



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Primary School Brunswick East

Exceptional Education

Newsletter 4, Term 3, 2022

Thursday 4th of August



Dear Lord,

Give us new strength so that we can build places of
belonging,

To create a community for all to share their gifts,

To know that each of us is loved,

To help us to see the light of Christ in all that we serve.

Amen

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another busy week at Our Lady Help of Christians. A short week this week as tomorrow Friday 5th of August is a student free day. Staff will be attending the second day of our Berry Street professional learning, the focus will be on building relationships. As human beings we are hardwired for connection. Emotionally, physically, mentally and neurologically, we depend on connections to grow, develop and maintain our wellbeing. The most rewarding environments and experiences tend to satisfy three yearnings - love, acceptance and belonging. Typically the greater the sense of belonging and pride in the classroom and school environment the more students will assume

responsibility for the collective wellbeing of all. Generating a collective sense of belonging minimises student conflict and enhances peer regulation. We look forward to building a collective approach in developing unconditional positive regard for all students and staff in our setting as we focus on whole school relationships and the importance of self care.

Eucharist Congratulations

A special congratulations to our Year 4 students who received the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time on Saturday. Eucharist is a holy ritual of thanksgiving, remembrance and a reminder to be life-giving to others. We thank Fr Greg, for being our celebrant and to everyone who supported these young people to prepare for and celebrate this significant step in their faith journey. Fr Greg spoke of the importance of coming to the table to share in a meal with family and friends and not to take this opportunity for granted.



Reminder School Closure

Tomorrow - Friday 5th of August is a school closure day. (Staff Professional Learning - Berry Street) - No students to attend.

Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass



Please feel free to join us for a very special Feast Day Mass for St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop, this Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 9/8/22 at Our Lady Help of Christians Church at 9.30 am. Parents and Carers are

welcome to attend, we highly recommend you wear a mask if you attend this celebration. We look forward to seeing you in the Church.

Brunswick District Sports Association Athletics Carnival

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Brunswick District Sports Association Athletics Carnival today. All students demonstrated great stamina and determination as they participated in their allocated events. A special thanks to Ms Harriet Cordner for organising the trials and selections for this event. We look forward to sharing results with you in next week's newsletter.

Child Safe Commitment Statement

Catholic Education Commission Victoria (CECV) have released an updated Child Safe Schools Commitment Statement to reflect the requirements of new Child Safe Standards and Ministerial Order (MO) 1359. Please see the flyer below for details.

Years 3/4 CERES Report



On a sunny day at school, we had an excursion. Everyone had either their

excursion bag, school bag or other small bag. I was so glad it was today, Monday the 1st of August. Not only the Year Threes were going, but also the Year Fours! I just knew it would be an awesome trip to CERES. We evacuated the school and checked how many kids there were. There were 20 in my

class, just the right amount we needed. We walked for thirty minutes! But I saw such incredible sights.

- Eleni V

On Monday, the Grade 4s, myself and the rest of the Year 3s went to CERES. We had to walk to CERES and we saw the Grade 6s on the tram as they were off to interschool sport. When we got to CERES we learnt the names of the workers. Their names were Erenie, Emma and Phoebe. Once we had learnt their name, Erenie taught us a dance including the 'Six Rs' (Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rot) with a dance. Then we went somewhere else where we all found out how to make paper! I was paired with Lexi and Mum helped. After we finished making paper, we learnt what you can make paper out of other than trees, like kangaroo poo and apples cores!

- Rosie B

On Monday the 1st of August, Year 3 and 4 went to CERES Environmental Park on an excursion. Firstly, we lined up and started our journey to CERES. It was tiring but worth the effort. When we got there we entered the pavilion (Pav or Pavlova [yummy!]) and had Break Break (which is a fruit snack). Next, we met Erenie, Phoebe and Emma (the Educators) and went to our first session of making paper. It was interesting. Our day was off to an amazing start.

- Owen B

On the 1st of August the Year 3 and 4s went to CERES. It was a loooooooooong walk to get there. In our first session we did paper making out of tiny scraps of paper. In our second session we learnt about composting and did bingo with what you could find. In our third session we walked along the Merri Creek and answered some questions.

- William Spurrirt



challenges. Please encourage your child to seek further opportunities to develop these skills in external coding clubs or coding camps, that are often offered during school holidays or on weekends in the local community.

