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"Each time one prematurely teaches a child something they could have discovered themselves, that child is kept from inventing it and consequently from understanding it completely."

Jean Piaget

DATES TO REMEMBER

TONIGHT 7.30PM 2022 PREP PARENT
TRANSITION EVENING- ONLINE

FRIDAY, 22ND YRS 5 & 6 STUDENTS RETURN
MASKS REQUIRED

TUESDAY, 26TH YRS 3 & 4 STUDENTS RETURN
MASKS REQUIRED
7.30PM OHR SAC MEETING - ONLINE

THURSDAY, 28TH MACS SIS SURVEY CLOSES

FRIDAY, 29TH WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

NOVEMBER

MONDAY, 1ST PUPIL-FREE DAY

TUESDAY, 2ND MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC
HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY, 10TH 7.30PM PFA MEETING – **ONLINE**
RESCHEDULED FROM WEDNESDAY, 27TH

FORWARD PLANNING DATES

DECEMBER

THURSDAY, 9TH YEAR 6 GRADUATION
6.00PM MASS AT OHR

6.45PM PRE-DINNER DRINKS

FOLLOWING BY DINNER

WEDNESDAY, 15TH 3.15PM 2021 SCHOOL YEAR
CONCLUDES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

As noted in last week's Newsletter, the staff have dearly missed having the children on-site over the past 2½ months. So, with great enthusiasm, we welcomed back our Preps on Monday, along with our Year 1/2 students who resumed today.

The staff can't wait to see our groups of Year 5/6 and Year 3/4 students in the coming days.

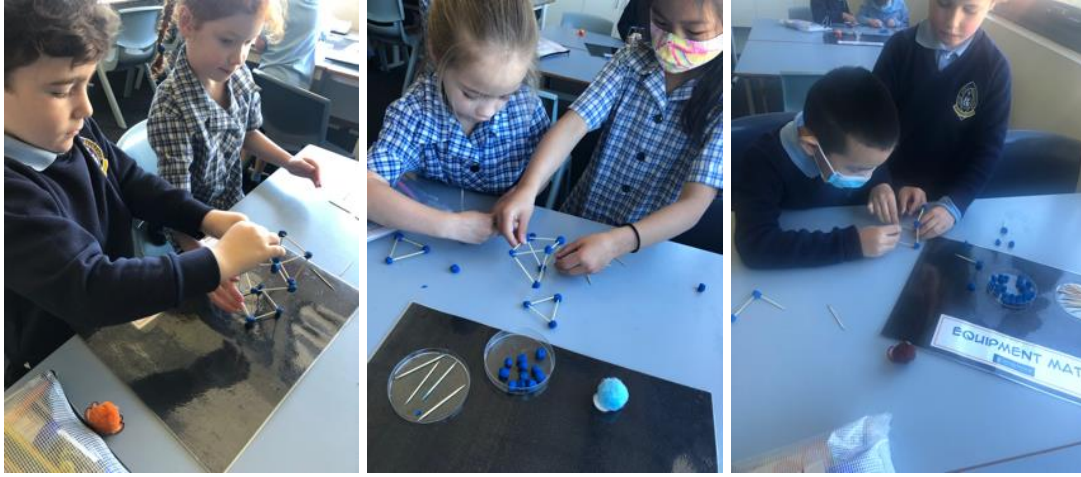
The images below, show the Preps learning outside. Even the neighbour's cat – Cobalt – knew the children were back when it paid an unannounced visit to the Prep learning area.



Science in Prep

The Preps explored the engineering process and the strength of various 3D shapes during remote learning when they had to build a stand to support a tin of food. This week they used that knowledge to construct the tallest tower using limited toothpicks and plasticine balls. According to Mrs Axon, there was lots of testing and improving before we had success!





With Thanks to our PFA

Back in July, the PFA invited the school community to submit proposals for the allocation of PFA funds to support and enhance the education and welfare of the children at OHR. This opportunity is available once every calendar year in accordance with the rules of the PFA.

The PFA received submissions from Mrs Stephanie Axon (Science teacher) and Mrs Josephine Harrison (Digital Technologies Manager). Submissions had to be received by the closing date of 4 September.

A PFA Fundraising Expenditure Subcommittee was established to determine that the proposals met the criteria established by the PFA.

