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*"My mother was my first country,
The first place I ever lived."*

Nayyirah Waheed

DATES TO REMEMBER

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, 14 TH		DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
FRIDAY, 21 ST		EUCCHARIST RETREAT DAY AT LYSTERFIELD
MONDAY, 24 TH		NO ASSEMBLY
		YEAR 5/6 HALOGEN LEADERSHIP DAY
		GATEWAYS AT OHR
TUESDAY, 25 TH		PREP EXCURSION TO CHESTERFIELD FARM, SCORESBY
FRIDAY, 28 TH		EUCCHARIST RETREAT DAY AT LYSTERFIELD
SUNDAY, 30 TH		SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCCHARIST

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

With Mothers' Day falling on Sunday, the opportunity is created for us to reflect on our mothers and all that they mean to us. May those of us who have lost our mothers, or who have mothers living far away, be sustained by the strength and memories of our mother's love.

A Mother is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no-one else can take. To all our Mums – 'Have a special Mothers' Day this Sunday'.

Rock Me to Sleep

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight,
Make me a child again just for tonight!

Mother, come back from the echoless shore,
Take me again to your heart as of yore;
Kiss from my forehead the furrows of care,
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair;
Over my slumbers your loving watch keep; —
Rock me to sleep, mother, — rock me to sleep!

Elizabeth Akers Allen



Year 5/6 Camp to Coonawarra

The Year 5/6 students returned home last Friday afternoon both tired and full of stories detailing their experiences while away at Coonawarra Farm Resort. We could not have asked for a week of better weather. Over the four days, the staff and students participated in a full and richly rewarding schedule of activities. The highlights varied from horse riding through the nearby hills through to zipping high above a lake on a 350m flying fox. While some activities may have pushed students a little out of their comfort zone, they were greatly supported by their peers and both the school and camp staffs. The setting of the camp was described by one staff member as, "Truly spectacular ... a slice of God's country!"

It was a pleasure to take the children away for the four days; we were all so proud of how well they bonded with one another and the way in which they represented our school.

I would like to acknowledge the staff who put their own families 'on hold' while they attended camp last week, including: Bettina Harrison, Naomi Hart, Jo Golds and Nick Byrne.





District Cross Country

Two weeks ago all the children in Years 3 – 6 had the opportunity to participate in the OHR School Cross Country. Of all the children who participated, the following have qualified to represent OHR in the School Sport Victoria (SSV) Balwyn North District Cross Country to be held next Friday at Macleay Park. We wish these children all the very best:



10 YEAR OLD GIRLS

Sophie L, Betty J, Annabelle H, Kaia P, Isabella E, Matisse M, Lucy E, Harriet J, Eleanor J

10 YEAR OLD BOYS

Patrick S, Hugo H, James C, Eamon O, Charlie C, Thomas B, William G, Oliver R, Thomas W, Rory S, Julian C, James N**

11 YEAR OLD GIRLS

Madeleine S, Pia M, Alba L, Stella B

11 YEAR OLD BOYS

Sebastian L, Hayden S, Lucas T, Remy P, William V, Dean L

12/13 YEAR OLD GIRLS

Matilda D, Matilda P, Madeleine S, Elizabeth H, Isabelle M, Elizabeth H, Iliia P

12/13 YEAR OLD BOYS

Nicholas R, William W, Phoenix B, Zac C, Max W, Brady H

**Emergencies*

Chess

The lunchtime chess program runs every Thursday offering programs for both junior and older students.

Sixteen students represented OHR at the Victorian Primary Zone Chess Competition on 4 May. The event was held at Our Holy Redeemer.

A successful tournament was held, with 65 students from 12 schools in attendance. Our Holy Redeemer came in at 4th place. According to Mrs Leone Gole, “*We have many young players and they all played well and displayed calm competence in what was for many their first tournament.*”

Our team comprised: Aksel R, Harry C, Gabriella W, Jacob Y, Isabella E, Art T, James G, Thomas S, Patrick S, Lars R, Poppy T, Harriet J, William G, Emma L, Benjamin W and Phoenix B.

Phoenix B was awarded a high distinction and won a bronze medal for his age group. Congratulations also to Benjamin W, who received a credit award. Thank you to Mrs Gole for making the necessary arrangements to host the event at OHR and for creating the opportunity to field our team in this tournament.



At OHR we see countless benefits when conducting a properly structured chess program, including: **Chess is a game for people of all ages.** Participants can learn to play at any age and in chess, unlike in many other sports, they don't ever have to retire. Age is also not a factor when looking for an opponent – young can play old and old can play young.

The chess theory is complicated and many players memorize different opening variations. Players learn to recognize various patterns and remember lengthy variations.

Chess improves concentration. During the game players are focused on only one main goal – to checkmate and become the victor.

