



# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Primary School Brunswick East

*Exceptional Education*

## Newsletter 3, Term 2, 2024

Friday 17th May



Come, Holy Spirit,

Send forth from heaven the rays of your light.

Come, Father of the poor;

Come, giver of gifts,

Come, light of our hearts.

Amen

Dear Parents/Carers,

A big thank you to our mothers and grandmothers who attended our Mother's Day Breakfast last Friday. It was a success and continues to be one of the school's most celebrated events. A special shout out to our dads who set up, cooked and served a delicious breakfast and played host to so many enthusiastic mothers and grandmothers. We thank the PA for once again organising the entertaining door prizes and the fabulous Mother's Day Stall ensuring all students had the opportunity to purchase something special for their loved ones. Thanks must also go to the wonderful OLHC staff who warmly threw open their doors to welcome all mums and grandmothers for a special class visit. We hope all mums in our community enjoyed a wonderful Mother's Day as we recognise that mothers, or those who play the role of a nurturing caregiver, hold a unique place in our hearts and

communities. They are the architects of love, the unsung heroes who effortlessly juggle multiple roles, from caregivers to educators, from mentors to confidants. Their boundless strength, unwavering support, and unconditional love enrich our lives in countless ways, shaping the very essence of who we are and who we aspire to become.

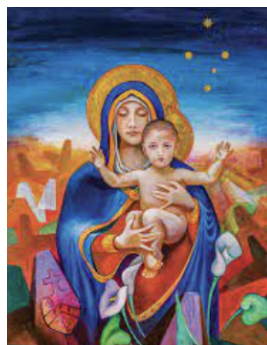
### Pentecost

On Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, the 50th day (the seventh Sunday) after Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ. This day is important to Christians today because it represents the beginning of the Christian Church. Pentecost reminds us how Jesus' promise that God would send the Holy Spirit was fulfilled. When the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples on the first Pentecost, it gave them courage and empowered them to share the Good News with others. Fortitude, or courage, is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Like the early disciples all those years ago, we are called today, to put our own gifts to use and spread the Good News with love, compassion and care.

### School Closure Dates Term Two

A reminder the following date is a student free day in term two.

**Monday 10/6/24 King's Birthday (Public Holiday)**  
**- no students to attend.**



### Our Lady Help of Christians Feast Day Celebration

We are looking forward to celebrating our Feast Day on Friday 24th of May. Mass will be held at 10.00 a.m. and all families are welcome to attend. Our Triathlon will be held from 12:00 p.m. -

1:00 p.m. at Balfe Park, this is a much loved

fundraising event for our community and we would appreciate your support with this initiative. We are raising money to help support the purchase of equipment and furnishing for our new STEM centre which is due to be completed in October.

**The Parent Association have arranged two modes of collection, an instant donation via the QR code listed in the flyer below and the other via a sponsorship form which was sent home earlier this week.** If you opt for the sponsor sheet form all funds need to be collected and handed into the office COB by Wednesday 29th May. All online donations are due by 5.00pm Thursday the 30th of May. Prizes will be awarded at our morning assembly on Monday 3rd June.

The Parent Association will also be providing a sausage sizzle lunch for all children as a celebratory gesture. If you do not wish for your child to have a sausage please provide them with their own lunch on the day. Gluten free and vegetarian options will be provided. If you are concerned about your child's dietary requirements please contact your child/ren's class teacher.

Please note, children are to wear their sports uniform. We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at this event.

### Cyber Safety Parent Night Recap



#### Digital Safety & Wellbeing

Last Thursday, Marty and Carley MacGauran from Inform & Empower presented our Parent Cybersafety Session. They broached materials relating to current online trends of primary aged children and explained some of the pitfalls that young people face online. Artificial Intelligence, forever scroll algorithms, cyber bullying, safe online behaviours and responding to online trauma were just a few of the topics covered.

In addition to the face to face presentation, OLHC parents have also been given access to a range of resources to support the safe use of the internet by their families. This includes:

- pre-recorded online webinar featuring Marty and Carley

- The Presentation Toolkit - slides, links and resources from the presentation
- blog posts relating to the most recent online trends and dangers
- printable family posters promoting online safety.

