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*"Let me win. But if I cannot win,
let me be brave in the attempt."*

-Special Olympics athlete oath



DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, 30 TH		YEAR 7, 2022 CONFIRMATION - TBC
MONDAY, 2 ND AUGUST		SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
MONDAY, 9 TH		YEAR 3/4 CAMP AT CYC THE ISLAND - TBC
TUESDAY, 10 TH		CAMPERS RETURN
FRIDAY, 13 TH		OHR CHILDREN'S DISCO - TBC
SATURDAY, 14 TH		WORKING BEE #3 - TBC
MONDAY, 16 TH		GATEWAYS AT OHR - TBC
TUESDAY, 17 TH	7.30PM	OHR SAC MEETING
MONDAY, 23 RD		GATEWAYS AT OHR BOOK WEEK: <i>OLD WORLDS, NEW WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS</i>
WEDNESDAY, 25 TH	7.30PM	PFA MEETING
THURSDAY, 26 TH		GRANDPARENTS' AND SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY-TBC

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

It certainly has proved to be an amazing fortnight for Australian sport. Less than two weeks ago Ash Barty took out the women's singles crown at Wimbledon; an extraordinary feat that has put her in 'rarified air'. This was followed with an amazing performance by cyclist Ben O'Connor (AG2R-Citroen) who exceeded all expectations with his Tour de France debut in which he placed an overall fourth. In fact, O'Connor has been described as being on the verge of being the third best ever Australian rider on the Tour de France.

But what is it about these two sporting figures that makes them such good role models for young people?

The campaign, [#PlayForYou](#), leverages the success of Ash Barty and her story, with the aim of empowering girls to play sport for themselves and to ignore peer and societal pressures. A Sport Australia *AusPlay* 2018 survey reported that 36 per cent (one in three girls) stopped playing sport by the age of 18. Barriers teenage girls face centre around body image and the debilitating peer pressure to look good are also key factors in why teenagers drop out of sport.

Aside from captivating the sports world with her incredible athleticism, down-to-earth attitude and willingness to spend time motivating players at a grassroots level, Barty's own pathway has included a much-documented pause in her tennis career at the age of 18 to refresh mentally and "experience life as a normal teenage girl."

After a two-year break from the sport, Barty returned to tennis in 2016 and has been on a quick ascent ever since.

"This campaign is very close to my heart, I think it's beautiful because it encourages girls all across the nation to get involved, choose their own path and not listen to societal pressures. I was told a few times along the way that I was too short to make it," said the world No.1.

"You don't have to be a professional athlete to experience the gifts sport delivers. The most important thing is having a go and having fun."

And what about professional cyclist, Ben O'Connor?

Regardless of his success, the 25-year-old maintains that he will keep his feet firmly on the ground.

"That's the main aspect I want to keep. Maybe other aspects of the racing scene will change but for me as a person, I'm still Ben O'Connor. I'm not going to be turning into a bad bloke any time soon."

Such an outlook on life is unique amidst the pull of fame as an elite-level athlete and, according to compatriot David McKenzie, it's part of what makes the AG2R-Citroen rider special.

"That's not something, in my mind, that he's training to be like. That's just him naturally."

"So, when he gets on the bike to race and he's around his peers, he's not trying to be something else or someone else."

"He's just like, 'here I am, take me or leave me', and he's not brash – not at all, he's very respectful."

"There's plenty of people in life that are good citizens of the world and are themselves and don't try and be something else, but they're not superstar sport athletes."

"What we're seeing is a special athlete in Ben O'Connor and it's really nice to see... Ben's got something next level."



With thanks to SBS Cycling Central

New Classroom Furniture

As noted in last week's Newsletter, new flexible and contemporary classroom furniture arrived on Monday to replace the old and heavy furniture in both the Year 5/6 classrooms. This now means that the furniture in every classroom has been updated over the past 12 months.