Ms Kathryn Jorgensen
STEM Leader



Book Week

Book Week 22-26th August

This year we are celebrating Book Week and our love of reading with a Book Fair and a Parade.

This year's theme is 'Dreaming with Eyes Open', click on this [link](#) for more details. This theme can be

interpreted as, when one reads it is like dreaming with one's eyes open. People who love reading will often refer to being lost in the story - like dreaming. Stories that are well written can help the reader to visualise with great clarity what is happening in the story which stimulates their imagination, connections and can lead them to develop ideas of their own.

We have arranged a Book Fair for the week and families can purchase from a selection of books at 3.00pm everyday in the Community Room. (Entrance via school car park). A percentage of the book sales will go towards books for the school library.

Our Book Week Parade will be held on Friday 26th August at 9.00am. We encourage all children to participate in the Parade by getting dressed up as a character from one of their favourite books. All parents are welcome to stay for the Parade.

Please note that costumes do not need to be store bought and can be homemade. If any child is concerned about finding a costume, they can come and see me for some assistance.

Ms Sharon
Library Technician



100 Days of Prep

On Friday the 12th of August our year Prep students will celebrate 100 Days of Prep. The children are looking forward to dressing up and participating in a number of

learning experiences relating directly to the number 100! Stay tuned for next week's newsletter to see how this celebration went.

STEM Update

The students in all classes have been engaging in a variety of coding activities, starting with hands-on manipulation of Bee-Bot technology devices. They have been learning to

use specific coding symbols, language and communication skills, to plan, test and then, most importantly like scientists do, reflect on their learning. Over the next few weeks they will use these skills when following interactive tutorials on either iPads or ChromeBook devices as they use game-based coding Apps like Daisy the Dinosaur, Scratch Jnr or Scratch. They are developing problem solving skills and strategies to solve future

Invitation to Parish Weekend Away

The Parish invites you to join us for a weekend of reflection and socialisation on 21st-23rd October at Doxa Camp. Cost \$80 for families and singles. The program will be facilitated by Anne Slingo who is trained in Ignatian Spirituality. Children are welcome. Please email me (Bernadette Mercieca) for more details and Registration Form: bernmercieca@icloud.com

PA Social Calendar - Reminder

- **SAVE THE DATE (Saturday 12th November)** Family Fundraiser Night. This will be a fun-filled family event held in the OLHC Church Hall that will be our biggest fundraising event of the year. We have confirmed the theme as 'The Roaring 20s' to help us celebrate the year that promises to be the best year of the 20s so far! Think: glitz and glamour; the Great Gatsby and jazz and blues! More information is coming soon!

If you, your business, or someone you know can help with raising money or donating goods or services, especially for our silent auction and raffle, please let us know as soon as possible. If you can assist in preparing for the night please email Measha and Chrystal at OLHCPA@gmail.com for more information, or for any suggestions on what you'd like to see more of from the Parents Association.

Reminder Family Mass Sundays 10:30 a.m. at St Ambrose Church.

The parish warmly invites you to join in our Sunday morning Family Mass 10:30 a.m. at St Ambrose Church on Sydney Road. Children's Liturgy - kids' break out session during mass - is a relaxed and friendly 15 minutes explanation of the Gospel reading and activity. Morning Tea is hosted on the first Sunday of the month after mass and is a great way to meet other families and parishioners. All are welcome!

Thank you,

Nicolette Cumbo and Elisa Ronzoni (Children's Liturgy Coordinator) - school parents and Parish Council members.

Student Birthdays



We hope the following students have a wonderful birthday over this week:-
Malek B 3C, William U 2C, Jarvis 5L.

Graduation Bomber Jacket Orders for 2023

An important reminder to our current Year 5 students to have your Year 6 Graduation Bomber Jacket order into the school office by the deadline of Monday, 8th August, 9am sharp.

Please note, any late orders will not be included in the bulk manufacturers order and will incur late fees. Thank you.

Student Awards

A huge congratulations to the following children on receiving Student of the Week Awards. We thank all of you for making OLHC such a thriving learning community.

Name	Class	Award
Clancy S	Prep A	For your wonderful efforts in raising your hand, waiting and understanding when the appropriate time is to share your thoughts and opinions. Thank you for sharing your fantastic knowledge about solids, liquids and gas' with the class. Keep up the great work Clancy.
Louis H	Prep O	For showing wonderful kindness, sportsmanship and friendship during our learning activities. Louis, you persist when challenged and congratulate your peers on their efforts and achievements. You are a wonderful friend to all in Prep O, well done.

