



# OUR HOLY REDEEMER

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*"Christmas isn't just a temporal celebration or the memory of a beautiful event; Christmas is more ... Christmas is an encounter!"*  
Pope Francis

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### TONIGHT

### KIDS' DISCO

TUESDAY, 7 <sup>TH</sup>	9.15AM	MORNING TEA FOR 2022 PREP PARENTS
	2.15PM	SPECIAL ASSEMBLY TO FAREWELL DEPARTING TEACHING STAFF
WEDNESDAY, 8 <sup>TH</sup>	5.00PM	SPECIAL WORKING BEE
THURSDAY, 9 <sup>TH</sup>		YEARS 3-6 SWIMMING CARNIVAL
		YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS
		GRADUATION DINNER
FRIDAY, 10 <sup>TH</sup>	6.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT
MONDAY, 13 <sup>TH</sup>		YEAR 3/4 CAMP TO CYC THE ISLAND
TUESDAY, 14 <sup>TH</sup>		CAMPERS RETURN
WEDNESDAY, 15 <sup>TH</sup>	3.15PM	END OF TERM 4, 2021
<b>2022</b>		
FRIDAY, 28 <sup>TH</sup> JANUARY		STAFF RETURN FOR 2022
MONDAY, 31 <sup>ST</sup>	8.40AM	YEARS 1-6 STUDENTS RETURN PREP INTERVIEWS
TUESDAY, 1 <sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY		PREP INTERVIEWS
WEDNESDAY, 2 <sup>ND</sup>	8.40AM	PREP 2022 CHILDREN COMMENCE
THURSDAY, 3 <sup>RD</sup>	8.40AM	ALL PREPS
FRIDAY, 4 <sup>TH</sup>	8.40AM	ALL PREPS

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Parishioners,

*“Life is not about being better than someone else. It is about striving to be better than you used to be.”* Author Unknown. St Augustine had another good insight when he wrote: “When people choose to withdraw far from a fire, the fire continues to give warmth, but they grow cold. When people choose to withdraw far from the light, the light continues to be bright in itself but they are in darkness. This is also the case when people withdraw from God.” And withdraw from God we all do, not out of disbelief necessarily, but mostly out of forgetfulness, because we are just too busy with the rest of life. Take for example the Bethlehem Innkeeper who told Mary and Joseph that there was no room for them in his inn. This did not mean that he was a bad person; he was just very busy taking care of his customers, providing for their needs and keeping the peace. Unfortunately, when the most important birth in history took place in his backyard, he missed it entirely, not because he was a bad person, he was just too busy.

We have the opportunity for a period of anticipation in the Season of Advent. Of course, Advent is a constant season for – within our own lives – we are continuously waiting to become, to discover, to complete, to fulfil. Hope, struggle, fear, expectations, are all part of our Advent experience. God does not come to us from the sky, he comes to us in the daily story of our lives in people, places and events.

Advent invites us to prepare for the commemoration of God’s coming by taking time to have a closer look inside ourselves away from the busy outside. This looking inside is not about remorse or regret, nor about listing ways life over the past year could have been different; it’s not about wishing we were better people. It’s about forward movement, getting new bearings, setting new directions. It’s about a fresh start, getting closer to the “fire” and the “light” that are God’s love and compassion.



### Kooyong Student Prize

The Kooyong Student Prize is an annual award recognising local school students for general excellence, leadership, and overall contribution to the betterment of our community.

The Kooyong Prize is offered through the office of Josh Frydenberg (Federal Member for Kooyong).

The selection criteria comprises:


- Excellence in academic and extra-curricular pursuits;
- Leadership amongst his or her peers;
- A strong commitment to upholding the school’s values, and strengthening the community at large.

The two winners are presented with a formal medal to recognise their award.

This year’s two recipients from our Holy Redeemer are Elizabeth Henry and William Wall.


Both Elizabeth and William attended the awards ceremony last Friday afternoon via Zoom.