The proposals were subsequently presented to, and voted on, by members of the PFA during last week's meeting.

Of the \$13,200 of available funds for proposals, approximately \$1,200 was granted for the purchase of five dual power stereo microscopes for the Science room, with the remaining funds enabling the purchase of further Chromebooks, iPads and relevant licences.

On behalf of the school staff, I would like to thank the PFA – and all parents, for that matter – for the generous allocation of funds. The children will be the true beneficiaries of these purchases.



Emergency Management Training

Next week all the staff will participate in Emergency Management training with Emma Gladman from Dynamiq. Dynamiq specialises in emergency management and emergency response planning.

To ensure compliance with AS3745-2010, there is a requirement for Warden Training to be completed at least once every 12 months.

The training session will cover the structure, roles and responsibilities of the Emergency Control Organisation (ECO), the basic principles of building safety systems and how to implement the appropriate procedures for various emergencies. It also covers effective communication and describes human behaviour in emergency situations and the role of the emergency services.

Emergency management maps and plans are clearly displayed throughout all our classrooms and public spaces, such as the church and the hall.



If, as a parent, you are ever on-site during an emergency management procedure, we ask that you listen carefully to the instructions delivered over the PA system and follow them accordingly.

MACSSIS

Last week all families would have been emailed instructions on how to access the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools School Improvement Survey (MACSSIS). In case you missed last week's correspondence, Mr Byrne emailed the instructions again on Tuesday.

The surveys are not a test; they are an inclusive way to support the work we are already doing to improve our school.

Our community's opinions are critical to understanding how our school is performing – MACSSIS is a key data source for guiding the ongoing work to improve our school.

The surveys take an average time of 10 minutes to complete. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

The survey window closes next Thursday 28 October.



Formation of Classes

The teaching staff are commencing the process of developing class placements for the 2022 school year. The construction of class lists is a process that requires teaching staff to give consideration to a great variety of factors in an effort to create a social, emotional, behavioural and academic balance within any given class, as detailed in the *Rationale* of our Formation of Classes Policy:

“At OHR we believe that learning is influenced by a diverse range of factors. The professional knowledge, judgement and discretion of all teachers is critical to the placement of students. The class allocation process should follow protocols which address the balance of social, emotional and academic needs of each child.”

A copy of the Formation of Classes Policy is attached to today's newsletter for your reference. Please take the time to read through the policy carefully, as it clearly articulates a range of considerations that need to be factored when placing every individual child into a class. The policy informs the decisions of staff as we collaboratively construct class lists over the coming weeks.

School Closure Days

- There will be no school for the children over the Melbourne Cup long weekend, inclusive of Monday 1 November and Tuesday 2 November. We are hopeful that restrictions will be eased so that families can manage to travel further from home.
- The school closure day for staff professional learning, scheduled for 2 December, has been **cancelled**. This day has been cancelled to enable a further day of learning for our students.

Summer Uniform

As your children resume on-site schooling this term, please make sure that they are dressed proudly in their full OHR Summer uniform. When the days turn cooler, they will need to pack their jumper. As we are a Sunsmart School it's important that the children remember to wear their hats each day.



