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*"Behind every young child who believes in themself
is a parent who believed first."*

Matthew Jacobson



DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, 1ST AUGUST 2.00PM YEAR 7, 2021

CONFIRMATION AT OHR

MONDAY, 2ND

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

MONDAY, 9TH

YEAR 3/4 CAMP AT
CYC THE ISLAND

TUESDAY, 10TH

CAMPERS RETURN

SATURDAY, 14TH

WORKING BEE #3

FIRST EUCHARIST

MONDAY, 16TH

GATEWAYS AT OHR
- TBC

TUESDAY, 17TH

7.30PM OHR SAC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 18TH

7.00PM SCIENCE AND STEM EVENING

MONDAY, 23RD

GATEWAYS AT OHR
BOOK WEEK;
*OLD WORLDS, NEW
WORLDS, OTHER WORLDS*

WEDNESDAY, 25TH

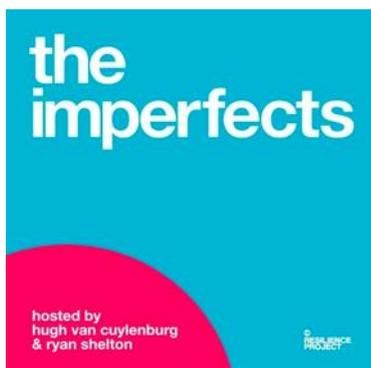
7.30PM PFA MEETING

THURSDAY, 26TH

GRANDPARENTS' AND
SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY-TBC

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,



The Imperfects is a series of podcasts presented by Hugh van Cuylenburg (of *The Resilience Project* fame), Ryan Shelton and producer Josh van Cuylenburg. Recently both my wife, Janet, and daughter, Megan, have been encouraging me to listen to this series of mini-lectures. Each episode hosts a different guest speaker. The guests are interesting people who are willing to make themselves vulnerable, by sharing their own struggles and imperfections. Hugh and Ryan then discuss some valuable take-aways we can all apply to our own imperfect lives.

Last weekend, I listened to the most recent episode in which Dr Billy Garvey was the guest speaker. Dr Billy Garvey is a Paediatrician with over 15 years' experience working with children in a number of settings. He is specialist in both the Centre for Community Child Health and the General Medicine Department at the Royal Children's Hospital Melbourne. At the present time, Dr Garvey has a two and a half year waiting list to see him in person. Recent episodes of *The Imperfects* have cast a spotlight on parenting. This current episode invites one of Australia's most respected and in-demand paediatricians to share his valuable insights, particularly in regard to children's mental health. I hope you enjoy listening to this podcast.



[The Academy of Imperfection – Dr Billy Garvey, Paediatrician](#)

OHR Olympics Day

Today provides a great opportunity to recognise and celebrate the Olympic Games with our students. This type of day only occurs once every four years at OHR ... well, the interval has been a little longer this time. Throughout the morning the students have rotated through a range of fun activities. But none of this proceeded without our special Opening Ceremony, which was not limited to but included: a welcome from the OHR IOC President; the flag raising, the Athlete's Oath (House Captains); introduction and welcome of countries; and the lighting of the cauldron by the School Captains.

Our morning concluded with a live socially distanced interview where David Crawshay, current parent and former Olympic rower, shared stories of his medal winning achievement. David represented Australia at three consecutive Olympic Games from 2004 to 2012. He was awarded a gold medal in the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

Thank you to Mrs Gorgeous (her wording) Golds for organising such a fun day, which is exactly what all our children needed.

There will be plenty of images in next week's Newsletter.

Confirmation

The Parish of Surrey Hills Wattle Park has decided to proceed with the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend **for those students who were in Year 6 2020, and who have been prepared.**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated **at Our Holy Redeemer Church this Sunday, 1 August, at 2.00pm.**

On Tuesday, the Parish communicated with the families of the students who will be Confirmed.

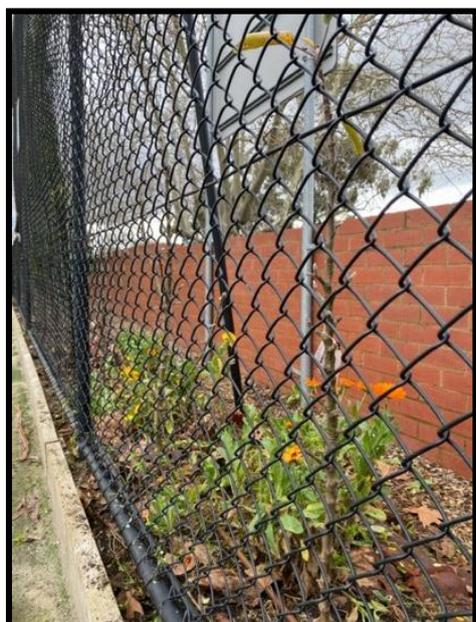
I ask that we remember and pray for these students who have been waiting patiently for more than a year to receive this significant Sacrament of initiation.



