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"I think it behoves us more than anything to be kind."

Sam Neil

DATES TO REMEMBER

FRIDAY, 19TH

2021 SWIMMING PROGRAM
CONTINUES

SUNDAY, 21ST

FEAST OF OUR HOLY
REDEEMER CHRIST THE KING

MONDAY, 22ND

ICAS SPELLING BEE
COMPETITION

TUESDAY, 23RD

HOUSE DEBATING: ROUND 3

WEDNESDAY, 24TH

7.30PM PFA MEETING A G M

THURSDAY, 25TH

HOUSE DEBATING: FINAL

6.00PM YEAR 4 FIRST EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, 28TH

YEAR 6 SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION

MONDAY, 29TH

PREP2022 PARENT TRANSITION
EVENING #3

TUESDAY, 30TH

7.30PM OHR SAC MEETING

THURSDAY, 2ND

PREP2022 TRANSITION
SESSION #2

KIDS' DISCO

WEDNESDAY, 8TH

5.00PM

THURSDAY, 9TH

SPECIAL WORKING BEE,
YEARS 3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS
GRADUATION DINNER
WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS
CONCERT

FRIDAY, 10TH

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

What the world currently needs are people to be kind. Sam Neil, actor, winemaker, "duck dad" and occasional ukulele player, has been keeping spirits high in times of COVID-19 isolation.

Since last year, when Neil should have been in London filming the latest instalment of the Jurassic World movies, he found himself "stuck at home like everybody else". He began passing the COVID-19 isolation days at his Sydney home by entertaining his 391,000 *Twitter* followers with his whimsical posts. He played Radiohead and Randy Newman songs on the ukulele, reads poems and children's books, displayed his dubious paintings, and made short films with his actor friends.

At the time Neil said, *"I'm hopeless on the ukulele. I can't paint for nuts. I certainly can't write poetry, but I'm giving them all a go."*

Starting when he was on downtime on film sets, Neill has long been a gentle, amusing presence on social media; the animals at the vineyard have become stars in their own right, something that has surprised his son Tim, coming from such a "private and reserved person".

Nowadays he is doing it to reassure people during these uncertain times of COVID-19.

"I just do all sorts of silly stuff that entertains me," Neill said at the time.

"And if someone else who is also isolated and fearful and anxious gets some kind of enjoyment out of it, then it's worth doing.

Before COVID-19, Neill delighted his *Twitter* followers with updates on the adventures of his animals. Smooching his white Muscovy duck, Charlie Pickering, and taking walks with his pig, Angelica. Other *Twitter*-famous farm animals include a calf called Graham Norton, black-faced sheep and a platoon of chooks who are named after famous actors.

"People have said that there is so much bad news that seeing a duck on *Twitter* makes them feel better. Now I feel a responsibility to provide light in a bleak world," said Neil.

"Whether or not there are people around I do find solace in company with my animals; I enjoy them. The conversation isn't all that riveting but very happy to be in each other's company."

When asked by *Australian Story* what he would like to be remembered for, at the time he said, *"I think it behoves us more than anything to be kind. In a broad sense and in an immediate sense, just to be kind."*



First Eucharist

Christ says to us at every Mass: *"Here I am, poured out in love for you. Take me, I'm one with you."*

St Augustine in 413 wrote that the Mass was about three things: goodness, unity and charity. Augustine taught that if we were not better people working for unity and loving each other once away from the Eucharist, then, the Mass fails to achieve its purpose.

The God who comes to us at every Eucharist as real food, is the same God who asks:

"When I was hungry, did you feed me?" We should link the reception of the bread of life in the Eucharist at Mass with the giving of bread away from the Mass. In other words, does the Eucharist live on through our actions towards, and treatment of, others in our daily lives?

Many of our Year 4 students have been preparing and eagerly anticipating their celebration of the First Eucharist. This sacramental celebration has been postponed on a number of occasions due to this year's series of lockdowns. Finally, the students will be able to receive the Eucharist for the first time next Thursday evening at 6.00pm.

We ask that you pray for the following students and their families:

Otto C, Julian C, Hunter F, William G, Luke H, Harriet J, Eleanor J, Emma L, Eamon O, Oliver R, Rory S and Thomas W.

They have been proudly supported by their peers:

Oliver F, Felix G, Ari K, Harrison K and Saige M.