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**Elizabeth Henry**  
Year 6

Elizabeth has carried out her role as School Captain in 2021 with compassion, understanding and commitment. She represented our school in the Mont Albert & Surrey Hills (MASH) Rotary Primary Schools Speech competition where she received a commendation for her speech; represented her class in the school’s Speech Final, entered the Science Talent Quest and has led the Sustainability team.



**William Wall**  
Year 6

The pursuit of excellence, dedicated leadership and demonstration of our inclusive values makes William a deserving recipient of the 2021 Kooyong Prize. William has embraced learning opportunities and has won the annual Public Speaking Contest three times. William is a positive leader who models integrity. His kindness and respectful attitude resulted in him becoming School Captain in 2021.



**THE KOOYONG STUDENT PRIZE** | 2021

**JOSH FRYDENBERG MP**  
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR KOOYONG | TREASURER OF AUSTRALIA

### Visual Art Expo

While the OHR Art Show was cancelled this year due to the recent lockdown and the restrictions imposed on schools, the students and staff still took time to recognise the creative talents of our students by conducting an Art Expo on Tuesday. Each level of the school, including some of our specialist areas, exhibited beautiful art works created by the students. Between midday and 1.00pm the classes toured the school to marvel at the beautiful pieces on display.





### **Special Assembly to Farewell our Departing Teachers**

A Special Assembly to acknowledge Ms Dunne, Mrs Harrison and Mrs Hart is planned for this **Tuesday afternoon, 7 December, at 2.15pm**. Due to current restrictions in schools, the Assembly will be held outside on the basketball court. Parents are welcome to attend and are required to be fully vaccinated.

### **Twilight Working Bee**

On **Wednesday 8 December** there will be a special Twilight Working Bee between **5.00 and 6.00pm**. The purpose of this event is to relocate classroom tables, chairs and storage units. For OH&S reasons I do not want students, nor teachers, moving the items of furniture up and down stairs. It would be great to have as many hands on deck for the one hour period to enable the furniture from four classrooms to be efficiently relocated. At this stage, we have five adults willing to help out but desperately require more.

If you are able to help out for the full hour or part thereof, please indicate your attendance by emailing either of our two Working Bee Coordinators:

Luke Torpey:

[Luke.Torpey@jrtpartnership.com.au](mailto:Luke.Torpey@jrtpartnership.com.au)

Justin Bolger:

[jb\\_trees@bigpond.com](mailto:jb_trees@bigpond.com)

### **Year 3/4 Camp**

The students in Years 3 and 4 are counting down the days until their camp. The camp was originally scheduled to take place during the first week of the most recent lockdown. Fortunately, we were able to reschedule the camp to Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 December. What a great way for the 3/4's to finish the year!

The Camp will be held at *CYC The Island*, which is located on Phillip Island.

### **Parent Gatherings Term 1 2022: Repeated**

During Term 1 each year, a number of families open up their homes to host a parent gathering on a Friday evening. These are always great events, in that they enable connections to form amongst parents who have children in the same levels of the school.

The dates for the Term 1 gatherings are listed below:

Prep – Year 2: 18 February \_\_\_\_\_

Years 3 & 4: 4 March at the Gardiner's home

Years 5 & 6: 25 March at the Brownless' home

Thank you to the two families who have already offered to host next year's gatherings. We are seeking one family from the Prep – Year 2 levels to host the Junior school evening on 18 February. If interested, please contact Trish.

### **Whole School Christmas Carols Evening ... it's Getting Closer**

Our whole school Christmas Concert will commence next **Friday 10 December at 6.30pm**. 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.

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 on the basketball courts 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 are currently teaching the students the carols in preparation for this special night.

Families are welcome to bring a picnic rug to sit on, while low beach chairs will also be permitted. Any elderly adults may bring a camp chair and sit around the perimeter. At the conclusion of the carols evening, families are welcome to stay on and have a picnic in the school grounds.

