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*The Paralympic Symbol reflects the Paralympic Motto, "Spirit in Motion",
representing the strong will of every Paralympian.*



DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, 27TH

FATHERS' DAY SPORTS
NIGHT – RESCHEDULED TO
16TH SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY, 29^H

WORKING BEE #3 –
POSTPONED

MONDAY, 30TH

GATEWAYS AT OHR –
RESCHEDULED TO TERM 4

TUESDAY, 31ST

MASH ROTARY SPEECH
COMPETITION - POSTPONED
UNTIL TERM 4

FRIDAY, 3RD SEPTEMBER

OHR CHILDREN'S DISCO –
POSTPONED TERM 4

MONDAY, 13TH

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

TUESDAY, 14TH

SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

FRIDAY, 17TH

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

1.00PM TERM 3 CONCLUDES

OCTOBER

MONDAY, 4TH

8.40AM TERM 4 COMMENCES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

During these challenging times, it's good to focus on some heart-warming stories, as there are many people in Melbourne reaching out to others.

Last week's media outlets, including the Herald Sun and 9News, featured the *'Incredible story of a life-and-death battle, a brilliant idea and the power of the human spirit'*.

The story featured Sarah Kelly, a Melbourne woman with Down syndrome and her intensive care nurse Steven Moylan.

Moylan, who works at the Royal Melbourne Hospital, went above the call of duty, personally tracking down *The Wiggles* to help save his patient suffering from COVID-19.

Sarah Kelly is now on track to getting out of hospital after watching the how-to message from her favourite musical group.

When the 22-year-old was admitted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital struggling to breathe with COVID-19 last month, she refused to have oxygen tubes put in.

With her condition rapidly deteriorating, nurse Steven Moylan — who has a brother with an intellectual disability — had an idea. "She had *The Wiggles* on her iPad, she just wouldn't look away from them and I thought to myself 'what if I could get *The Wiggles* to wear the nasal prongs? Would she copy them and do what they do?'" he told 9News. When Moylan finally made contact with the group, the stars were ready to wiggle, and together they helped save a life.

"That's what we needed for her to stay alive," he said.



With thanks to 9News; Image – The Wiggles

CBCA Book Week

This week has all been about acknowledging the children's love of books through recognising Book Week. As noted in last week's Newsletter, Book Week is a national celebration where the Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) brings children and books together. This year's theme is *Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds*.

Our celebration of Book Week began with last Friday's livestream production of Bigger, Better, Brighter!

This week, the students have been engaged in a variety of Book Week related activities with their classroom teachers while learning from home.



PFA Italian Night

Thanks to Cam Jackson and our PFA for all the work in setting up this Saturday evening's Italian Night, in collaboration with local Italian restaurant Il Sogno. Once again, it's a great way to build a common thread of connection amongst our community. The PFA also sees this as an opportunity to generate funds for our children's educational benefit, while at the same time eking an avenue to support another local business.



OHR Supports our Paralympians

With the Paralympics officially underway, Australia has fielded its largest-ever team with 179 athletes in Tokyo. The Paralympics offer the opportunity for some to share the challenges they have overcome on the world stage.

As some of you would be aware, one of our parents – Siobhan C – who is mum to Dan in Prep HT, is currently in Tokyo as the Advanced Sports Dietician for our athletes.

Prior to leaving for Tokyo, the students across the school wrote messages of encouragement and support to the Australian Paralympic Team, which Siobhan took to display across various parts of the Olympic Village.

The image on the right depicts one of our Olympic Flag Bearers, Danni Di Toro, in front of one of the four posters created by the students. We have been informed that the athletes are enjoying reading the letters of encouragement from the OHR students.



Thanks to Mrs Hart for organising this initiative.

The Prep poster can be seen displayed in the background of the Australian athlete's main bub, which is called The Tuck Shop. This is where the athletes in the Australian team get their meals every day.

In this image we have Ryley Batt and Andrew Harrison, who are both in the wheelchair rugby team.



Key Enrolment Dates for Year 5 students in 2022 starting Year 7 in 2024

The key enrolment dates for students in Year 5 in 2022 who will be starting Year 7 in 2024 have been agreed after consultation with the Executive of the Principals Association of Victorian Catholic Secondary Schools (PAVCSS).

The timeline of events and dates are as follows: –

- **28 January 2022** – applications for Year 5 students starting Year 7 in 2024 will open
- **19 August 2022** – applications will close
- **By 2 September 2022** – principals will need to exchange their full list of applications with neighbouring colleges, including parish of residence
- **By 16 September 2022** – principals will need to exchange their full list of applications with neighbouring colleges, identifying proposed offers and non-offers
- **14 October 2022** – the Principals and Registrars Enrolment Briefing will be held at the Catholic Leadership Centre to finalise offers for 2024 and exchange names of unsuccessful applicants to ensure all students are offered a place
- **21 October 2022** – offers will be posted to prospective Year 7 applicants
- **By 11 November 2022** – parents/carers will be required to accept an offer made by a school.

