



OUR HOLY REDEEMER

311 MONT ALBERT ROAD
SURREY HILLS 3127

Telephone 9898 2315

Fax 9897 1137

Email ohradmin@ohrsurreyhills.catholic.edu.au

 <https://twitter.com/OHRLearning>

Principal
Frank Dame

Parish Priest
Brendan Reed

Newsletter No 31
7th October 2021

*"The greatness of a community is most accurately
measured by the compassionate actions of its members."*

- Coretta Scott King

DATES TO REMEMBER

OCTOBER

FRIDAY, 8TH

OHR PUBLIC SPEAKING FINAL

FRIDAY, 15TH

YR3/4 CRICKET DAY - TBC

TUESDAY, 19TH

ABOUT REAL LIFE FAMILY
SESSION – YEARS 3 AND 5

THURSDAY, 21ST

7.30PM

2022 PREP PARENT TRANSITION
EVENING

TUESDAY, 26TH

7.30PM

OHR SAC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 27TH

7.30PM

PFA MEETING

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

A couple of years ago, Charlie's Fine Food Co was busy making cookies for airlines, hotels, schools, pubs, clubs and cafes. "We thought we were diversified, but COVID wiped out everything," says owner Jacky Magid. After a huge dip, she reinvented her business for retail and export, retraining her staff and powering on. "We are grateful," she says.

A few weeks ago, Magid's team felt the urge to help the cafes that have been such an important part of their cookie ecosystem. "This sixth lockdown has been really rough on people," she says. "We wanted to give back to those struggling mentally and financially." They called for people to nominate their favourite cafes. Twenty beloved cafes would be granted a \$250 cookie pack.

"The response was phenomenal," says Magid. "We had people writing such lovely things about what their cafes had done and were going through." Some cafes donated coffee to doctors and nurses, others supported refugees, all brightened days with smiles and remembered coffee orders. "It was so nice to hear how much these cafes meant to people," says Magid.

It was what happened once the cookie packs were delivered that really blew the team away. "The cafes hadn't nominated themselves, they didn't even know the cookies were on offer," says Magid. "So when we explained what happened, they wanted to know what their customers had said about them. They became softer and even kinder." And they started using their donated cookies to pay it forward. "Some cafes put a free cookie in with click-and-collect



using their donated cookies to pay it forward. "Some cafes put a free cookie in with click-and-collect

orders, one sold them and donated the profits to the Royal Children’s Hospital, some gave them away to their staff.”

For Magid, the initiative was proof of the power of community and connection. “It’s concentric circles – every little act of kindness goes a long way,” she says. “You don’t have to change the whole world yourself, but if I impact the person next to me they will impact the person next to them.”

Is there something about cookies and kindness that goes together? “Cookies are about nostalgia and comfort,” says Magid.

Courtesy of The Sunday Age, 26 Sept 2021

Welcome

This week we welcome Ammiel to Mrs Canty’s and Miss Busuttill’s year 3/4 class. Ammiel is in year 4. We also welcome Ammiel’s parents, Roslyn and Horace, to the Our Holy Redeemer community. I encourage everyone to make them feel a part of our vibrant school as our students return on-site learning.

MASH Rotary Primary Schools Speech Competition 2021

Congratulations to Elizabeth H (5/6HN) and William Wall (5/6DU) who represented OHR in the annual Mont Albert & Surrey Hills (MASH) Primary Schools Speech Competition on Tuesday evening. This year’s public speaking competition, which involved 10 other finalists from local primary schools, was a virtual event.

We are proud of both William and Elizabeth who both delivered speeches that captivated the judges. They both spoke with confidence and clarity, punctuating their speeches with dry humour. Elizabeth received a special commendation.