PFA

We have had a very committed and effective Parents & Friends Association (PFA) this year, with many members continuing on into 2022. However, with some members retiring we also need more

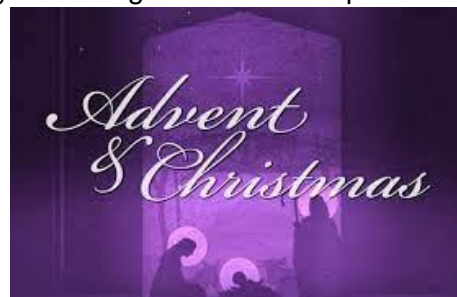
parents to come on board. Through joining the PFA in 2022 you have the opportunity to nurture our wonderful school community and support the education and welfare of OHR's children. I encourage you to attend the AGM this Wednesday 24 November. The PFA is a very welcoming group with meetings and activities always delivered in good spirit. Please look further in today's Newsletter for more information from our current president, Lauren Gardiner.

Whole School Christmas Carols Evening

Save the date of **Friday 10 December** when we will host our whole school Christmas Concert. On that day, Drew Lane, religious singer, songwriter and performing arts specialist will be visiting our school to be part of the Christmas celebrations. Drew will be working throughout the day with our students to present a Christmas concert for the school community. He brings a wealth of experience to share with the students and it will be a great evening of singing, movement and drama.

This year's format will be quite similar to what we ran two years ago, 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 and the classroom teachers will shortly commence working with the students to teach them the carols in preparation for this special night.



House Debating

As noted last week, the House Debating season commenced in earnest on Tuesday and will continue into next week. The Senior students represent their Houses during the debating series. Tuesday's topic was *'That parents should financially reward their children for improving personal school results'*. This afternoon's topic is *'That we should abolish the Olympic Games'*.

This Tuesday the Houses will debate the topic, *'That celebrity figures who break the law should receive harsher punishments than ordinary people'*.

All topics have galvanised the interest of the students. The Prep – Year 4 students and their teachers are able to view the debates from their classrooms via Google Meet.

Prep 2022 Transition Program

On Tuesday morning, we were delighted to host the first on-site transition session for the pre-school children who will be commencing Prep in 2022. The second transition morning will be held on Thursday 2 December.

The third, and final, Parent Information Session will be held during the evening of Monday 29 November.

Commencement of the 2022 School Year

The following dates will assist families in planning for the commencement of the new school year:

- School Staff Resume – Friday 28 January 2022
- Students in Years 1 to 6 resume – 8.40am on Monday 31 January 2022
- Students in Foundation (Prep) attend Individual Testing Interviews – Monday 31 January and Tuesday 1 February 2022
- All Foundation students commence school – 8.40am on Wednesday 2 February 2022.

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 John

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'



The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel, Pilate asks Jesus if he is a king. Jesus confirms that he is, but that his kingdom does not belong to this world. A king is someone who leads and protects his people. How can we follow Christ as our king?
2. How does he lead and protect us?

RE LEARNING IN 5/6HN



In 5/6 we are exploring and identifying our understanding of what it means to make a difference in the world. Our Integrated unit is JUSTICE. Justice is not just about fairness and equality; it is more than that. Justice is making sure that all people are treated with dignity and respect, as part of God's creation. Justice doesn't only mean we share what we have, but that we restore to others what is rightfully theirs. Building a 'just world' is playing our part in bringing God's Kingdom to earth, doing what we can to renew and restore creation. In receiving Confirmation, we commit to following Jesus' example and living as Christians. We accept the gift of the Holy Spirit to

give us the courage and skills to live out this challenging task.

By sharing our opinions and wonderings after watching the [STARFISH](#) video, we recognise that every person is important, and each and every one of us can make a difference.

Making a difference in the world can be done in many different ways and I can contribute by...

Nicholas	Knowing what is recyclable and what isn't, instead of just throwing everything in the kitchen rubbish bin, I could use materials that are sustainable to make new things and help the environment along the way.
Remy	By donating a bit of money each month to a different charity.
Hayden	I can contribute by taking rubbish out of lakes and helping homeless people with food and water and shelter.
Brenda	Donating the things that I don't need anymore, for example clothes and blankets, to people who need it more than me, like the homeless or the poor.
Lizzy	Looking for more ways to be sustainable, for example, using containers instead of plastic bags and looking for substitutes for things like Glad Wrap and plastic objects.
Lizzie	By helping the poor, I will donate my clothes and money. I will help the poor by giving them food to eat.
Brady	By donating some clothes to the poor or giving money to the poor so they can buy what they need to survive.
Stella	Recycle as many things as we can, if we do this we can reduce the amount of plastic waste on Earth by just doing one little thing.
Abby	Using recyclable materials. We can use containers instead. There are many other options to be able to save our planet with a simple gesture.
Angelina	Helping people in need and giving homeless people food and water.
Henry	Picking up rubbish if it is left on the ground or even helping a nest that fell out of a tree. Whatever you do it can be small or big it will make a difference to the world.
Lucy	Helping homeless who need support and making sure they have shelter, a bed, food and water. I will donate clothes that I don't need to the poor so they feel comfortable and are happy.
Zac	Saving animals by throwing them back in the ocean and helping the world/people by picking up rubbish and caring for every single person I see.
Isabelle	Helping people pick up rubbish that is left on the floor and also helping people who need it, supporting people who are less fortunate.
Matilda	Using less plastic, trying to recycle as many things as possible, giving things away that I don't need to people who do need it, picking up rubbish even if it's not mine and being kind and compassionate to everyone.
Mason	Using less harmful materials like plastics and unsustainable fabrics and fibres.

