



# OUR HOLY REDEEMER

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*"How wonderful it is that nobody needs wait a single moment  
before starting to improve the world."*

Anne Frank

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

MONDAY, 13 <sup>TH</sup>	PSG MEETINGS DAY 1
TUESDAY, 14 <sup>TH</sup>	PSG MEETINGS DAY 2
FRIDAY, 17 <sup>TH</sup>	FOOTY COLOURS DAY
	1.00PM TERM 3 CONCLUDES
OCTOBER	
MONDAY, 4 <sup>TH</sup>	8.40AM TERM 4 COMMENCES
FRIDAY, 8 <sup>TH</sup>	OHR PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL
FRIDAY, 15 <sup>TH</sup>	YR3/4 CRICKET DAY - TBC
TUESDAY, 19 <sup>TH</sup>	<i>ABOUT REAL LIFE</i> FAMILY SESSION – YEARS 3 AND 5
WEDNESDAY, 20 <sup>TH</sup>	PREP2022 TRANSITION AFTERNOON # 1- TBC
SUNDAY, 24 <sup>TH</sup>	WORKING BEE #4 - TBC
TUESDAY, 26 <sup>TH</sup>	7.30PM OHR SAC MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 27 <sup>TH</sup>	7.30PM PFA MEETING

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

Last week was Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week. Teacher Aides or Learning Support Officers (LSOs), as they are often referred to, provide an invaluable support to students and teachers across the nation.

At Our Holy Redeemer we are fortunate to have three LSOs who provide a wonderful service so that our children can learn and thrive. Our LSOs comprise Mrs Deidre Campbell, Mrs Rosha Vincitorio (Mrs V) and Mrs Lana Nikolic.

The role of the LSO is integral to the success of our learning community. The assistance provided by our learning support staff is unique and affirming, and the connections they form with a student can last for many years. During the pandemic, our learning support staff have been online supporting various students so that their learning can continue. Currently our learning support staff are on site every day to support those students who qualify for onsite supervision.

Our Learning Support Officers provide an important contribution that ensures learning continues for young people.



### Today is R U OK? Day

Have you got a feeling that someone you know or care about isn't behaving as they normally would? Perhaps they seem out of sorts? More agitated or withdrawn? Or they're just simply not themselves. Trust that gut instinct and act on it. Learn more about the signs and when it's time to ask RU OK? [here](#)



**1. Ask**



**2. Listen**



**3. Encourage action**



**4. Check in**

By starting a conversation and commenting on the changes you've noticed, you could help that family member, friend or workmate open up. If they say they are not ok, you can follow the conversation steps to show them they're supported and help them find strategies to better manage the load. If they are ok, that person will know you're someone who cares enough to ask.

### NAPLAN 2021 Results

As of Tuesday 31 August, schools were provided access to the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) Data Service which contains the 2021 NAPLAN Results. The data service provides a comprehensive range of reports for schools administering NAPLAN.

NAPLAN assesses student progress in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation) and Numeracy.

At Our Holy Redeemer students in both Years 3 and 5 sat NAPLAN Online during May this year.

In previewing the School Summary Reports for both Years 3 and 5, it is apparent that our median score is above that of the State in every assessed Domain. That's a good news story and a testament to the learning and teaching we have been undertaking with our students.

However, whenever reflecting on NAPLAN results and the data with which the school is provided, we are always mindful of the fact that NAPLAN is but one form of assessment to which our students are exposed.



### Maths Talent Quest (MTQ)

Thank you to Mrs Cara Mitchell for her role in coordinating this year's entries to the Maths Talent Quest (MTQ). All entries were recently uploaded to an



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external portal where they were judged by teachers from other schools and MAV staff. This year there were 370 entries from over 50 schools.

Awards were allocated across each grade based on average judging scores, in most cases investigations were judged three times. The general feedback from the rubric was that it allowed judges to allocate scores according to the depth of the investigation and the level of mathematics involved.

In general, those investigations that received High Distinction had in-depth investigative processes with clear indications of the mathematics involved at a level above expectation. Distinctions followed the investigative process and students used mathematics that was expected at their level. Credits showed strengths in the investigations or mathematics used. Encouragements needed to build on both the investigative process and mathematics involved.