**Please note that anyone attending the evening who is over the age of 12 years and 2 months must show evidence of being fully vaccinated. Staff will be checking vaccinations at the entrances to the school. We request that masks be worn. Please understand that we don't make the rules, but are expected to comply with the rules for the safety of all. Thanks for your understanding.**



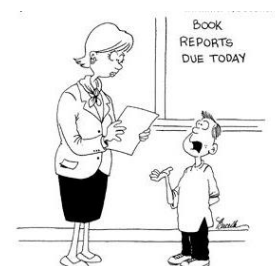
### Semester 2 Student Reports and 2022 Classes

At Our Holy Redeemer, formal written reports are provided to families at the end of each school semester. The written report is one of a number of approaches provided by the teaching staff to communicate your child's progress. Seesaw, for example, complements the feedback process by providing families with an immediate and personalised window into your child's school day.

Our formal written reports are designed to be parent-friendly, with a focus on the actual skills, progression, and approach to learning.

The five-point scale found in our written reports is reflected below:

Not Evident	With Teacher Support	Evident	Proficient	Exceeding
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"I didn't actually read the book, but I did play the video game loosely based on it."

I would sincerely like to acknowledge the thought, time and effort the teachers have put into composing the Semester 2 2021 student reports, which will be live on the [nForma Parent Portal](#) this **Wednesday 8 December**. **Further instructions for accessing the reports will be emailed on Monday by Mrs Josephine Harrison.**

Class Lists will also be sent home this Monday, 6 December, detailing your child's 2022 class and their teacher(s). The staff have been working on developing 2022 class lists over the past month, adhering to the criteria articulated in the OHR Formation of Classes Policy. The staff initially began work on this process in their levels before eventually bringing the lists to the entire teaching staff for final consultation.

May I remind everyone that the decisions made by the staff are governed by the rationale in our policy which states, *"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."*

### Final Day of the 2021 School Year

I would like to remind everyone that the last day of the school year for all students in years Prep – 6 will fall on **Wednesday 15 December**, where the students will conclude at the normal time of 3.15pm. OHR OSHC will operate on this day for the last time this year.



Wishing everyone a great weekend,  
Frank

# RE NEWS

### Sacraments

Congratulations to the students from Year 4 and Year 6 who received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation respectively last week. With restrictions easing we

were fortunate that each candidate was allowed to have extra guests to join them at the Mass.



### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal



This year we will again be supporting the *St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal*.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, they are not accepting presents or food and household items. The one thing they are asking for is cash donations.

Therefore, we have permission from Mr Dame for every student who brings in a **gold coin donation** for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal on Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> December is **allowed to wear 'Christmas' themed free dress to school**. This means you will already be dressed

up for our school Christmas concert that night.

Finally, we have enough sugar *Free-zie* icy poles for everybody to receive another one. So, everybody who dresses up and brings in their gold coin this Friday will receive a *Free-zie* for free on the day.

### 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 Luke

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness;  
Prepare a way for the Lord,  
make his paths straight.  
Every valley will be filled in,  
every mountain and hill be laid low,  
winding ways will be straightened  
and rough roads made smooth.  
And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.



*The Gospel of the Lord*

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. John the Baptist told people to prepare for the coming of Jesus. What sort of things might he have said?
2. How can you help your family and friends prepare for the coming of Jesus this week?

# RE LEARNING IN 5/6DU

Learning Intention: We are learning about the Sacrament of Confirmation

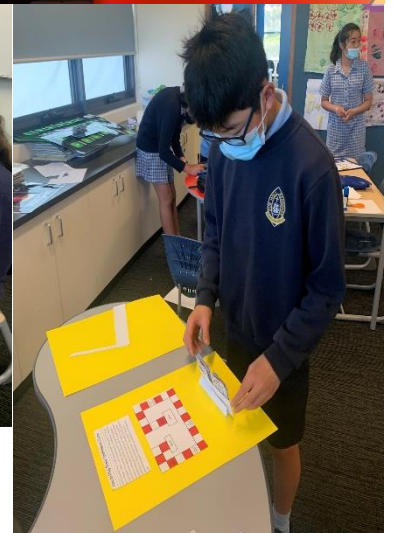
Success Criteria

- I can identify Christian signs, symbols, rituals, prayers and practices associated with Confirmation
- I can explain the traditions of the Christian signs, symbols, rituals, prayers and practices associated with Confirmation.