William	I can use more paper and other biodegradable things than plastic and plant more trees to help deforestation and make up for the paper I use.
Eddy	Saving materials wisely and picking up rubbish thrown by careless people and maybe making items with the rubbish. I can also volunteer to pick up rubbish in the lake to save the sea-animals. Even if it makes a small or big difference, it's still helping the environment or the habitat for animals.



AWARDS FOR WEEK 7

SOCIAL SKILLS AWARD

Prep HH
Prep HT
1/2DE
1/2MJ
3/4CB
3/4PK
5/6DU
5/6HN

Patrick J
Joseph G
Jacob Y
Rafael L
Charlie C
Poppy T
Pia M
Remy P

MERIT AWARD

Dilan R
Garrison K
Gabriella W
Archer G and Alessia V
Patrick S
Oliver R
Benjamin W
Henry C

ADMIN NEWS

GRADE 5 PARENTS

Just a reminder – the 2022 Year 6 windcheater orders close on **19th November – tomorrow**. **There are still SEVEN families who have yet to order their child's windcheater**. Please ensure that your child's windcheater has been ordered – thank you.

2021 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Unfortunately, there are still no spectators allowed on the grounds of PLC.

2021 SCHOOL FEES

We now have TEN 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.

Trish

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 9th :

- 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) we would be eternally grateful!!

Thanks in advance, Year 5/6 Reps

PFA NEWS

Hi everyone,

With the end of the school year fast approaching, there are a couple of things to highlight to this community:

- Kids Disco

What a delight to have this great event for the kids back on the agenda this year and just in time to welcome in Summer (hopefully the temperature comes to the party too)! Thanks to Lisa Cuteri for her fabulous efforts organising this event. Here's some more from Lisa:

Disco News - Thursday 2nd December

The countdown is on, the Disco is only 2 weeks away. Parents, your help is needed. Volunteering your time for a short 1.5hr (at max) will help make the disco a success for the kids. There are a few spots left for the Prep - Gr 2 disco and quite a few spots left for parents of Gr 3 - 6. Your help is much appreciated.

<https://signup.zone/GkQ4HXWT2NDJgWbFQ>

Also, if you haven't purchased your disco ticket already, there is still time.

<https://www.trybooking.com/BVIAB>

Thanks, Lisa Cuteri

- PFA 2022

We need you! Join PFA 2022 to nurture our wonderful school community and support the education and welfare of OHR's children

Office bearers for 2022 will be appointed at the AGM next Wednesday 24 November. I encourage all parents to consider nominating for a role on the PFA. We have a number of current office bearers returning for a second or subsequent year on the PFA, but would especially welcome parents to nominate for the roles of:

- President

- **Class Rep Coordinator** (note this role, which involves coordinating and overseeing the activities of class reps, may be performed by one or more parents)

- General member

My role on the PFA as President this year has been a rewarding one and gave me a positive and energising community focused outlet during this year's lockdowns. With some regret, I will not be continuing as President next year due to other commitments. However, I encourage others to put their hand up for the role or a role on the PFA generally. As well as the benefit of getting to know other parents, a role on the PFA creates opportunities to support and nurture the wonderful OHR community and to play a part in initiatives that support the education and welfare of the children of OHR.

You are welcome to contact me for further information lauren.gardiner2@bigpond.com.

Details of the AGM next Wednesday will be circulated via email in the days prior to the meeting.

Best wishes, Lauren Gardiner, President

COMMUNITY NEWS

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2022 AUTUMN SEASON

*Big dreams. big goals. teamwork
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Surrey Hills Netball Club is a community club welcoming players of all abilities from our local area.

Registrations close Sunday 28 November, please advise your child's interest at surreyhillsnetball@gmail.com or call Elki 0409 389 027

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5 - 6:30PM

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GR 3 - 6
7 - 8:30PM



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