Congratulations to all our participating students. We had whole class entries in both Year 1/2 classes and both Year 3/4 classes. Our class entries were awarded three Distinctions and one Credit. An amazing set of results amid the disruptions created by this year's series of lockdowns! There will be an official virtual awards ceremony next term. The ceremony will recognise National winners and those who were awarded Distinctions or High Distinctions.

Upon our return to onsite schooling, Mrs Mitchell will distribute certificates to each of the students involved. Have a look at next week's newsletter where there will be some snapshots of the Maths learning from each of the four investigations.

### Footy Colours Day

We will be holding a Footy Colours Day next Friday to celebrate the end of term, the AFL finals series and to support the Fight Cancer Foundation.

All students and staff (and parents) are invited to dress in the colours of their favourite footy team. It doesn't matter whether you support AFL, NRL or Soccer, just be sure to proudly display your team's colours.

Mrs Golds has been preparing a special program, incorporating many curriculum areas, with which to engage your children. The classroom teachers will include this package of activities in their daily program.

Look further in today's Newsletter for a message from Mrs Golds.



### All Aboard – Travel Through Time Project

Ana Rita, from Boroondara Arts & Culture, led the 'All Aboard: Travel through Time' artwork incursions with our Year 2 students in Term 2.

The following is an update from the City of Boroondara:

- A collage composition of selected student work was included in a 40 metre temporary mural installed at **143 Maling Road, Canterbury**. Unfortunately, due to Victorian Government restrictions, the Maling Road Winter Art & Light Walk has been postponed to next year. However, in better news, the display of the artwork has been extended and will be in place **until 1 November 2021**. Some images can be seen below.
- All student artwork can be viewed [here](#) on the City of Boroondara website.



### **Celebrating the Season of Creation**

The Parish of SHWP & OLGc are happy to share their Season of Creation ideas with you for the rest of this month. The parish is focussing on reflection, sustainable living, and taking action. Refer to the correspondence further in today's Newsletter.

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

## **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 26 families who have yet to make any payments this year and therefore we still have in excess of \$230,000 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.

Trish

## **P F A NEWS**

### ***Foodbank is Open***

We just wanted to let everyone know that foodbank is open to any family during these difficult times.

These are very stressful circumstances for everyone and some families are struggling more than others. Foodbank is not just for families after births, illness or bereavement, it is for times like this, even if it's just for a week or two.

This is an amazing support service within our school community and I know families who have previously been recipients find it such an incredible help.

Please reach out to me on [bexcapello@gmail.com](mailto:bexcapello@gmail.com) or 0420554661 if you or someone you know in our school community is in need of this wonderful service.

Bec Capello  
Foodbank Coordinator

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

With lockdown dragging on, and school holidays approaching, I would like to offer the children the opportunity to borrow from our library using a click and collect service.

If you wish to use this service please email me: [lqole@ohrsurreyhillscatholic.edu.au](mailto:lqole@ohrsurreyhillscatholic.edu.au), with your child's name and class, number of books required (limit 6) and any special requests for certain books or genres.

I'm also happy to select books I believe may suit your child.

The books will be available for collection in the foyer entry to the LRC from 2pm onwards on Wednesday 15th September.

Returns will be also be welcome and there will be containers available for any book returns.

Leone Gole

## 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

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'



*The Gospel of the Lord*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Jesus asked the disciples 'Who do people say I am?' What are some words you would use to describe Jesus?
2. Jesus wants people to 'take up their cross' and follow him. What does that mean?
3. What are some of the 'crosses' that people carry?

# PE NEWS



Fight Cancer  
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*Giving hope.  
Saving lives.*

## Thanks for registering for Footy Colours Day 2021

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for joining the Footy Colours Day team to support kids with cancer during such uncertain times.

By hosting a Footy Colours Day event, you are helping kids with cancer keep up with school while they receive and recover from treatment.

2021 OHR FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Last day of Term

Friday September 17th

Please click here

[To Donate to this wonderful cause](#)

Please make a donation, big or small and if you don't mind please share the link with your family and friends.