Chess develops logical thinking. Chess requires some understanding of logical strategy. For example, competitors will know that it is important to bring their pieces out into the game at the beginning, to keep the king safe at all times, not to make big weaknesses in their position and not to blunder pieces away for free. Mistakes are inevitable and chess, like life, is a never-ending learning process.

Chess teaches independence. Players are forced to make important decisions influenced only by personal judgment.

Chess develops the capability to predict and foresee consequences of actions. It teaches participants to look both ways before crossing the street.

Chess and Science. Chess develops the scientific way of thinking. While playing, participants generate numerous variations in their mind. They explore new ideas, try to predict their outcomes and interpret surprising revelations. They decide on a hypothesis, and then you make a move and test it.

Chess and Mathematics. Chess involves an infinite number of calculations, anything from counting the number of attackers and defenders in the event of a simple exchange to calculating lengthy continuations.

CHESS IS FUN! No chess game ever repeats itself, which means participants create more and more new ideas each game. It never gets boring. In every game the opponents are generals of an army and they alone decide the destiny of their soldiers. They can sacrifice them, trade them, pin them, fork them, lose them, defend them, or order them to break through any barriers and surround the enemy king.

Adapted from http://www.quadcitychess.com/benefits_of_chess.html

Next School Closure Day

This coming Wednesday, 12 May, is a school closure day for staff professional learning. The day will be facilitated by Roanne Innes who is a Business Coach and Leadership Consultant with TEAMING.

The focus of the day will entail:

- A defined culture for an effective team
- An increased awareness of individual strengths and struggles to enable a high functioning team.

NAPLAN Online: Repeated

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.**



Enrolments for 2022

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 **next 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. Family Enrolment Meetings will be held towards the end of this month. The enrolment meetings serve as an invaluable opportunity to meet with every child enrolled for next year.

ENROL NOW!

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 **this Saturday, 4 May**.

For task planning and catering purposes, please email Justin if you intend to attend: 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
- Tidying up the garden at the front of the hall facing Mont Albert Rd
- 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@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



RE LEARNING IN 1/2MJ

As part of our unit of work on GROWTH the students in 1/2MJ have been exploring the change from the human Jesus to the resurrected Jesus and what this might have looked like. Students have identified changes in their own lives and used the metamorphosis of the butterfly as an example of radical change.

I moved from America to Australia. I changed schools. I made new friends and I moved from an apartment to a house. (Audrey K)

When I was 4 my family changed. I got a new brother. His name is Roy. (Rafael L)

A change was when I lost my tooth. (Finn S)

My life changed when I got my Golden Retriever. (Christian M)

I have grown taller since my first day of school. (Sophie W)

We have been discussing the following questions...

Who witnessed the resurrection of Jesus?

How did people react to the resurrection of Jesus? Why was it hard to recognise Jesus?

What does the resurrection of Jesus mean for us?

Mary Magdalene and some other women went to prepare the body. (Arlo P)

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and Jesus wasn't there. (Archer G)

Two angels appeared. They told Mary Magdalene and her friends that Jesus wasn't there. Jesus was alive. (Jack T)

Mary Magdalene and some other women were puzzled when they saw the rock was moved. (Zara A)

They ran and told the disciples. The disciples ran so fast into the tomb and all they saw was a cloth that had covered Jesus. (Amelia L)

Mary Magdalene went with some other women to the tomb to put oil and perfume on Jesus. (Zoe C)

Jesus was transformed. (Connor G)

They went into the tomb to see Jesus but Jesus wasn't there. They were shocked. (William C)

The angels said, "Don't you remember? Jesus said that he would come again on the third day." (Mia C)

Next week we will continue our study of the Transformation of Jesus as we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you

to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Who are the people you love?
2. How do you show you love them?
3. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us to love each other as he loves us. How can we love others like Jesus loves us?
4. We can love others by putting other people's needs before our own. In what ways can we put others' needs before our own needs?

We pray that we will show love for each other as Jesus loves us.

AWARDS FOR WEEK 3

SOCIAL SKILLS AWARD

Prep HH	Finley R
Prep HT	Aston C
1/2DE	Alexis P
1/2MJ	Sophie W
3/4CB	Felix G
3/4PK	Hugo H
5/6DU	Lucas T
5/6HN	Angelina L

MERIT AWARD

Patrick J
Charlie C
Ned K
William C
Luca C
Ari K
Madeleine S
Eddy O

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, 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 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 to each Prep family last week. Thanks you for the five families who have returned their Questionnaire, but unfortunately, there are still 19 Questionnaires outstanding! Would those families who have yet to do so, please complete the Questionnaire and return it to me by **MONDAY, 10TH MAY** – thank you.

Trish

COMMUNITY NEWS

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Dear Dads,
Shhh ... don't tell mum, our annual **Mothers' Day Stall** is this **Friday 7th May**.
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.
Wishing all the mums a wonderful day on Sunday!



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

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10th July



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INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 24 May

7.00 - 8.00 pm

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