The Orchard Garden is Flourishing

The children will be excited to see the Orchard Garden, along York Street side of the property, upon their return to school. The garden has really been flourishing over the winter

months. Last Friday, Mrs Dioguardi spent the day weeding, pruning, tying back branches, and fertilising.



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 this **Monday 2 August**. In order to maintain our current accreditation, all staff will engage in First Aid Level 2 training.

Wishing everyone a good 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?'

Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'



The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some of your favourite things?
2. Which of these are important because they keep you alive and well?
3. In today's Gospel Jesus tells us he gives us the bread of life, himself. How is Jesus good for us?

The more we believe in him and do what he asks the more we have Jesus within us. We pray that Jesus will be with us this week and fill us with his goodness.

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 a blue background with a circular collage of science-related icons including a brain, microscope, globe, DNA helix, and atom. In the top left corner is the school's crest, which is a shield with a cross and the motto 'OUR HOLY REDEEMER' and 'GROW • LEARN • SUCCEED'. The text on the poster reads: 'YOU ARE INVITED TO A SCIENCE WEEK EVENT TO CELEBRATE SCIENCE and STEM AT OUR HOLY REDEEMER, SURREY HILLS'. Below this, it specifies the date and time: 'WEDNESDAY 7PM - 8.30PM 18 AUGUST'. To the right, it lists the activities: '7.00 - 7.40PM Science Passport Activities' and '7.40 - 8.30PM Family STEM Challenge'. At the bottom right, it says 'RSVP: Before 9 August' and 'Please note that places are strictly limited due to Covid restrictions.' with the National Science Week logo.

EXTENDED HOURS NEWS

Full day care will be available on the 2nd August - the Pupil-free day for this term. Any parents who would like full day care for their child or children on Monday, 2nd August, please email the Extended Hours Program at oshp@ohrsurreyhillscatholic.edu.au before COB on Thursday 29th July. Full day care will be available on that day from 7:30am-6:30pm.

PFA NEWS

The PFA has decided it has some funds available to allocate to items or initiatives to support or enhance the education and welfare of the children at OHR. In previous years, the PFA has allocated funds for the purchase of classroom furniture and digital technology.

As per the rules of the PFA, the PFA can allocate funds once every calendar year. The PFA welcomes proposals from parents for the allocation of PFA funds. Proposals may also be received from OHR staff and the students via the School Parliament.

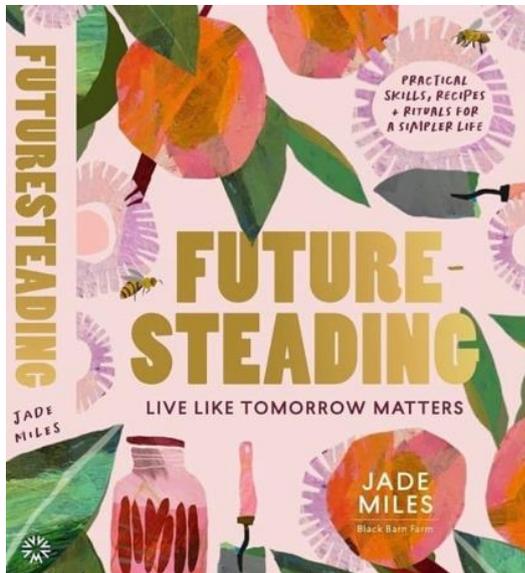
Further information, including the closing time for submissions, is included in the attached document.

Kind regards,

The PFA team

COMMUNITY NEWS

Course and Book Launch with Jade Miles and Melissa Dioguardi



Jade Miles is the founder of the podcast 'Futuresteading' and regenerative apple farmer at Black Barn Farm in Stanley.

As part of her book launch, Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre is lucky enough to have her visit from Stanley, Victoria and share her knowledge. Jade has a wealth of knowledge and experience and is highly respected throughout the regenerative farming and whole food community.

This 3-hour course includes a copy of Jade's beautiful new book *Futuresteading* (RRP \$39.95), some seeds for your Spring vegetable patch and a tour of Melissa Dioguardi's vegetable garden, where you can

ask Jade more about her book and Melissa about her productive vegetable garden.

Sunday 12th September 12pm-3.30pm, bookings available through the neighbourhood centre website and office on Union Road or the link attached to the QR code. Limited tickets.

'Futuresteading' is a practical and inspirational way of living that values tomorrow: a slower, simpler, steadier existence that is healthier for you, your home, and the environment.



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... The principles of 'Futuresteading' offer easy-to-understand information and hands-on ideas. Grow, store, eat, preserve and share food that deepens the connections you have with your household, your soil, and those around you through the seasons.



Is your daughter in Year 5 this year?

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



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**PARENT INFORMATION EVENING
WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST 2021**

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