In 2020, Pacific Assist collected all the old furniture from our school and delivered it to a school in the Solomon Islands. Once again, arrangements have been made for Pacific Assist to collect the old furniture from the 5/6 classrooms. The present lockdown, which has led to delays through the Port of Melbourne, means the collection of furniture will not occur until towards the end of this term. Pacific Assist is an Australian-based not-for-profit charity serving the nations of the South Pacific.

Camp Quality

The Camp Quality incursion that was originally scheduled for last Tuesday has been postponed until 17 August.

As part of Camp Quality's education program, their loveable puppets – Kylie, Dean and Mel – visit preschools and primary schools to dispel myths and misconceptions that are commonly associated with cancer.

The puppets tell an interactive and engaging story that explains:

- The ins and outs of cancer
- Why a person who has undergone treatment may look a little different (due to the side effects of the treatment)
- Why it's important to be supportive of a classmate or family members who's living with cancer
- That cancer isn't contagious
- The importance of recognising our own strengths and the power of positivity.



When Camp Quality visits OHR there will be two separate programs. One program will cater for the students in Prep – Year 2, while the other is targeted towards students in Years 3 – 6.

First Eucharist II

All families with students in Year 4 who were preparing for the reception of First Eucharist this weekend have been notified by Father Brendan that the conditions of the current lockdown prevent this event from proceeding on Saturday. As soon as restrictions are eased and there is clarity surrounding numbers who may gather in places of worship, Father Brendan will communicate a new date.

Science Week

This year National Science Week will be celebrated all across Australia from 14 – 22 August.

One of the ways in which Science Week will be recognised at OHR is through an interactive **Science and STEM** evening for families on the evening of Wednesday 18 August. Mrs Stephanie Axon has included details about the evening further in today's Newsletter.

Of course, due to the potential restrictions on numbers, we may need to vary the timing of events on that evening. In order to assist with the planning of the event, Mrs Axon will need to know how many people hope to attend the evening.

Please RSVP to Mrs Axon by no later than 9 August including your family name and the number of family members intending to attend (inclusive of adults and children): saxon@ohrsurreyhillscatholic.edu.au



School Closure Day

The next school closure day for staff professional learning will occur on **Monday 2 August**. In order to maintain our current accreditation, all staff will engage in First Aid Level 2 training.

Wishing everyone a relaxing weekend,
Frank Dame

RE NEWS

First Eucharist Update

Dear Parents,

The Victorian Premier announced today a further extension to the current lockdown until 11.59 pm on Tuesday, 27 July. Our churches will remain closed, and the Celebration of First Eucharist scheduled for Saturday, 24 and Sunday, 25 July will no longer be going ahead.

At this stage, it is not certain when the current restrictions will ease, and what the roadmap out of this latest lockdown will look like. There will almost certainly be a limit on the number of people allowed in places of worship, and this information needs to be considered when we look at dates and number of Masses required for First Eucharist.

We will look at new dates and times when the current lockdown finishes and let you know of the new arrangements as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.

With best wishes,
Father Brendan Reed
Parish Priest

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 1/2 MJ

Learning Intention - We are learning to explain the ways people can belong to God's family.

As part of our unit of work on STORY, 1/2 MJ have been looking at our own family stories. In class we listened to the story '**The Invisible Web**' and discussed how wonderful it is that God has made us all, that we are all equally loved and special, no matter how different we are! Students had the opportunity to share where their family is from, what kind of foods they eat at home or any celebrations.



Clementine: My Dad is from Italy and my Mum is from New Zealand. Papa cooks special Italian recipes, such as rice. My Mum makes ginger crunch which is from Sandy in New Zealand.

Tristan: My parents are from Taiwan. My grandma buys special fruits such as lychee which is eaten in Taiwan. We celebrate Chinese New Year with my family



Zara: My Dad is from Egypt and my Mum is from Lebanon. We eat Lubia which is a special dish with meat rice and vegetables in it which is eaten in Lebanon

Rafael: My mum and Dad are both from Australia. My Dad makes burgers every weekend and also makes pancakes for our family. We celebrate Christmas and birthdays.