Leroy D	1DL	For always helping out in the classroom - you see something that needs to be done and quietly go about achieving your goal. You have such a positive attitude towards your learning, lead by example and treat your classmates with kindness and respect. Well done Leroy, you are a superstar!
Leroy D	1P	For always helping out in the classroom - you see something that needs to be done and quietly go about achieving your goal. You have such a positive attitude towards your learning, lead by example and treat your classmates with kindness and respect. Well done Leroy, you are a superstar!
Joseph A	2C	For your focus and determination to write an amazing colour poem. I loved all your ideas about what blue sounds, feels, looks and tastes like. You should feel very proud of your published piece. Well done Joseph.
Kobe N	2V	For the amazing progress you have made with your spelling this year. I am so impressed with the way you are always thinking about sounds and spelling choices, and making connections between other digraphs and trigraphs you already know. You are a star Kobe!
Virgil V	3C	For fantastic work in mathematics. You worked

		creatively and diligently to map your name on grid paper then accurately measure its area and perimeter. Keep up the wonderful work!
Mael B	3S	For his current 131 nights of reading. You demonstrate our school values of faith and learning as you read every night, remembering to record it in your Reading Diary. Even on weekends and holidays! Keep it up, you're a superstar!
Abdul A-E	4B	For being a supportive and respectful member of 4B who showed enthusiasm during our excursion to CERES this week. It is a pleasure to teach you and watch you develop as a learner. Keep up the great work.
Jacob F	4M	For your wonderful efforts during Maths lessons. You have set out your work perfectly, traded and then solved some difficult problems. Keep up the great work!
Alexa O	5L	You have settled in so well to a new school. You have been an active listener and contributor to our class discussions and presentations. Keep up the great work Alexa and welcome to Our Lady's School.
Claudia U	5P	For being such a helpful and responsible member of the class whilst Ms Palmer has been away. You have demonstrated great listening skills and

		offered assistance when needed to both your peers and teachers. Thank you for being a great role model and a supportive classmate.
Di Giacinta B	6A	For consistently being a role model for all students at OLHC. You are caring, empathetic and friendly towards your peers and teachers. Thank you for always engaging in class discussions and taking pride in your learning.
Milla R	6KF	For being a thoughtful member of our class. You always have a positive attitude. It's great to see you approach all learning opportunities with enthusiasm and a growth mindset. Fantastic effort Milla!

Wednesday 24/8/22 6KF Assembly 2:45pm. - 3:15 pm.
Friday 26/8/22 Book Week Parade and celebrations - theme - Dreaming With Eyes Open.
Thursday 1/9/22 Father's Day Stall.
Friday 2/9/22 Father's Day Breakfast/Footy Colours Day.
Sunday 4/9/22 Father's Day.
Wednesday 7/9/22 OLHC Art Show 4.30-6.30 pm A-K families.
Thursday 8/9/22 OLHC Art Show 4.30-6.30 pm L-Z families.
Wednesday 14/9/22 Special Lunch Day.
Friday 16/9/22 Term 3 concludes at 1.00 pm.

2022 Dates

Term 3 2022

Monday 8/8/22 Mary MacKillop Feast Day.

Tuesday 9/8/22 Mary MacKillop Feast Day Mass at 9.30 am.

Wednesday 10/8/22 2C Assembly 2:45pm. - 3:15 pm.

Friday 12/8/22 Hundred Days of Prep

Wednesday 17/8/22 2V Assembly 2:45pm. - 3:15 pm.

Tuesday 23/8/22 PA Meeting at 7.00 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 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,

Maree McIntosh

PRINCIPAL



CECV Statement of Commitment to Child Safety

A safe, nurturing and empowering culture for all children and young people in Catholic schools.

This statement has been updated in light of the revised Child Safe Standards coming into effect from 1 July 2022 and the supporting Ministerial Order No. 1359.

Every person, created in the image and likeness of God, is unique and has an intrinsic and inalienable dignity (Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization 2020, n. 379).

The Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of Catholic education. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the gospel.

