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"The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity."

Dorothy Parker

DATES TO REMEMBER					
Friday, 18 th		DADS' NIGHT OUT			
SATURDAY, 19 th	1 РМ ЗРМ	SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST - GROUP 1			
WEDNESDAY, 23 rd	7.30рм	PFA MEETING			
Thursday, 24 th		Parent-Teacher Conferences			
FRIDAY, 25 th	1.00рм	TERM 2 CONCLUDES			
Monday, 12 th	8.40am	TERM 3 COMMENCES			
TUESDAY, 27 th		INTERSCHOOL CHESS TOURNAMENT AT OHR			
WEDNESDAY, 28 th	7.30рм	PFA MEETING			
Monday, 2 nd August		SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY			
Monday, 9 th		YEAR 3/4 CAMP AT CYC THE ISLAND			
Tuesday, 10 th		CAMPERS RETURN			
SATURDAY, 14^{TH}		WORKING BEE #3			
Monday, 16 th		G A T E W A Y S AT OHR			

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

This year more than 155,000 students – more than one in five – are enjoying a Catholic education in 333 schools across Melbourne. Catholic education is by far the second largest provider of schooling in Victoria.

According to Jim Miles, Executive Director of Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (MACS), "Our emphasis on the whole student has also been endorsed by academic research, with a Curtin University study showing Catholic school graduates enjoy higher levels of life satisfaction."

"Our schools are deeply committed to excellence in teaching and learning, including providing extension for talented students," he says.

Miles says that 15 percent of Victorian Catholic school students are identified as eligible for Australian government disability funding.

"Catholic schools not only aim to create zero bullying environments based on a genuine concern for others, but also strive to be leaders in child safety."

Miles believes Catholic schools encourage parents to become involved in their children's learning and engage in school life.

"By working together, schools and families can create an effective learning environment and a climate of mutual respect," he says.

"As always, Catholic schools continue to respond to the expectations of parents and the challenging landscape of contemporary learning to engage students and prepare them as global citizens, equipped to face the world with confidence and sensitivity to social justice issues."

A commitment to social justice and community service is a vital part of the holistic education offered by Catholic schools.



Miles says the pandemic we all faced in 2020 made for a challenging year for school communities as they worked hard to support the learning continuity and wellbeing of students, staff and families.

"However, there are also positives to come from the experience, including more flexible ways of teaching and learning, and strengthened partnerships between schools and families," he says.

2021 marks a new era for Catholic education with the establishment of MACS by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli.

This change sees 290 schools owned by the Archdiocese and its parishes transferred to MACS, which is now responsible for the governance and operation of our schools.

The change builds on the rich legacy of parish priest governance and ongoing pastoral leadership of Catholic schools, and provides the opportunity to continue to support and collaborate with schools operated by religious institutes.

Did you know?

- University of Melbourne research has found that Catholic schools add an average of six points to tertiary admission ranks, or ATAR scores, at the crucial career-defining end of a student's school journey.
- A Curtin University study makes special mention of the 'social capital' contributed to the greater good of the community by graduates of Catholic schools.

Abridged from an article appearing in the current edition of Which School? magazine

Sacraments

First Eucharist

The students in First Eucharist Group 1, comprising those students currently in Year 5 who were unable to receive the Sacrament in 2020, will receive the Eucharist for the first time this Saturday afternoon during one of two celebrations.

We ask that you pray for: Stella B, Marielle C, Henry C, Macey C, Christelle C, Sienna C, Lucy E, Olivia F, Abby J, Alba L, Sebastian L, Oliver M, Joshua M, Pia M, Reece M, Remy P, Otto P, Tyler R, Raja R, Saidie S, Madeleine S, Clare S, Brenda S, Hayden S, Lucas T and Billy Y.



The students in Frist Eucharist Group 2, comprising students in Year 4 who have been preparing for the Sacrament, will receive Eucharist for the first time on Saturday 24 July. All those families should have received notification of this new date.

Confirmation

Students in Year 7 and above who have previously prepared for their Confirmation will partake in the Sacrament at 8.00pm on Friday 30 July.

Students currently in Year 6 who are yet to prepare for their Confirmation, will have the Sacrament conferred at 3.00pm on Sunday 7 November.

Semester 1 Reports and Parent-Teacher Conferences

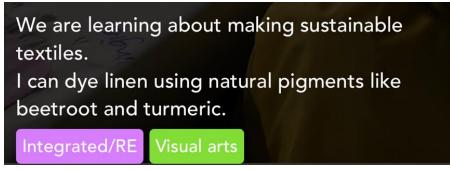
The Semester 1 Reports are live for parents to access via the Parent Portal from 1.00pm today. Last week, Mrs Josephine Harrison emailed instructions explaining how parents can access their child's report.