These can be found using the following link and password. **This link is only valid for 30 days following our Parent Session.**

<https://www.informandempower.com.au/parents>  
Password: informempower

### Cyber Safety Webinars P-6

As a school community, we feel it is especially important to continue to educate our students about how to follow our school expectation of BEING SAFE at school, at home, in the community or online. In order to support this, all students will continue to participate in a series of Cyber Safety Webinar sessions hosted by Martin McGauran from Inform and Empower. Martin will continue to present webinars this term to every year level with a focus on:

- Staying safe online - How can we be as safe as possible online? How to identify a problem and what can we do if there is a problem. Who are the trusted adults that can help?
- Thriving in the online environment.
- Balancing screen time and green time.
- What does it mean to be a good Digital Citizen?

We encourage you to continue to speak to your child/ren about the importance of being safe while engaging in the online environment, it is a collective responsibility.



### Sacrament of Penance (Rite of Reconciliation)

Congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Penance (Rite of Reconciliation) last night. A huge thank you to Mr Damien Murray for preparing a very spiritual liturgy and to Ms Renee Bouvier and Ms Julie

Tran for preparing the children so reverently.  
Please keep the following children in your prayers  
as they continue their faith journey.

*Ava Brosca*  
*Sebastian Ceballos*  
*Ilaria Corso Matekuolava*  
*Pierre-Louis Da Lozzo*  
*Jack Davis*  
*Eloise De Stratis*  
*Oscar Donnini*  
*Clara Facciolo*  
*Massimo Febbrarino*  
*Salina Ficarra*  
*Georgina Fisher*  
*Emma Koteras*  
*Rory Martini*  
*Erin Murphy*  
*Evander O'Keefe*  
*Grace Roberts*  
*Aiden Santoso*  
*Milo Sinclair*  
*Lucia Younes*



## National Reconciliation Week

National Reconciliation Week which commences on May 27th. National Reconciliation Week is about celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people's histories, cultures, journeys and stories and sharing that rich and vibrant heritage with other Australians. During Reconciliation Week we remember, reflect, acknowledge, accept, forgive, heal and celebrate stories and journeys. The theme for this year is 'Now More Than Ever'. As a Catholic community at OLHC, we are committed to reconciliation and to working together to shape a future where diversity and justice are treasured. As

part of our commitment to fostering understanding, respect, and unity, students will be engaging in a variety of activities to acknowledge National Reconciliation Week. These activities are designed to educate, inspire, and promote meaningful conversations about reconciliation.

## Change of Details



If you have changed any of your contact details, could you please advise the school office ASAP so that our records can be updated. It is vitally important that we have current contact details to call parents.

## District Cross Country

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, a large number of students from OLHC represented our school in the Brunswick District Cross Country Carnival. The students were selected for this event after completing trials in Physical Education lessons.

Congratulations to the following students who represented OLHC:

Noelle N, Agata B, Erin M, Lily L, Lucy B, Ava B, Stevie T, Madeleine G, Matisse A, Yom A, Luciano C, Harvey S, Rory M, Pedro A, Elijah H, Jordan K, Henok B, Seb I, Gadio D, Leroy D, Isabella P, Alia S, Sienna S, Olivia L, Ziata B, Gabriella F, Eva T, Kallista I, Catia C, Katlyn W, Zachary A, Zac S, Thomas J, Alex K, Josh D, Angus C, Thomas M, Luca R, Rory L, William S, Charlie S, Vivienne K, Angelica M, Taliah H, Ale F, Oliver J, Lucas S, Alex A, Thomas B, Abdul A, Rueben G, Xavier R and Jacob F.

All children competed very enthusiastically and achieved excellent results.

Well done to the following children who will now progress through to the Inner North Merribeek Division Cross Country on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

Noelle N (9/10 Girls)  
Agata B (9/10 Girls)



Harvey S (9/10 Boys)  
Ziata B (11 Girls)  
Ale F (12/13 Boys)

Thank you to Mr Maguire, Ms Brockenshire and Mr Murray for their help on the day and to all of the parents who came and supported the children.