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

OHR Public Speaking Final

I would like to recognise the achievements of every child who prepared and delivered a speech in preparation for this year’s Public Speaking Competition, and congratulate all our finalists on an extraordinary achievement. As a staff, we acknowledge that our competition conditions have once again been different due to the conditions of remote and flexible learning. For some, speaking to a camera was easier than speaking to a live audience and for others the notion of no live audience to interact with was challenging. As was the case in 2020, we again adapted the 2021 competition to fit in with the limitations imposed on us. We are so excited that we are able to hold our Final, as on many occasions we did begin to question whether we would get that far.

Tomorrow afternoon the following children will present their speech, which will be a virtual event:

Year Level	Finalists	Topic
Foundation	Alexander E	If I Could Go Any Place in the World
	Isaac P	How to Care for Our Planet
	Dan C	If I Had a Superpower
	Yvie H	How to Care for Our Planet
Year 1	Aksel R	If I could go anywhere in the world
	Arabella B	“Water a precious resource”
	Finn S	“The Worst Vegetable on the Planet”
Year 2	Annabelle F	“If I could Go Anywhere in the World”
	Chloe O-L	“Water”

	Zoe C	"If I Could Go Anywhere In The World"
Year 3	Betty J	"I've Been Meaning to Tell You"
	Poppy T	"The Best Letter of The Alphabet"
Year 4	Tom W	"Let's Get Loud"
	Harrison K	"The Best Letter of The Alphabet"
Year 5	Otto P	"How To Eat a"
	Lucy E	"The Most Important Lesson of My Life"
Year 6	William W	"When I Find Myself in Times of Trouble"
	Elizabeth H	"When I Find Myself in Times of Trouble"

I would also like to thank Ms Nicky Dunne and Mrs Lisa Canty for all their work in communicating and coordinating this year's program.

Footy Colours Day

From the feedback received, our annual Footy Colours Day, which closed out Term 3, was a hugely successful event.

Thank you to Mrs Golds, who went to a lot of effort to organise a range of footy-related activities which managed to keep the students (and many parents) engaged.

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



Email Protocols Policy

Attached to today's Newsletter is a copy of our current Email Protocols Policy. I encourage everyone to read through it.

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 is important that the children remember to wear their hats each day.



Wishing everyone a good weekend,
Frank

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

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 was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some things that you like to collect?
2. Are there some collections you have that you don't use anymore?
3. Jesus says that it is good to give things away rather than collect things you don't need. Can you think of ways that these things can be used for others?



PE NEWS



Fight Cancer Foundation's Footy Colours Day is a national community fundraising event which helps kids with cancer keep up with school.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY 2021
Thankyou OHR
for your support and contributions..

We raised \$840.00

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

OUR HOLY REDEEMER PRIMARY UNIFORM

School login: username: OHR password: OHR

Continue placing your click & collect and school or home delivery orders at

www.surreyclthing.com.au

Home delivery is available for a flat rate of \$15

Due to ongoing Covid restrictions, we will be using an appointment schedule for fittings, including new 2022 prep fittings

Please email or call to confirm your time



Surrey Clothing

424 Station Street, Box Hill, Vic 3128
P: (03) 9890 3487
admin@surreyclthing.com.au



OUR HOLY REDEEMER

311 MONT ALBERT ROAD
SURREY HILLS 3127

Telephone 9898 2315 Fax 9897 1137
Email ohradmin@ohrsurreyhills.catholic.edu.au

Principal
Frank Dame

Parish Priest
Brendan Reed

Protocols for Using Email

RATIONALE:

At Our Holy Redeemer School we committed to open, honest and timely communication. We are also committed to communication being respectful, measured, sensitive and constructive. In adhering to these principles we aim to strengthen the goodwill and the positive partnership between parents and the school, to enhance the wellbeing and learning opportunities for our students. This policy is designed to establish clear expectations for both staff and parents in the use of email as a communication tool.

PURPOSE:

The aim of these guidelines is to:

- clearly articulate the School's commitment to positive use of the email system for communication
- to acknowledge the potential benefits of staff and parents communicating via email, but also understand its shortcomings
- establish clear expectations for both staff and parents in the use of email as a communication tool.