The Parent Portal may be accessed via the school's website under: *Current Parents - Policies* and Documents. Scroll to the bottom of the page to find the document on 'Accessing Your *Child's Reports Online', which contains the relevant link.*

If you have any questions, email Mrs Josephine Harrison: <u>iharrison@ohrsurreyhills.catholic.edu.au</u>

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held next **Thursday 24 June**. Details for booking preferred times were communicated by Mr Byrne in an email sent home on Tuesday.

Sustainable Textiles in Year 5/6



You can see by the above Learning Intention and Success Criteria that our students in Year 5/6 are learning how to make sustainable textiles. They have been exploring the waste that is associated with today's 'fast fashion' industry and why we have a responsibility to seek out more sustainable alternatives.

"On Tuesday, the 15th of June, the senior students used natural dyes to colour linen. Ms Dunne had very kindly brought in some homemade dyes made out of tumeric and beetroot that we used to dye our fabric. We each took turns pigmenting our fabrics with the different colours. We used many different techniques such as using a rubber band to scrunch our linen into a ball, creating a patterned white line on it, and also using droppers to place dye on our already tinted fabric, creating a blended effect. We had lots of fun and can't wait to use our sustainable prints on them and make our scarf!"



Wishing everyone a great weekend, Frank Dame

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 questions for discussion with your child/ren.

Nick Byrne, RE Leader

RE LEARNING IN 3/4CB

Come Holy Spirit....

We have been learning about the Pentecost Story. The Holy Spirit came to the disciples and gave them the gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. They used these to teach the world about Jesus. At Baptism, we are blessed with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. We explored and reflected on people in our lives who share those gifts with us. One of our activities was to write about those special people and how they show the gift of the Holy Spirit.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'



The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Have you ever been in a boat when the waves were rough?
- 2. Have you ever been frightened about something?
- 3. What do you do when you are frightened?
- 4. Do you think Jesus can help when you are frightened? How?

ADMIN NEWS

YEAR 6 PARENTS – Would you please let me know the 2022 Secondary College for your child – thank you. This information is required so that I can successfully upload the file to MACS.

COMMUNITY NEWS





TERM 3 - 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 a school. Friendly, qualified pro tennis coaches run the 8 week, Term 3 program at OHR.

EACH NEW STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A FREE TENNIS RACQUET!

Time 8.00am – 8.40am Date From Thursday July 22nd 2021 Where Our Holy Redeemer Primary School Cost \$120.00

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Why choose De La Salle?



De La Salle is a fully inclusive school Our students consistently achieve 90+ ATARs We provide pathways for all - university, training, trades and employment Extensive VCAL and VET options / courses Dedicated Learning Support with expert, caring staff Learning Extension programs for high achievers Faith, values, social justice & community contribution programs

Focus on developing high quality, respectful and compassionate young men, in a Child Safe environment Tailored wellbeing program, expertly customised for

Research-based, technology-rich Learning and Teaching Well resourced, innovative STEM programs Expansive co-curricular program to engage all interests Strong enduring relationships with various girls' schools Student success far outweighs the reasonable fee point Wide variety of public transport options, right to the gates





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NEXT WEEK'S OSHC PROGRAM

Date:	Program Highlights BSC	Program Highlights ASC	Menu
Monday 21 st June	Have a go at the calculator quiz, No 1. Can you find the hidden letter?	Have a go at making your own feathers form wool	Fresh fruit & veggie platter Rice cake funny faces
Tuesday 22 nd June	Play Minute to win it game ' <i>Marshmallow</i> <i>Toss'</i>	We will be working on our Art show piece	Fresh fruit & veggie platter Warmed Turkish bread
Wednesday 23 rd June	Play the Straw Maze Game	Play a game of Number Hockey	Fresh fruit & veggie platter DIY wraps
Thursday 24 th June	Footprint symmetrical art	We are making Rocky Road. Yum!	Fresh fruit & veggie platter Wholegrain rice crackers with cheese
Friday 25 th June	Colour tessellation patterns- can you spot the stars?	We are going to watch the Lion King. Requested by Aksel	Fresh fruit & veggie platter Warmed dinner rolls

Last week in BeforeCare.....



Last week at BSC, Ned made a bird feeder. He very carefully used a hot glue gun, to build the walls out of coloured Popsicle sticks. Much precision was required for this task. Great job

Last week in AfterCare.....

Last week we had a go at pour painting. We used special paint and small wooden boxes. We covered the boxes with the special paint. The effects were amazing.