Dave Witchell  
PE Specialist



### Olives to Oil / Kitchen Garden

On Thursday this week some of the Yr 5 & 6 students spent some time harvesting the olives for the CERES Olive to Oil community program. We harvested a total of 13.1 kgs of olives! These olives will be dropped off at CERES today to be pressed into olive oil. Students also spent time weeding the new kitchen garden beds. It was a great example of how you can make positive contributions to the community for the benefit of others. It was a great team effort!

Over the next few weeks we will be planting our winter crop in the OLHC Kitchen Garden.



### School Fee Reminder

2nd School Fee Instalment of **\$800 per family due by 27/05/24.**

Should you be experiencing any financial hardship, please contact the Office to arrange a mutually agreeable repayment plan.

Thank you

Debbie Ceravolo

### Enrolment Tours for 2025

The enrolment process for the 2025 Prep students is well and truly underway. This week we have begun our 2025 Prep Interviews to meet new and existing families who have a child/ren starting school in 2025. These important conversations are part of our transition program to ensure that all children have a smooth journey from kindergarten to school. We look forward to meeting with all families in the coming weeks.



### Parent Association Help Required for Triathlon

With the Feast Day fast approaching on Friday the 24th of May, we're looking for a number of volunteers to help with various aspects of the fun and energetic

Triathlon. Volunteers are needed for only a few hours starting at 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday May 24th. We have 2 volunteer stations:

1- Set up, run and clean up the sausage sizzle.  
If you are able to assist please email Chrystal [olhcpa@gmail.com](mailto:olhcpa@gmail.com) by COB today.

2- Assist the staff in marshalling and giving lots of encouragement as the children compete. If you are able to assist on the track please email Jackie McGrath

[jmcgrath@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jmcgrath@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au)  
by Monday 20th May at 4:00pm.

### Parking Infringements

We have been advised by parents in our community that the parking inspectors are regularly out and about issuing infringement notices both before and after school, especially on Miller St. We therefore ask parents to be extra vigilant and adhere to all parking requirements at all times.





## Year Level Masses for Term Two

Father Tho has invited our classes to celebrate 10:00 am Friday Parish Masses at the OLHC Church. Masses for the Junior, Middle and Senior classes have been scheduled for the dates below. All families are welcome to attend!

- Friday 7th June - Prep, Year 1 & Year 2
- Friday 21st June - Year 3 & Year 4
- Friday 28th June - Year 5 & 6



## Class Assemblies for Term Two

Please see term two's assembly roster below. These assemblies will be held in the OLHC Church Hall on a Wednesday from 2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Every class will have an opportunity to host an assembly throughout the year, if your child's class is not rostered on for this term they will be rostered on during terms three and four. All are welcome to attend. Please enter via the Nicholson St gate between 2.30 pm and 2.45 pm.

- Wednesday 22/5/24 2D Assembly at 2.45pm.
- Wednesday 29/5/24 1K Assembly at 2.45pm.
- Wednesday 5/6/24 Prep S Assembly at 2.45pm.
- Wednesday 12/6/24 Prep O Assembly at 2.45pm.
- Wednesday 19/6/24 6P Assembly at 2.45pm.
- Wednesday 26/6/24 5B Assembly at 2.45pm.

## Student Birthdays



We wish the following students a wonderful birthday over the last week and current week:  
Archer 1A, Raphael 6M, Venice 5M, Leo 1K, Felix 2C, Gaia 6P, Jacob 3J, Juliette 2C.

### 2024 Term 2 Dates

Sunday 19/5/24 Pentecost Sunday.

Wednesday 22/5/24 2D Assembly at 2.45pm in the Church Hall.

Friday 24/5/24 OLHC Feast Day Mass at 10.00 am and Triathlon at 12 noon.

Monday 27/05/24 School Fee Instalment of \$800 per family now due

Tuesday 28/5/24 PA Meeting at 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 29/5/24 1K Assembly at 2.45pm in the Church Hall.

Thursday 30/5/24 Divisional Cross Country.

Friday 31/5/24 Interschool Sport Yr 5-6.

Wednesday 5/6/24 Prep S Assembly at 2.45pm in the Church Hall.