This statement is intended to reaffirm the central focus on child safety across Catholic education in Victoria, built around a unified understanding of the moral imperative and overarching commitments that underpin our drive for continual improvement, and embedding a culture of 'no tolerance' for child abuse in our schools and organisations.

The characteristic element of the Catholic school, in addition to pursuing 'cultural goals and the human formation of youth', consists in creating 'for the school community a special atmosphere animated by the Gospel spirit of freedom and charity'. To this end, the Catholic school aims ... 'to order the whole of human culture to the news of salvation so that the knowledge the students gradually acquire of the world, life and [humanity] is illumined by faith'. In this way, the Catholic school prepares pupils to exercise their freedom responsibly, forming an attitude of openness and solidarity (Congregation for Catholic Education 2022, n. 16).

The CECV has a universal expectation for the protection of children. It is resolutely committed to ensuring that all those engaged in Catholic education in Victoria promote the inherent dignity of children and young people, and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe school environment.

Catholic schools have a moral, legal and mission-driven responsibility to create nurturing school environments, where all children and young people are respected and have agency, their voices are heard, and they are safe and feel safe. The CECV recognises that some children and young people are more vulnerable than others, and commits to providing the care and services required to support them and their families, and to ensure their safety within all Catholic schools.

Catholic schools will take prompt action to have any allegations of abuse concerning children and young people appropriately referred and investigated when raised. While the context and reality at each Catholic school will differ, the fundamental issues of understanding effective practices in child safety, and identifying and responding to child harm remain the same. All schools must strive for continual improvement that is responsive to emerging thinking, evidence and practice, so as to eliminate the potential for abuse to occur.

Creating child-safe school environments is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by school governing authorities, schools, families and their communities. It is marked by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures, curriculum and practices.

Every person involved in Catholic education has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.





The CECV commits to providing a safe, nurturing and empowering culture for all children and young people in Victorian Catholic schools through:

Upholding the primacy of the safety and wellbeing of children and young people

At all times, the ongoing safety and wellbeing of children and young people will be the primary focus of care and decision-making. In addition to the universal focus on safety and wellbeing, schools need to pay attention and attend to the needs of their students who are most vulnerable.

To create and maintain a safe and nurturing culture, schools will actively and continually develop and review all policies, processes and practices, informed by their governing authority, emerging thinking and evidence.

Empowering families, children, young people and staff to have a voice and raise concerns

Schools, in partnership with families, will ensure children and young people are informed of their rights, and are engaged and active participants in decision-making processes, particularly those that have an impact on their safety.

This means that the views of children, young people and families are taken seriously, and their concerns are addressed in a just and timely manner. Children and young people are also taught to raise concerns, gaining the necessary skills and knowledge to understand and maintain their personal safety and wellbeing, and the safety and wellbeing of their peers, through educational approaches and programs.

Implementing rigorous risk management and employment practices

Schools will systematically and continually identify and assess risks to child safety, and will eliminate (where possible) or reduce all potential sources of harm in both physical and online environments. Effective risk management is embedded in school life through effective, transparent and well-understood policies, procedures and practices.

Schools will employ highly competent and professional staff who are formed and challenged to maintain the safety of all students. The high quality of staff appointments will be upheld through rigorous employment and review processes and practices, which include a demonstrated knowledge of child safety.

Catholic education will stay abreast of legislation, and will meet the legislative duties to protect the safety and wellbeing of children and young people in its care, including meeting the minimum requirements for compliance with the Child Safe Standards for schools and school boarding premises as set out in Ministerial Order No. 1359. This is in addition to ongoing work to support child safety, including mandatory reporting, reportable conduct, information sharing and complaints management.

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ROBOTICS & CODING WORKSHOP

A National Science Week event at BNH



Tuesday 16th August, 4pm - 6pm / Cost \$16

Brunswick Neighbourhood House

43a De Carle St., Brunswick

9386 9418 / info@bnhc.vic.edu.au / www.bnhc.vic.edu.au

Full STEAM ahead with this highly engaging workshop to introduce coding and robotics to 8-12 year olds. Presented as part of National Science Week 2022, participants will have fun and expand their awareness of the endless possibilities around engineering and technology.





Book Week 2022

Book Fair Monday 22nd August - Friday 26th August at 3.00pm in the Community Room (access via the school car park)
Purchase a book for your family or for the school.

Parade: Friday 26th August at 9.00am

Dress up as your favourite book character. All parents are welcome to stay for the Parade.