# PARISH NEWS

We are delighted to share our Season of Creation ideas with you for the rest of this month.

The parish is focussing on reflection, sustainable living, and taking action. We have a list of some ways to achieve these below. We are happy for you to put these tips in your newsletter and share them with your staff, parents, and students in whatever way you would like to. We look forward to joining with you in action and spirit throughout the month with the activities you are planning. If you would like us to help you in any way with actions, please let us know. Please feel free to share what you are doing with the parish so that we can celebrate with you.

Pope Francis asks us to join with young people and have the courage to undertake and care for all matters relating to care for the planet. He says:

'Let us reflect on the way we eat, consume, travel, and the way we use water, energy, plastics, and many other material goods is often harmful to the earth. Choose to change! Let us advance with young people towards lifestyles that are simpler and more respectful to the environment. Let us pray that we all will make the courageous choices, the choices necessary for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, taking inspiration from our young people who are resolutely committed to this. And they are not foolish, because they are committed to their own future. This is why they want to change what they will inherit at a time when we will no longer be here.'

Reflection - Love of Creation - maintain and preserve what we have and provide a path to better stewardship of what God has given us

Activities:

- Enjoy nature and be grateful for all that God has given us. Go for a walk and count:
  - the number of different bird calls you hear
  - big trees you see
  - people riding bikes
  - people smiling (you'll have to work that out by looking at their eyes 😊)
  - plants that are flowering
- Plant native plants to attract insects and birds
- Say Grace before meals and acknowledge those less fortunate than us

Sustainable Living - No time to Waste – Lighter Footprints on our Earth

Activities:

- Live Simply, think before you buy or replace items
- Use [terracycle](#) recycle waste websites to give away unwanted items
- Donate to charity shops or, if your donations are more like rags, try [Upparel](#) recycling
- Buy ethical clothing or preloved clothes
- Use cloth bags instead of plastic carrier bags
- Refuse single use plastic bags, avoid plastic packaging – buy paper or glass instead
- Use bamboo toothbrushes, recycle all dental products at school or your local dropoff
- Collect used or unwanted: spectacles, mobile phones, batteries, ink cartridges for recycling, information on where to recycle is [here](#)
- Compost food waste via FOGO or in your own garden compost bin
- Sign the Heathy Planet, Healthy People petition [here](#)


## Sustainable Living – A Cleaner Environment - Use less energy

### Activities:

- Walk, catch public transport, or ride a bike to your destination if possible
- Go for a walk and clean up rubbish any rubbish you see
- Close windows, curtains, and doors to keep heat in
- Switch to renewable energy in your home or place of work
- Source electricity through green energy channels
- Turn off lights and close doors to conserve energy
- Open windows to allow air circulation
- Rug up before you turn on the heating
- Get some indoor plants to create a healthy exchange of CO<sub>2</sub> to O<sub>2</sub> in your home, office, or classroom.
- Check your home carbon footprint <https://www.footprintcalculator.org/home/en>

## More Sustainable Living - Buying sustainably sourced and produced food

### Activities:

- Have a weekly meat-free day, source meat, fish, and dairy products sustainably
- Look for Fairtrade products, including cleaning products 
- Buy locally sourced food, shop at local [Farmer's Markets](#)
- Buy products that are sourced and manufactured in Australia
- Start a vegetable patch or window garden
- Plant a tree
- Add to your herb garden
- Join a local [community garden](#) or start your own
- Fix your broken, faulty, or damaged items for free at The Repair's Café and find tips at their [Facebook](#) page

Please join the parishes in signing the [Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition](#) so that the political leaders participating in COP15 and COP26 act for all members of creation this year.

We have an opportunity like no other. At the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP15) in October, world leaders can set meaningful targets to protect creation. In November, at the 26th UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), countries will announce their plans to meet the goals of the Paris agreement. Ahead of those meetings, it is our responsibility as Catholics to lift the voices of the most vulnerable and advocate on their behalf. We must act now - sign the [Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition](#)

For more information visit our parishes' Season of Creation website [here](#).