PROCEDURES FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

Email is an environmentally friendly way of communicating that can save time when used effectively. We acknowledge that email is very convenient for parents who are working and find it difficult to catch up with school staff during regular work hours. Having said that, our school community values face-to-face and telephone conversations, and understands that these forms of communication are preferred in many situations.

Expectations of Both Staff and Parents

When communicating via email, staff and parents are expected to adhere to email etiquette, including:

- Emails are at their best when they are brief and informative. Issues that require a level of detailed discussion should be dealt with in person or over the phone.
- At the beginning of an email the sender can use 'No reply necessary' to convey an information sharing email only.
- Emails should always be respectful and constructive. If the email relates to a concern or problem, it ought to be focused on understanding the problem and finding a solution.

- Emails work best when they are positive. Avoid sending negative or confrontational emails. Email is not to be used to vent. We never say in an email what we wouldn't say to the recipient's face.
- Never write about or seek personal information regarding third parties (staff, students or parents). Likewise, emails containing personal or sensitive information should not be passed on to a third party without permission of the sender.
- The tone or intent of emails can easily be misunderstood, especially where humour or sarcasm is involved. Be conscious of this and pick up the phone rather than send an email in this instance.
- Avoid writing in capitals.
- Staff and parents are not expected to respond to emails that are contentious or require ongoing dialogue. A face-to-face meeting should be arranged in this circumstance.
- Group emails have the potential to waste the time of many, so avoid sending emails to anyone for whom it is not relevant. It is also courteous to avoid time wasting emails, including jokes, chain letters and commercial solicitations.
- Make sure the purpose of your email is clear...do you require specific action or is the email for information only?
- When emailing a group, staff and parents must ensure they not disclose the email addresses of others without permission to do so. (Blind CC should be utilised)

Expectations of Staff

- Email should not be used to discuss a sensitive issue which was not initiated by the parent or had not been previously discussed with the parent.
- When an email is received from a parent that requires some time to gather information and reply properly, the staff member should respond acknowledging that the email has been received and indicate when an informed response will be sent.
- Staff will aim to reply to parent emails within 2 working days.
- When on leave, staff will activate an auto-reply message detailing relevant leave dates.
- Staff may choose to send or respond to work related emails at a time of their own choosing, but there is no expectation to respond to these emails outside of school hours. (8:00-4:30).
- Staff should use the WPS standardised signature format for emails sent from staff accounts. This will include a Disclaimer statement.
- Staff are not to respond to offensive or abusive emails and should forward them to the school principal.

Expectations of Parents

- Please only send non-vital messages by this medium. For example, do not use email to inform a teacher that your child is not to go to After School Care that afternoon, as the teacher may not see the message in time. Remember that given work demands teachers may not get to read emails until late in the day.

- Please don't seek to discuss in detail your child's academic progress, learning expectations, or behavioural issues via email. These are best addressed over the phone or in person.
- Emails that are intended for the office staff should be sent directly to the school's email address, that being: ohradmin@ohrsurreyhillscatholic.edu.au
- Remember to respect staff personal time, including weekends and holidays. Emails directed to staff should be sent on week days between the hours of 8.00am and 4.30pm.
- It is the responsibility of every parent to keep the school administration and class teacher up-to-date with current email addresses.

REVIEW & POLICY HISTORY:

Our Holy Redeemer School	Version Approval Date: 01. 02. 2021
Version 0.2	Date of Next Review: 01. 02. 2023

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



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR
OF AUSTRALIA

Our Lady of Sion College TALK AND TOUR MORNING Monday 11 October 2021 (via Zoom)



Tour commences at 9.30 am

Join us on our next Talk and Tour Morning and see how your daughter will embrace life at Sion.

Hear a live address by our Principal, meet the Leadership Team and our student leaders, as well as ask questions.

Register now at
www.sion.catholic.edu.au



Our Lady of Sion College
Catholic Girls' College Years 7-12
1065 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill 3128
P 03 9890 9097 | E info@sion.catholic.edu.au