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*"I just love being back at school ...
it's so much fun."*

Arabella B (1/2DE)

DATES TO REMEMBER

TONIGHT

MACS SIS SURVEY CLOSES

FRIDAY, 29TH

WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

MONDAY, 1ST

PUPIL-FREE DAY

TUESDAY, 2ND

MELBOURNE CUP PUBLIC
HOLIDAY

WEDNESDAY, 3RD

8.45AM

ALL STUDENTS RETURN TO
SCHOOL FOR FACE-TO-FACE
LEARNING

WEDNESDAY, 10TH

7.30PM

PFA MEETING – **ONLINE**
RESCHEDULED FROM WEDNESDAY, 27TH

THURSDAY, 11TH

7.00PM

2022 PREP PARENT
TRANSITION EVENING #2

THURSDAY, 18TH

2021 SWIMMING PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 19TH

2021 SWIMMING PROGRAM

PFORWARD PLANNING DATES

DECEMBER

THURSDAY, 9TH

2021 SWIMMING PROGRAM

THURSDAY, 9TH

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

6.00PM

MASS AT OHR

6.45PM

PRE-DINNER DRINKS

FOLLOWED BY DINNER

WEDNESDAY, 15TH

3.15PM

2021 SCHOOL YEAR
CONCLUDES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

Students across every level of the school have now returned to on-site teaching in a part-time capacity. It's great to feel the buzz around the school as students have re-connected with their peers, teachers and learning in a more natural face-to-face environment. Following this long weekend, all our students will collectively be together on-site for the first time since 5 August. It's great to be back!



World Teachers' Day – Friday 29 October

During these challenging times, it's never been more important to recognise the fantastic work of teachers. This year has seen the teachers at OHR deliver quality education during a pandemic by showing incredible flexibility, courage and resilience.

It underlines why teachers are so important to our society. Every day, we should be thankful for the significant role teachers play in the lives of students, their families and communities.

World Teachers' Day allows us to shine the spotlight on, celebrate and thank teachers for the work they do in improving student outcomes and shaping their lives for future success.



Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation

With the easing of restrictions across Metropolitan Melbourne, the parish is now in the position to proceed with both the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation.

Parents of students in Years 4 and 6 would have received correspondence from Father Brendan over the weekend, containing important details surrounding the celebration of both sacraments.

To recap, the dates and times on which the sacraments will be celebrated are as follows:

- First Eucharist (Year 4): Thursday 25 November at 6.00pm
- Confirmation (Year 6): Sunday 28 November at 1.00pm

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.



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.”

School Closure Days

- There will be no school for the children this Melbourne Cup long weekend, inclusive of Monday 1 November and Tuesday 2 November. With the further easing of restrictions we are hopeful that families can manage to travel further from home and/or catch up with loved ones.
- 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.

A Tribute to Charles M Schulz

During Monday morning’s assembly, I shared the following story with the students. The story reminds us that during our life we all face rejection or failure. However, if we focus on developing a growth mindset we have a greater chance of overcoming these setbacks and images of poor self-worth.

“This is the story of a boy named Sparky. For Sparky, school was all but impossible. He failed physics in high school, getting a mark of zero. He also failed Latin, algebra, and English. Sparky didn’t do much better in sports. Although he did manage to make the school’s golf team, he promptly lost the only important match of the season. The was, however, a consolation match; he lost that too.

Throughout his youth, Sparky was awkward socially. He was not actually disliked by the other students; it was just that no one cared that much. He was astonished if a classmate ever said hello to him outside school hours. There’s no way to tell how he might have gone at dating a girl, as Sparky never once asked a girl to go out while he was in high school. He was too afraid of being turned down.

Sparky was considered a loser. He, his classmates ... everyone seemed to know it. Sparky made up his mind early in life that if things were meant to work out, they would.

However, one thing was important to Sparky – drawing. He was proud of his artwork. Of course, no one else appreciated it. In his senior year of high school, he submitted some cartoons to the editors of the school’s yearbook. The cartoons were turned down. Despite his rejection, Sparky was so convinced of his ability that he decided to become a professional artist.

After completing high school, he wrote a letter to Walt Disney Studios. He was told to send some samples of his artwork, and a subject for a cartoon was suggested. Sparky drew the proposed cartoon. He spent a great deal of time on it and on all the other drawings he submitted.

Finally, the reply came from Disney Studios. He had been rejected once again. Another loss for the so-called loser. So Sparky decided to write his own autobiography in cartoons. He described his childhood self – a little boy loser and chronic underachiever. That cartoon character would soon become famous worldwide.

For Sparky, the boy who had such a lack of success in school and whose work was rejected again and again was, in fact, Charles Schulz. He created the “Peanuts” comic strip and the little cartoon character whose kite would never fly and who never succeeded in kicking a football – Charlie Brown.”



MACSSIS

Two weeks ago, all families would have been emailed instructions on how to access the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools School Improvement Survey (MACSSIS). In case you missed the initial correspondence, Mr Byrne emailed the instructions again last 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 **today**, Thursday 28 September.



Wishing everyone a great long weekend,
Frank

RE NEWS

2021 Sacraments - Update

With Melbourne’s gradual release from lockdown Father Brendan and the Parish team are very pleased to reopen our Churches from Saturday, 6 November. During November, they are focussing on completing the Sacramental Masses for school-aged children with the priority being those children whose Sacrament Ceremonies were previously cancelled.

Therefore, Year 4 children have been invited to receive the Sacrament of First Eucharist at Our Holy Redeemer Church on Thursday, 25 November at 6.00 pm and Year 6 children have been invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Holy Redeemer Church on Sunday, 28 November at 1.00pm.

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

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.



The Gospel of the Lord

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does Jesus say is the most important commandment?
2. What is his second commandment of love?
3. Jesus asks us to love our friends as ourselves. How do we show love for ourselves?
4. What can we do to show others that we love them as much as we love ourselves?

ADMIN NEWS

2021 SCHOOL FEES

Currently, there are twenty families whose balance is in excess of \$4,000 and/or who have yet to make a payment for this year's school fees. Please call me for more information, if required.

2021 SWIMMING PROGRAM

Thank you for those families who have already returned their forms. Hopefully, we will commence the Program during the week commencing 8th November, but I will let you know as soon as I know. Thank you all for your understanding.

P F A NEWS

Hi everyone,

What excitement to be back at the school gate once again (perhaps excitement mixed with a touch of apprehension, possibly even a pinch of sadness!?)

This is just a quick note to report on a couple of things from the PFA:

2021 funding applications – success!

I am thrilled to report that two applications were made for use of PFA funds this year and both applications were approved by the PFA.

One application for approximately \$11,000 is for the purchase of some new Chromebooks and iPads for student use. Congratulations and thank you to Josephine Harrison for this proposal.

The other application for approximately \$1,000 is for the purchase of some stereo microscopes for the Science curriculum. Congratulations and thank you to Stephanie Axon for this proposal.

PFA committee 2022

We would like to invite all members of the parent committee to consider a position on the PFA for 2022. Office bearers for 2022 will be appointed at the AGM on Wednesday 24 November.

If you would like to find out more about the PFA, the final regular meeting of the PFA for the 2021 year will be held on Wednesday 10 November at 7.30pm and at this stage will be online. All welcome. Use this link to join - <https://meet.google.com/sir-hrud-sjt?hs=122&authuser=0>

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

Best wishes,
Lauren Gardiner
President

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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