



# OUR HOLY REDEEMER

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Frank Dame

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*"The living owe it to those who no longer can  
speak to tell their story for them."*

Czeslaw Milosz



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **REMEMBRANCE DAY**

TONIGHT	7.00PM	2022 PREP PARENT TRANSITION EVENING #2
FRIDAY, 12 <sup>TH</sup>		ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION
MONDAY, 15 <sup>TH</sup>		ICAS MATHS COMPETITION
WEDNESDAY, 17 <sup>TH</sup>		ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION
THURSDAY, 18 <sup>TH</sup>		2021 SWIMMING PROGRAM CONTINUES
		PREP 2022 TRANSITION SESSION #1
FRIDAY, 19 <sup>TH</sup>		2021 SWIMMING PROGRAM CONTINUES
SUNDAY, 21 <sup>ST</sup>		FEAST OF OUR HOLY REDEEMER CHRIST THE KING
MONDAY, 22 <sup>ND</sup>		ICAS SPELLING BEE COMPETITION
WEDNESDAY, 24 <sup>TH</sup>	7.30PM	PFA MEETING A G M
THURSDAY, 25 <sup>TH</sup>	6.00PM	YEAR 4 FIRST EUCHARIST
SUNDAY, 28 <sup>TH</sup>		YEAR 6 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
TUESDAY, 30 <sup>TH</sup>	7.30PM	OHR SAC MEETING

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

Remembrance Day, which was originally called Armistice Day, commemorated the end of the hostilities for the Great War (World War I), the signing of the armistice, which occurred on November 11, 1918 – the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month.

On the first anniversary of the armistice, in 1919, one minute's silence was instituted as part of the main commemorative ceremony. After the end of World War II in 1945, the Australian and British governments changed the name to Remembrance Day as an appropriate title for a day which would commemorate all war dead.

The year 2008 marked the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Australian attack at Villers-Bretonneux. On April 24, 1918, Australian Imperial Force (AIF) soldiers attacked German forces that captured the French town of Villers-Bretonneux earlier that day. The action was successful, but the fighting was fierce, and many lives were lost on both sides. Red poppies are worn on blazers, shirts, jumpers and other items of clothing on Remembrance Day to remember those who died during a war. Poppies were among the first plants that came from the battlefields of northern France and Belgium during World War I. Some believed the popular myth that poppies were rich in their redness because they blossomed from grounds that were saturated with soldiers' blood.



Today, the entire school community participated in a service at 11.00am to honour this significant day on our calendar.

*Acknowledgement: Time & Date and the Australian War Memorial*

### Whole School Christmas Carols Evening

Save the date of **Friday 10 December** when we will host our whole school Christmas Concert. For those of you that were here two years ago, you may remember that Drew Lane from Butterfly Music, ran a series of workshops for the students throughout the day prior to the evening concert. This year's format will be quite similar, however, it will differ in that the concert will be held outside, as density limits will not enable such an event to proceed inside the Hall. So, we're praying for a beautiful evening.



This special evening is a wonderful way for our school community to gather together to reflect on and celebrate the Seasons of Advent and Christmas. Mrs Hollow will shortly commence working with the classes, during Performing Arts lessons, to teach the children carols in preparation for this special night.

### House Debating

At OHR we believe that the skills of debating develop essential critical thinking skills, the ability to make reasoned and well considered arguments, in addition to questioning the evidence behind a particular stance or conclusion.

The House Debating season will commence next week and will continue into the following week. The Senior students represent their Houses during the debating series. Next week's two topics include:

- That parents should financially reward their children for improving personal school results
- That we should abolish the Olympic Games.

The debates provide a valuable insight to the skills developed by the students as they counter one another with their fine-tuned arguments.

In non-COVID years, the Prep – Year 4 students can attend in person as spectators. This year, however, the students and their teachers will view the debates from their classrooms via Google Meet.

### **Year 3/4 Camp to CYC The Island**

We are so excited that the Year 3/4 Camp to CYC The Island can now proceed. The camp is located in the picturesque setting of Phillip Island. The campers will depart on Monday 13 December and return on Tuesday 14 December. What a great way to finish the term!

The last day of the school year for all students is Wednesday 15 December.

### **Prep 2022 Transition Program**

- This evening we will be conducting the second information session/webinar for parents of children commencing Prep at OHR in 2022.
- As current restrictions do not enable the hosting of the traditional Dinner and Information Evening, the school will conduct a further webinar towards the end of this month that will cover many of the topics included during the usual dinner. We are also in the process of setting up a morning tea at one of our local cafes which will offer an opportunity for next year's Prep parents to catch up socially in an informal environment.
- This Tuesday morning, we will hold the first on-site transition session for the pre-school children who will be commencing Prep in the coming months.



### **School Uniform**

Over the remaining month of the school year, we ask that families ensure their children are dressed in the appropriate school uniform every day. If any items become outgrown, they are always available for purchase through Surrey Clothing or the Second-hand Uniform Shop.