This Term the school Integrated topic has an overarching focus of Justice, within this topic we researched and examined the traditions, signs, symbols, rituals, prayers and practices associated with Confirmation.

Students conducted extensive research and were given many opportunities to explore scripture, and relate it to current Christian practice.

They used their Knowledge and understanding to create Confirmation Games, the students reflected on their understanding and made connections to their lives by playing the games.



Then they assessed themselves using the criteria below:

**Criteria:**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Not Evident</i>	<i>With Teacher Support</i>	<i>Evident</i>	<i>Proficient</i>	<i>Exceeding</i>
<b>Originality/Fun</b> Is the game fun to play? Can you play it over and over again?					
Identifies Christian signs, symbols, rituals, prayers and practices associated with Confirmation					
Explain the traditions of the Christian signs, symbols, rituals, prayers and practices associated with Confirmation					
<b>Presentation</b> Does the Game present well? How is it packaged? Is it sturdy?					
<b>Grammar</b> (spelling, punctuation, fluency, paragraphs, makes sense (verb-tense agreement))					

**What we learnt:**

**Otto** “I learnt the colours associated with Confirmation are red and white. The priest usually wears red to symbolise both the Holy Spirit and suffering of Jesus”

**Pia** “The symbol of Confirmation is fire because at Pentecost the flame of the Holy Spirit appeared on the disciples’ heads.”

**Lucas** “We become part of God’s family at Baptism and then during Confirmation that connection is sealed by the Holy Spirit”

## AWARDS FOR WEEK 8

### SOCIAL SKILLS AWARD

Prep HH	Estelle G
Prep HT	Tommy K
1/2DE	Sebastian G
1/2MJ	Henry KP
3/4CB	Lars R
3/4PK	Ari K
5/6DU	Max W
5/6HN	Angelina L

### MERIT AWARD

Daniel C
Charlie C
Alexis P
Mia C
Rory S
Hamish M
Dean L
Lizzy H

## ADMIN NEWS

### VACCINATION PASSPORTS

I am now required to collect the vaccination status of all members of our community. In order to facilitate this with the least amount of stress, would you please show me your “Green Tick” when you are next in the office – thank you for your understanding with this one.



## 2021 SCHOOL FEES

Would those families who have not paid their 2021 School Fees, please do so before Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> December. There are now FIVE families who have large outstanding debts – thank you. Not sure whether this is you – please give me a call – thank you.

Trish

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Surrey Clothing Uniform

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

### Upcoming Store Opening and Closures

Open Monday- Friday 9am-5pm

#### Saturdays:

4th December  
(Appointments necessary)  
22nd January 10am-2pm  
29th January 10am-2pm  
5th Feb 10am-2pm

#### Annual Holidays:

Closed from 22 December- 12th January  
Reopen 13th January 10am-5pm

#### Public Holiday:

26th January: Open 10am-2pm

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

[www.surreyclthing.com.au](http://www.surreyclthing.com.au)

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

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for free delivery to school  
(Using your school login)



Call or email to make an appointment for 2022 fittings  
9890 3487

[admin@surreyclthing.com.au](mailto:admin@surreyclthing.com.au)

## PLAYBALL BASKETBALL

TRAINING @ AQUALINK / CAMBERWELL HIGH

FRIDAY TERM 1 2022

### BASKETBALL TRAINING

Playball is now taking registrations from current PREP to Year 2 Boys & Girls to commence training in Term 1 at Aqualink Box Hill. 40 minute weekly Training by Playball Coaches prepares children for Friday competition in Terms 2,3,4.