Wishing everyone a good weekend,
Frank

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

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

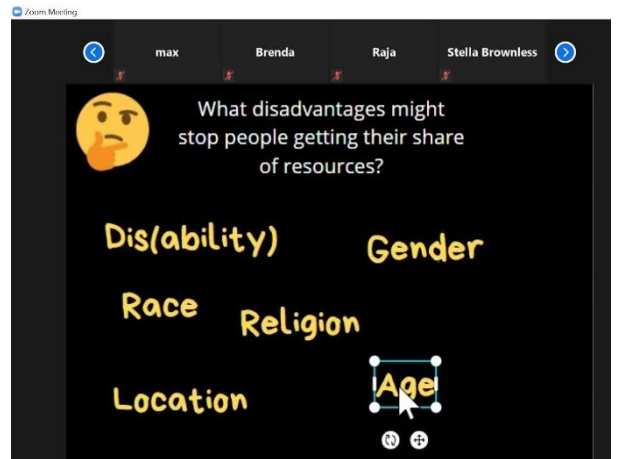
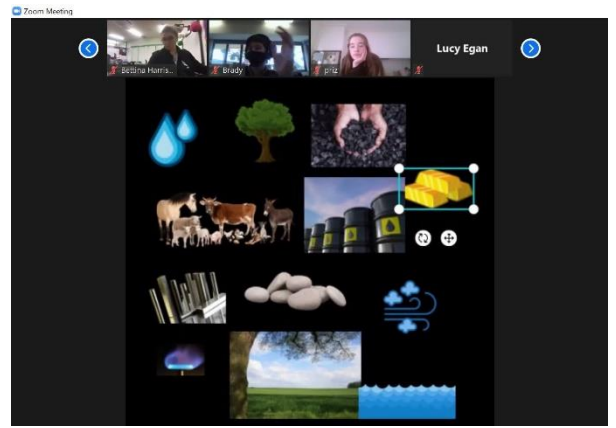
1. The blind man believed that Jesus could help him but people told the man to be quiet. Why do you think these people told the man to stop calling out?
2. Why didn't this stop the man from continuing?
3. Why did Jesus reply to him?
4. What did the man do after he had been cured?
5. How does Jesus listen to our prayers?

RE LEARNING IN YEAR 5/6

This term in our RE/Integrated Rich Concept throughout the school is **Justice** and the shared understanding that we all have the right to be treated justly and we all have the responsibility to act justly. As part of this Unit, all Year 5/6 students attended an online incursion with Catherine Scerri from Bahay Tuluyan Philippines Australia (BTPA).

Bahay Tuluyan is a children's rights organisation based in the Philippines. Bahay Tuluyan's programs and services are aimed at preventing and responding to abuse and violence against children in the Philippines. They work in three areas in the Philippines; Manila, Laguna and Quezon, delivering social services and programs on the street, in communities and within its centres. Bahay Tuluyan Philippines Australia (BTPA) was established primarily to support the work of Bahay Tuluyan.

During this session our students explored the distribution of resources, people's needs and wants and how power and privilege impacts our lives. There was lots of great discussion and questioning. We will continue to explore the concepts introduced at this session over the coming weeks.



ASSEMBLY NEWS

Merit Awards

Class	Name
Prep HH	Keilah B
Prep HT	Otis H
1/2DE	Ned K
1/2MJ	Jaison V
3/4CP	Luke H
3/4PK	William G
56DU	Matilda P
56HN	Lucy E

Social Skills Awards

Class	Name
Prep HH	Emme A
Prep HT	Charlie C
1/2DE	Alexis P
1/2MJ	Amelia L
3/4CP	James G
3/4PK	James C
56DU	Max W
56HN	Hayden S

Social Skills Awards

Class	Name	For ...
Prep HH	Noah R	Making regular contributions to our class discussions. You are always thinking hard and putting your hand up to have a go.
Prep HT	Arabella B	Consistently demonstrating kindness and compassion throughout your day. A living example of our value of the Gospel this term. Thank you Arabella
1/2DE	Arlo P	Thanks for your wonderful sense of humour whilst we attempted to move our classroom around and for your ideas on our Zen Den.
1/2HN	Kaia P	Your kind and thoughtful nature towards others. Your smile lights up the classroom! Thank you for being a super Grade 2 role model for your peers.
3/4CP	Eamon O	Displaying excellent sportsmanship skills and encouraging your T-Ball team mates.
3/4TK	Henry C	For your thoughtfulness that you show your classmates and for your continued focus on your learning this term.
56DU	Max W	Demonstrating inclusion and fairness in both the classroom and playground.
56MB	Eddy O	Always displaying a positive attitude and respectful manner. Well Done Eddy.

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 or 0420554661 if you or someone you know in our school community is in need of this wonderful service.

Bec Capello
Foodbank Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

It starts with an audition...



The National Boys Choir of Australia is currently holding **online auditions**

for boys in years 1 and 2, for our January 2022 intake. Auditions are free, informal, and take only a few minutes, and will run through October 2021.

Since 1964 NBCA has offered unique musical experiences for boys, with outstanding performance opportunities and vocal training, in a professional, supportive and friendly environment.

For more information, or to arrange an audition appointment, please visit our website:

www.nationalboyschoir.com.au



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