The end of the school year should never be viewed as an opportunity for children to wear runners every day. School shoes can be purchased at any time of the year. Sometimes we are placed in the difficult position when it is argued that if school shoes are purchased now, the child may outgrow them by the beginning of the New Year. School shoes are always bought with room for growth, and children rarely ever grow a full size over the space of the 5 weeks that is typical of the Christmas/New Year break.

Surrey Clothing also carry two lengths of sports socks with OHR branding. While plain white sport socks are acceptable, we do discourage the wearing of no-show socks as they are not part of the sport uniform.

I appreciate that so many of you endeavour to support the school's Uniform Policy at all times.

### **2022 Fees and Levies: Repeated**

I acknowledge that these times are certainly challenging. Over the last eighteen months, many people and children in our community have been affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic; socially, emotionally and financially.

The current COVID-19 Pandemic unfortunately continues to impact our community, and is likely to continue being a factor for some time to come.

For this reason, we have decided to freeze our fees for 2022, keeping them at the same level as 2021 to provide our families with some financial relief given the current climate. Our Holy Redeemer is committed to continuing to provide an outstanding experience for its students, as a school of choice in nurturing our future leaders in the community. Families may be assured this decision will in no way impact the education provided as the school continues to find ways to be innovative in delivering its curriculum.

Following on from consultation with and advice from our Business Manager, Alex Pettolino, and the School Advisory Council, we have finalised our Fee Structure for 2022.

All families should have received an email last week detailing OHR's 2022 Fee Structure.

Wishing everyone a great 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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'



*The Gospel of the Lord*

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Today's Gospel talks about the end of the world and sounds frightening, but it also tells us that the word of God will last forever, even longer than the earth and the sky will last. Have you ever felt God's love?
2. How did that feel?
3. God wants us to be ready to meet him at any time. How can you do that?

## RE LEARNING IN 3/4PK

In 3/4PK we continue to explore our Religious Education and Integrated  
Topic: *Justice*.

The overarching idea being explored in this unit is that together we create a 'Just' world. Students will come to understand that we all have a right to be treated justly and that we all have the responsibility to act justly.

In exploring the discipleship of Mary our Mother, students have learnt how communities came to know God more fully as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

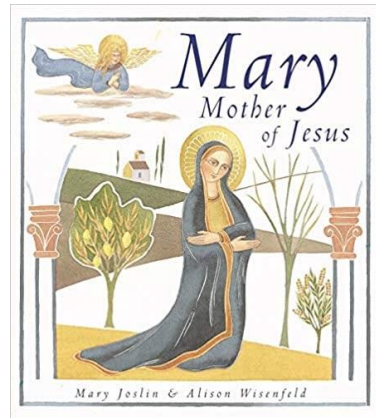


Students identified and drew symbols that sought to explain the Holy Trinity in early Christian communities.

Students explored the significant events of Mary's life, identifying Mary's characteristics and articulating Mary's special role in fulfilling God's plan.

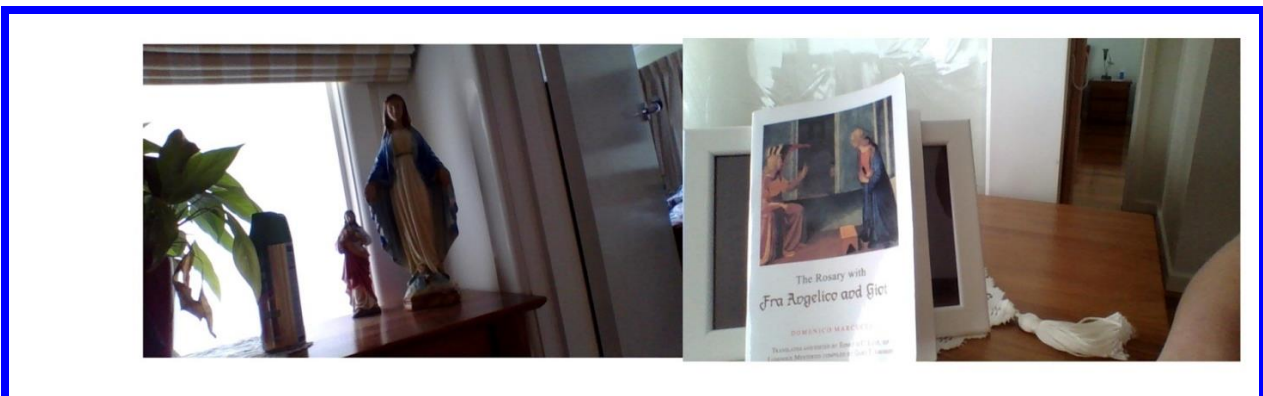


To begin revealing the characteristics of Mary, Mother of Jesus, students explored the thinking behind this famous Renaissance painting by Raphael. They researched the art elements, design process and design features which Raphael utilised to portray Mary in 'Madonna of the chair' in order to inform their thinking about the type of person Mary was.



Mary's unique place in God's plan for Salvation is revealed in the gospel story of the annunciation. As Mary listened and responded to God with faith and courage, she showed how to be faithful to God. Students identified and sequenced the joyful, sorrowful, glorious and light filled moments of Mary's life.