### REGISTER FOR TERM 1 2022

Register a training team at [www.playballbasketball.com](http://www.playballbasketball.com) under 'Registration' Tab. Teams guaranteed commencement. *Individual children can register online.*

### TERM 1 TIMES & DATES

YEARS 1-4 FRIDAY 4:00 - 7:00PM. *Rings lowered to 8.5ft -YR1's*  
4 Feb - 1 April (9-weeks)

### TERM 1 COST

Aprox \$110 per child *Based on team of 8. (Team Invoice \$880)*

### COACHES WORKSHOP

In assoc with Melb. Jnr Tigers *Sundays in Term 2.*

### CONTACT

PH: 9555 7448 [info@playballbasketball.com](mailto:info@playballbasketball.com)

*Playball: An affiliated association of Basketball Victoria*



**PLAYBALL BASKETBALL 9555-7448**

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Previous Special guests include: Bec Cole, Ryan Scott, Kate Eddy, Liz Watson, Kate Maloney, Mwai Kumwenda, Seb Gotch, Chris Rogers and many more!

Call 1300 418 204 or visit [iscamps.com.au](http://iscamps.com.au) for details





You are warmly invited to join us for some Christmas cheer and to celebrate the end of the year at Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre on Saturday 11 December from 11am.

Enjoy catching up with staff, volunteers, neighbours and friends while you enjoy some light refreshments and musical performances.

Free craft activities for children of all ages and a play corner in the courtyard.

All proceeds to support the Surrey Hills Music Festival in February 2022.

Bring your family, friends and neighbours.

All welcome!

**Free children's Christmas craft activities including make your own Christmas tree decoration**

**Sausage Sizzle and light refreshments in the courtyard**

**Performances from two Community Choirs and our very own Music Festival Director**

**THE SIENA CHRISTMAS CAR BOOT SALE**

Saturday, 4 December 2021 | 9.00am to 12.00pm  
Book your car spot at:  
<https://events.humanitix.com/siena-car-boot-sale>

For the first time SPA will be holding The Siena Christmas Car Boot Sale which will be held in the teachers car park.

We just can't consume our way to a more sustainable world, we need to be part of the change!

**\$25 for a Car Boot & Trestle/clothes rack or table (BYO) full of Household items/clothing and school books**

Please note that the boom gate will be closed upon arrival.  
Only sellers who show their booking confirmation can park on site.

Cars will be directed by the parking marshals to a parking spot and must enter nose first.

Cars must remain in their spot for the entire sale time.

All other visitors will need to park offsite and enter via the pedestrian gate.

In line with government regulations, all visitors over 16 years of age must check in via the Service Victoria app upon arrival and provide proof of vaccination/medical exemption.

**SIENA PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

**Wishing you all the best this festive season!**

**From the Surrey Clothing team**

Annual Closure

Closed: Wed, 22nd December- Reopen: Mon, 13th January

Continue placing orders online at [www.surreyclthing.com.au](http://www.surreyclthing.com.au)

Appointments for fittings are required, please call 9890 3487

Orders placed after 22nd Dec will be ready for collection from 13th Jan  
[admin@surreyclthing.com.au](mailto:admin@surreyclthing.com.au)

# CHRISTMAS FRUIT MINCE PIES



**\$17 per dozen!**

***\$3 per dozen donated to End Polio Now Purple Shirt Fundraising***

Mince Pies are donated by Bread Street Mont Albert

Email orders by 3 December to: [david\\_winter1954@hotmail.com](mailto:david_winter1954@hotmail.com)

Please make payment of \$14/dozen by Direct Deposit into MASH account:  
Account Name: Rotary Club of MASH BSB: 633 000 A/c No: 123530552



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Delivery Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	No of Dozen (2 packs) (6 pies in a pack)	Price \$17.00 per dozen
<b>Total</b>	Dozens	\$
	Less \$3 per dozen	\$
	<b>Nett Total</b>	<b>\$</b>

**\$3 per dozen will support *End Polio Now* Purple Shirt Fundraising**

*One payment for the Total Order would be appreciated*

**Nett payment of \$14/dozen to made by Direct Deposit into MASH account**

Account Name: Rotary Club of MASH BSB: 633 000, A/c No 123530552

**Email orders by Friday 3 December to: [david.winter1954@hotmail.com](mailto:david.winter1954@hotmail.com)**

**Thank you for your support!**