment figures are used to determine class numbers and structures. Our enrolment figures impact directly on the funding OHR receives.

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## Chess Tournament at OHR

Mrs Leone Gole has proudly organised for OHR to host an interschool chess tournament this **Tuesday 4 May.** The Tournament will take place in the Hall, and run 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.



## 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.



## Working Bee

The Working Bees are coordinated by Luke Torpey and Justin Bolger to address the upkeep of the school grounds and minor maintenance matters. Working Bees are a cost effective and essential means to maintaining aesthetic school grounds that afford a safe and welcoming environment for our children, parents and visitors.

Our second Working Bee for the year is scheduled for next **Saturday, 8 May**. For task planning and catering purposes, please email Justin if you intend to attend: [justin.trees@hotmail.com](mailto:justin.trees@hotmail.com)



Working Bees are a great way to show your children that you value their school, so feel free to bring them along.

Saturday's Working Bee will run between **9.00am and 11.00am**. A barbeque and refreshments will be provided during this time.

Some of the tasks include:

- Mulching of garden beds
- Distributing a new delivery of sand to top up the sandpit
- Trimming bushes along the northern end of the property, adjacent to York St
- Blowing/sweeping pathways, particularly near the Junior play equipment
- Clearing drainage pits

So please bring along hedge trimmers, secateurs, loppers, wheel barrows, petrol blowers, shovels and anything else that may help.

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@ohrsurreyhillscatholic.edu.au](mailto:nbyrne@ohrsurreyhillscatholic.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



## RE LEARNING IN 3/4PK

This term's gospel value, being persistence, allows us to focus on how much effort we place on our learning, both academically and socially.

### Linking to the Gospel

The Parable of the Widow and the Judge (Luke 18: 1-8)

In this parable, Jesus teaches us about prayer and to not lose heart.

The widow persists in her request for her rights. She eventually wears the judge down and he grants her request. Jesus would like us to be equally persistent with our prayers and make prayer central in our lives.

When we make prayer central we are able to focus on all aspects of our lives. Our persistence in achieving our best in our learning will open many doors for us in the future.

### Linking to Life Experiences

Placing the word persistence in context in our everyday lives, 3/4PK watched a short animation clip titled '*Caminandes Llamigos*'. This short animation focuses on Koro the Llama fighting with Oti, a penguin, over the last tasty berry. Koro's persistence did not initially achieve the desired outcome, but with patience (and prayers) the hard work eventually paid off.

For the students in 3/4PK the term PERSISTENCE means:

- Continuing to repeat actions that will help us achieve successfully in our everyday learning.
- Having a go at all the hard things and achieving something positive at the end.

- If you don't succeed, try and try again.
- Not giving up.
- Determined to finish tasks.
- We do not see results instantly. We have to wait and be patient.
- Practising over and over again.

### ***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John***

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'



*The Gospel of the Lord*

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. What are some types of fruit that grow on vines?
2. Which is your favourite?
3. What do vines look like when they grow?
4. Why do the branches need to be pruned or trimmed?
5. In today's gospel Jesus tells us that he is the vine and we are the branches. How are we Jesus' branches?
6. How can we produce lots of fruit?

We produce much fruit when we show that we are Jesus' disciples and serve others. We pray that we will never be cut off from Jesus and we will produce fruit that will last.

## **AWARDS FOR WEEK 2**

### **SOCIAL SKILLS AWARD**

Prep HH	Emme A
Prep HT	Joe G
1/2DE	Freddie C
1/2MJ	Zara A
3/4CB	Sophie L
3/4PK	William G
5/6DU	Raja R
5/6HN	Nicholas R

### **MERIT AWARD**

Keilah B
Hailey W
Lucy S
Amelia L
Felix G
Mafisse M
Madeleine S
Isabelle M

## **ADMIN NEWS**

### **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, 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 Consent, but there are still a few families who have yet to do so. I have sent home the form and would be grateful if the Consent could be returned as soon as possible – thank you.

**SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM** The Questionnaires for Prep children went home yesterday to each Prep family. Would you please complete the Questionnaire and return it to me by **MONDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY** – thank you.

Trish

## PE NEWS

### OHR School XC 2021

A perfect XC day last Thursday for our School Cross Country. The children showed an enormous amount of stamina and spirit to run the 1.5km and 2km course at Macleay Park in North Balwyn. Thanks to our parent helpers and our Deakin students who acted as Marshalls for the day. Congratulations to all the runners and especially the winners of each year level.



## BOOKCLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Orders (Issue #3) were sent home this week. Please note that the online orders are due by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Shhh ... don't tell mum, but our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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.





# Mother's Day Event! Not to be missed.

Join us for a fun night Painting while Sipping

**Includes:** Expert guidance from experienced artist.  
All materials including paint brushes, canvas, paints, easel and apron  
and you get to take home your masterpiece.

**What to bring:** BYO beverages and nibbles.

Thursday 13th May 2021

7 - 9pm

@ 345 Art Creative

345 Mont Albert Rd, Mont Albert

\$45pp

<https://www.trybooking.com/BQTNQ>



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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  
[www.surreyhillsnc.org.au](http://www.surreyhillsnc.org.au)



## Surrey Clothing

We are open this Saturday, 1st May,  
10 am - 1 pm

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## INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 24 May  
7.00 - 8.00 pm

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# OSHC PROGRAM

Date:	Program Highlights BSC	Program Highlights ASC	Menu
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	Science Experiment- Make straw rockets	Play a group game of Capture the flag	Fruit & Veggie Platter Rice Cake Faces Rice cakes with cheese, ham, cherry tomatoes, grated carrot and cucumber.
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Art- Marbles on the run	Make pizza for afternoon tea	Fruit & Veggie Platter Turkish Bread, vegie sticks and dip
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Minute to win it games- Suck it up and <i>Ponginator</i>	Vs your friends in a group of <i>Scatergories</i>	Fruit & Veggie Platter DIY Wraps Tuna and Soy Mayonnaise or ham, cheese, grated carrot and lettuce
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<i>Play a game of Bingo</i>	<i>Make something for Mother's Day</i>	Fruit & Veggie Platter Wholegrain and rice crackers served with low fat cheese slices and salsa
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Play a new board game called <i>Make a Choice</i>	Make Bracelets for Mum for Mother's Day	Fruit & Veggie Platter Warmed dinner rolls



Last week in BeforeCare Emmeline made a stuffed sailing boat out of felt material. She learnt to sew around the perimeter of the fabric. The finished boat looked sensational.



Last week in AfterCare we learnt how to play "Get Rich Quick".





# SURREY HILLS PRESCHOOL OPEN DAY

**SATURDAY 22nd MAY 10am-12pm**

Meet our teachers and other parents  
from the Pre-School community.

View our wonderful kindergarten  
facilities and extensive playground  
set in amongst the beautiful  
South Surrey Park surrounds.



## **Surrey Hills Pre-School**

18 Verdun Street, Surrey Hills  
[www.surreyhillspreschool.com.au](http://www.surreyhillspreschool.com.au)

An illustration for the Canterbury and District Pre-School Open Day. It features three children walking towards a school building. The child on the left is a girl with a backpack, the middle child is a boy with a backpack, and the child on the right is a girl with a backpack. There are speech bubbles above them: "MEET THE TEACHERS", "EXPLORE OUR SPACE", and "ENROLMENT INFORMATION". The background includes a stack of books, a pencil, a cherry, and a sign with mathematical symbols (x, ÷, +, -). The text "CANTERBURY AND DISTRICT PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAY" is written in a large, stylized font at the top, with "SATURDAY 22ND MAY" and "9:30AM TO 11:30AM" below it.



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