Arlo: My grandparents are from Germany, Ireland and Italy. My grandma makes lasagne and my Dad's Dad often makes pork with chips.



Audrey: My Dad is from Hong Kong and my Mum is from Australia. My Dad cooks special noodles and fried rice. We celebrate Chinese New Year and we stay up until midnight.

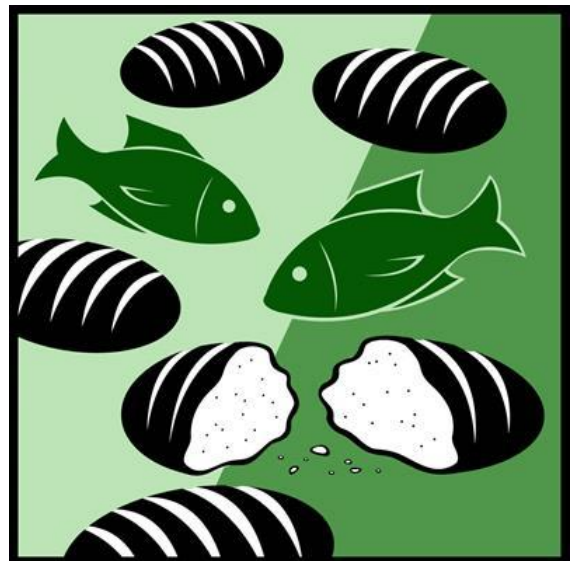
Chloe: My Mum is from Greece and my Dad is from Italy. My Mum cooks Greek foods and I am learning to cook like her. We celebrate Greek Easter where we go on a midnight walk to church.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps



left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In today's Gospel a large crowd followed Jesus. Why was Jesus concerned for them?
2. What small amount of food did the disciple Andrew find?
3. What did the disciples ask the crowd to do before Jesus blessed the bread and fish?
4. What did Jesus do with the blessed food?
5. What was left over?
6. Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist. What does he give to us?

Jesus gives us his body so that we can become one with him and live like him. We pray that we will live for Jesus and share what we have with others.

ADMIN NEWS

LOST

Chloe Sage (Yr1MJ) has lost her sports jacket –named - so too has Lars Rogstad (Yr3CB) – also named – and Daniel Crawshay (PrepHT) has lost his woollen jumper – also named. Would you please check your children's clothing and if found, either leave it with me in the Office or return to the classroom – thank you.

Trish

SCIENCE NEWS



National Science Week is just around the corner!

Check out the activities available at **scienceweek.net.au**. Just enter your postcode in the 'Find an Event' tab and you will see a list of activities available—many of these are free and online!

To celebrate Science Week this year we are hosting an **Evening to Celebrate Science and STEM at OHR**. This will be a fun-filled event with science activities and STEM Challenges for families to participate in. Please note that due to COVID restrictions, families must RSVP to attend.

An event poster for 'Science and STEM' at Our Holy Redeemer, Surrey Hills. The poster features the school's crest and a circular collage of science-related icons. The text reads: 'YOU ARE INVITED TO A SCIENCE WEEK EVENT TO CELEBRATE SCIENCE and STEM AT OUR HOLY REDEEMER, SURREY HILLS'. The event is on Wednesday, 18 August, from 7PM to 8:30PM. Activities include Science Passport (7:00-7:40PM) and Family STEM Challenge (7:40-8:30PM). An RSVP deadline of 9 August is noted, with a note that places are strictly limited due to COVID restrictions. The National Science Week logo is in the bottom right corner.

COMMUNITY NEWS



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AUGUST
2021

PREP - GR 2
5 - 6:30PM

GR 3 - 6
7 - 8:30PM

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A final reminder to parents that applications for **Year 7, 2023** close on **20 August 2021**



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