NAPLAN 2021 Results Flatlining Nationally

Yesterday's edition of The Educator Australia contained the following article, which is shared below purely for your information and interest:

The preliminary results of this year's NAPLAN revealed no significant change in students' literacy and numeracy skills, despite the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The data, released by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), compared 2021 results with 2019 and with base years 2008 for numeracy, reading, and conventions of language, and 2011 for writing.

Students recorded almost similar scores to 2019, when the last test was held, indicating the minimal impact the pandemic restrictions had on students' learning outcomes, according to the body.

Overall, the reading results of Year 3 and 5 students, and numeracy scores of Year 5, 7, and 9 students have shown a "steady upward trend." ACARA said these gains were equivalent to at least three months of learning.

Data also showed that the writing skills of students in Year 5, 7, and 9, which have been declining in recent years, have started to flatten. Additionally, all years have shown consistent improvement in spelling.

"It's reassuring to see that overall, our students' literacy and numeracy standards have not significantly suffered, despite the major disruptions of COVID-19 and remote learning," said David de Carvalho, chief executive officer of ACARA. "However, this does not mean there has been no impact on specific students or demographic groups."

"The results suggest that persistent effort to improve outcomes pays off," he added. "It is testament to the resilience of students, teachers, parents and carers, and school and system leaders during these challenging times."

More than 1.2 million students from over 9,000 schools took part in this year's NAPLAN held last May. Around 70% of these took the test online. NAPLAN is in the final phase of its online transition.

Working Bee

Our next Working Bee was due to take place this Saturday 14 August. However, due to the current lockdown the Working Bee has been optimistically rescheduled to Sunday 29 August. The Working Bee is planned to run from 8.30am – 10.30am.

We have had good attendances at our first two Working Bees and are hoping that this trend will continue. Impressively, some families have supported both Working Bees. If you have not attended a Working Bee this year, you may consider attending this one.

**Next Working Bee:
Sunday 29 August
at 8.30am**

Wishing everyone a good weekend, whatever you may be doing,

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 Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:



This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some favourite things you like to wear?
2. When do you wear them?
3. Can you tell if a person is good inside by the clothes they wear?
4. In today's Gospel Jesus talks about being good on the inside. He says that our hearts should be pure. What does it mean to have a pure heart?

Jesus asks us to be good on the inside, in our thoughts and in what we do. Let us pray that we will have pure hearts and love others as Jesus has shown us.

ADMIN NEWS

2021 SCHOOL FEES

Thank you to those families who have cleared or reduced their fee account debt over the past couple of weeks. Unfortunately, there are still more than 30 families who have yet to make any payments this year and therefore we still have in excess of \$250,000 outstanding.

Would those families who are able, please make a payment – thank you. If you would like to change your payment options, please either give me a call, or send me an email.

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P F A NEWS

Hi everyone,

I hope you are going okay in all of this. I hope you can find a moment to do something for yourself every day to breathe and recharge. I find my moments in walks around the neighbourhood and (too much) Netflix!

1. **Invitation for proposals for use of PFA funds**

A couple of weeks ago we invited everyone in this community to submit proposals for the allocation of PFA funds to support and enhance the education and welfare of the children at OHR.

In previous years, the PFA has allocated funds to a range of useful initiatives, including school furniture and technology. We'd love to see some of our fundraising efforts go towards worthy initiatives for the benefit of OHR children this year too.

Proposals are due by 4 September. An application form and relevant information about the submission and assessment of applications is included separately to this newsletter.

2. **French Food and Wine Night + reload: Italian Food and Wine Night**

A big thank you to everyone from this community for your support of last Saturday's French Food and Wine Night. We were thrilled to put on an event that was met with such energy, enthusiasm and interest. While we couldn't physically share a meal and a glass (or two) of wine together as a community, it really felt like we did in spirit! As well as the gastronomic benefits and family fun with the quiz and *wordfind*, the event also raised approximately \$1,800 for the PFA and supported a small business in COVID times.

A big thank you to members of the committee for pulling this together in record speed – special mentions to Cam and Esther Jackson, Mandy Dominello, Lisa Cuteri, Katie and Dave McIntosh, Josephine Harrison and Spiro Vouzas.

Given enthusiastic support for a follow up, we've decided to run an Italian food and wine-inspired reload. More details are to come, but it's safe to say we have your next Saturday dinner (Saturday 28 August) sorted! This time round we're also encouraging the OHR community to reach out to family, friends and neighbours in the Surrey Hills and Mont Albert area – please share the details as they become available.

Best wishes everyone,
Lauren Gardiner
PFA President