Through study of the Rosary, students made connections between Mary's life and the Joyful Mysteries, Sorrowful Mysteries, Glorious Mysteries and Luminous Mysteries. Students meditated on each of these mysteries as they prayed through Mary, Mother of Jesus with an intention in mind.



Students shared what their families knew about Mary and reflected on different ways that they honour Mary through prayers and celebration.

Students have learned from the example of Mary how to respond to God. Students will continue to explore how the Church continues the mission of Jesus. They will explore how they too are called to discipleship, just like Mary was. Students will explore how their words and actions can contribute to peace and justice in the world; being visible signs of God's presence.

### At home you could help your children by:

- talking with them about how Mary listened and responded to God.
- identifying the ways in which your family is faithful to Jesus' law of love.
- highlighting ways people in our communities or families show respect, kindness, honesty and truthfulness in their relationships with others.
- discussing with them the practical ways they can show discipleship everyday through their words and actions.
- acknowledging at dinner time the words and actions which contributed to peace and justice in the home each day.
- offering up intentions whilst you pray a decade of the Rosary together as a family.

## AWARDS FOR WEEK 6

### SOCIAL SKILLS AWARD

Prep HH	Mia H
Prep HT	Daniel C
1/2DE	Rosey M
1/2MJ	Tristan O, Connor G
3/4CB	Ted S
3/4PK	Harriet J
5/6DU	Lucas T
5/6HN	Zac C

### MERIT AWARD

Estelle G
Harrison K
Lucas T
Audrey K, Finn S
Luca C
Isabella E
Macey C
Eddy O

## ADMIN NEWS

### 2021 SCHOOL FEES

**We still have TWELVE families whose balance is in excess of \$4,000** and/or who have yet to make a payment for this year's school fees. Not sure whether this is you – please give me a call – thank you.

### 2021 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Here is the Swimming timetable for next week. **There are still no spectators allowed on the grounds of PLC.**

#### Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November

Class	Bus Departs OHR	Lesson Start	Lesson Finish	Bus Departs PLC
Yr3/4CB and Yr5/6HN	8.50am	9.10am	10.00am	10.15am
Yr3/4PK and Yr5/6DU	9.40am	10.00am	10.50pm	11.05pm
Yr1/2DE and Prep/HH	10.40pm	11.00pm	11.50pm	12.05pm
Yr 1/2MJ and Prep/HT	11.30am	11.50am	12.40pm	12.55pm

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Yr 1/2MJ and Prep/HT	1.20am	1.40am	2.30pm	2.45pm

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# AUSTRALIAN MATHS COMPETITION 2021

Once again this year the Australian Maths Trust ran the Australian Maths Competition. This was open to students in Year 3 to 6 and Our Holy Redeemer had 15 entrants. We were lucky enough to sit the competition at school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August, the day Melbourne went into Lockdown 6.



We were extremely proud to receive 4 Distinctions, 5 Credits and 6 Proficiency Certificates.

Congratulations to the following students who entered the competition this year.

**James G - Year 3**  
**Sophie L - Year 3**  
**Lars R - Year 3**  
**Isabella E - Year 3**  
**Hugo H - Year 3**  
**James N - Year 3**  
**Art T - Year 3**  
**Alicia W - Year 3**  
**Julian C - Year 4**  
**Rory S - Year 4**  
**William G - Year 4**  
**Sebastian Lui - Year 5**  
**Benjamin Widjaja - Year 5**  
**Ilia Pysk - Year 6**  
**Eddy Oh - Year 6**

Cara Mitchell, Maths Leader

## 2021 YEAR 6 GRADUATION

### FLOWERS

If anyone in our school community has the following leaves or flowers in their garden, we would love if you could spare a few for us to use at the Grade 6 graduation dinner on December 9<sup>th</sup> :

- Monstera leaves
- Fern leaves
- Banana Leaves
- Birds of Paradise flowers
- Or any similar flower or leaf.

If you could please contact Chelsea (0433101961, or [chelseamoore@live.com.au](mailto:chelseamoore@live.com.au)) we would be eternally grateful!!

Thanks in advance,

Year 5/6 Reps

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Alan, Ada and Eva Selwyn Emergency Department

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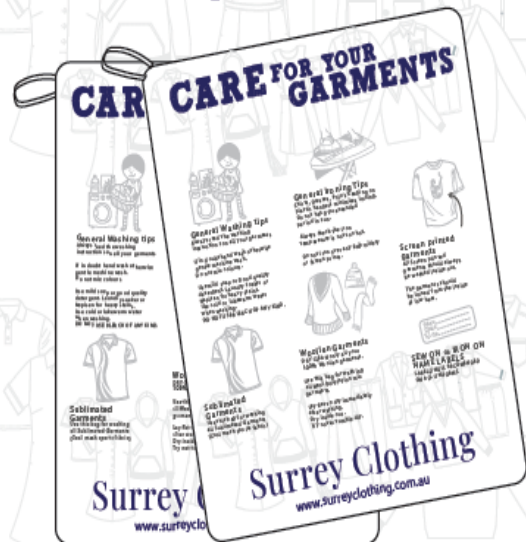
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