Friday 7/6/24 Prep to Year 2 Class Mass 10.00 am.

**Monday 10/6/24 King's Birthday (Public Holiday) - no students to attend.**

Wednesday 12/6/24 Prep O Assembly at 2.45pm in the Church Hall.

Thursday 13/6/24 OLHC Art Show in the Church Hall 4.30 pm - 7.30 pm.

Thursday 13/6/24 Regional Cross Country.

Friday 14/6/24 Interschool Sport Yr 5-6.

Wednesday 19/6/24 6P Assembly at 2.45pm in the Church Hall.

Friday 21/6/24 Year 3&4 Class Mass 10.00 am.

Monday 24/6/24 Semester 1 Reports sent home.

Wednesday 26/6/24 Special Lunch.

Wednesday 26/6/24 5B Assembly at 2.45pm in the Church Hall.

Thursday 27/6/24 Learning Conversations 1.30 pm - 8.30 pm **school concludes at 1.00 pm for students.**

Friday 28/6/24 Year 5&6 Class Mass 10.00 am.

Friday 28/6/24 **Term 2 concludes at 1.00 pm.**

Finally, as always I would love to hear any feedback you have about our school, so please feel free to email me at

[mmcintosh@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mmcintosh@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au) with

any thoughts, concerns or suggestions that you may have to continue to make our school a wonderful place to be and to learn. I will get back to you as soon as I can and do appreciate any feedback that you have to share.

Kind regards,

Ms Maree McIntosh

PRINCIPAL

# Student of the Week

Prep O

Kyro C

Aislinn A

Prep S

Flor F

Zayn K

1 A

Archer D

David U

1 K

Leon S

Noa L-C

2 C

Majok M

Felix T

2 D

Neo T

Jessica L

3 B

Ava B

Grace R

3 J

Lucia Y

Rumi S

4 C

Noelle N

Remi L-M

4 H

Lily L

Matthew M

5 B

Patrick F

Daniel B

5 M

Eve C

Eleni V

6 M

Aston A

Lola W

6 P

Chloe D

Thomas G





When the amazing new STEM learning space is built the children will need furniture & equipment to fill it.. And they'e going to work hard for this! They'll run, jump & play ball games continuously for one hour, without stopping!

To access the online donation page scan the QR. If you're viewing this on your phone, take a screen shot of the QR, open your photo gallery & long press the image - you'll get an option to Open in Safari or it will just open! .

The online donation portal will close at 5pm on Thursday May 30th.

**Don't forget to share the QR code, link or paper form with family & friends!**

*Or feel free to use the Sponsorship form. Paper forms must be handed in, with the donation money, by Wednesday May 29th.. Prizes will be awarded for highest individual fundraiser and the class who raises the most, announced on Monday June 3rd!*

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**GO KIDS, GO!**





**234.50 for 3  
days! Offer  
ends June 9!**

#### PROGRAM INCLUDES

- 01** 9-3pm each day
- 02** AFL, Soccer, Netball, and Basketball on offer
- 03** Suitable for all ages and skill levels
- 04** Guest appearances at selected programs



**It was overall very positive and the kids made great connections with coaching staff and other participants**



## THREE DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMPS!



#### LOCATIONS AND DATES

- Maribyrnong Park, Moonee Ponds - 3, 4, 5 July 2024
- Maribyrnong College, Maribyrnong - 1, 2, 3 July 2024
- Fitzroy High School, Fitzroy North - 10, 11, 12 July 2024

#### Contact Us:

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

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**Trial the Kumon English or Maths Programme over two weeks during May.**

Find out how we can develop in your child:

- calculation and reading ability
- concentration
- a daily study and reading habit
- the confidence to learn independently.

Just follow these four easy steps to register:

1. Call your Kumon Instructor to register for an information session.
2. Have your child assessed for the Kumon English or Maths Programme and discuss a study plan.
3. Arrange for your child to attend four consecutive class sessions during May.
4. Meet with your Instructor to discuss your child's Kumon experience.

**Contact your local Kumon Centre to register your child**

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Barkly Square Shopping Centre, Brunswick

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**Tel: 0413 943 955**

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