



# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Primary School Brunswick East

*Exceptional Education*

## Newsletter 3, Term 1, 2020

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February

### **“Follow God’s Law”**

Matthew 5:17-27

... ‘Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all.... All you need say is “Yes” if you mean yes, “No” if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.’

Dear Families,

Welcome to Week 3 of the school year. Yesterday we gathered as a school in Our Lady’s Church to celebrate Mass for the Beginning of the School Year. This is an important event to mark our coming back together as a learning and faith community and to pray for God’s help and strength to meet the challenges that may arise in the year ahead.

In his homily at Mass, Fr Joel referred to leadership in the service of others in the example of King Solomon and this was fitting as we announced our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2020. I congratulate all the Grade 6 students who put themselves forward for these roles for the consideration they had put into their presentations and for offering themselves for the roles.

Special congratulations go to Samantha Tillo and Ryder Bickham, who were elected by their peers and staff of the school as School Captains, and to Alice McGrath and Nicholas Carrafa, who were also elected by peers and staff to the positions of Vice Captains. I am confident that their contribution to the school over the course of the year will be positive and beneficial for all.



In the extract from this weekend’s Gospel Reading, Jesus is putting the laws of the Jewish people into perspective for his listeners. Just as leadership at OLHC is in the service of others, so too are the laws and regulations. Throughout this section of the gospel, Jesus is helping us understand that it is our relationships with those around us that must have integrity. I have been most impressed with the way that this is demonstrated by members of this community, particularly the children, in the way that people are respected, greeted and cared for.

### **PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT PROCESS**

Catholic Education Melbourne will be advertising the Principal’s appointment for Our Lady Help of Christian’s School through internal communications to schools on Fridays 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February and, to a wider audience, in *The Australian* on Saturdays 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> February with applications closing on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

Once applications close, those received will be reviewed by CEM to ensure they meet system criteria and they will then be forwarded on to Fr Joel for shortlisting. Mark Workman, the Catholic Education Melbourne Regional Leadership

Consultant assigned to our school, will be working as the Executive Directors Nominee with the appointment panel, convened by Fr Father Joel, during the appointment process. We wish the panel the gifts of wisdom and courage as they go about this important task for our community.

### PAPER COPIES OF NEWSLETTERS

It has been the practice to send paper newsletters out to families as well as upload to the website. While we will continue to upload to the website, we are proposing to phase out the paper copy unless it is specifically requested. Some families have already requested an email copy which has gone out weekly and our proposal is that all families will receive this email each week via a new group email which we will set up internally. This will not only save a great deal of paper but be a time saving initiative for our hard-working office staff also. Please feel free to let me know your thoughts on this by emailing me at [principal@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au).

### MEET THE TEACHER MEETINGS

Thank you to all those parents who took advantage of the opportunity to meet teachers yesterday to discuss their child's needs for the year ahead and thank you to the staff for making themselves available for these valuable conversations. We have received positive feedback around the new online booking system and will implement this again at mid-year as a result. If parents were unable to attend yesterday and still wish to speak with their child's teacher, please contact the teacher via email – please see [our website](#) for email addresses – to arrange a suitable time.

### BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

A reminder that our Back to School/Welcome Picnic will be held on the Middle Playground on Tuesday 18th February from 5pm-7pm. All school families are warmly invited to attend, not just those who are new to the community, so we hope to see many of you there.

The Parents Association are looking for volunteers to assist in running the night smoothly and there is a sign-up sheet attached to this newsletter for that

purpose which we would like returned to school by tomorrow, Friday 14th February – thanks to those parents who have already put their hand up.

For those new to the community or who may not have attended in the past, the PA have sausages and soft drinks available for purchase or families are free to bring along their own picnic basket. We will have a couple of jumping castles available for the children with thanks to the staff for supervising these throughout the evening.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Yesterday we gathered and celebrated with a whole school liturgy to mark the beginning of the new school year. On this occasion we announced our School Captains and Vice Captains for 2020 to parish community.

On **Wednesday 26 February** we will again gather as a faith community and attend **9:15 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass** as we begin our journey in the season of Lent as we prepare for Easter. Parents and extended family are most welcome to attend Mass on this occasion.



Our Year 6 classes have commenced preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will be celebrated on the last Sunday of this term, 22nd March by the Auxiliary Bishop of the Northern Region, Bishop Terry Curtin.

### DIARY NOTE YEAR 4 FAMILIES 2020

In consultation with Fr Joel Peart, Parish Administrator, I am pleased to be able to provide a date for the celebration of First Eucharist this year. There will be one Mass where children who have received the Rite of Reconciliation will be able to receive Eucharist. **The Sacrament of Eucharist will be celebrated on SATURDAY 30th MAY 2020** commencing at 4:00 p.m. in Our Lady Help of

Christians Church. An information letter and enrolment form will be sent home at the end Term. Wishing you peace and all things good,  
Jack Rendle (Religious Education Leader)

### SAFER INTERNET DAY/DIGI-TECH AGREEMENTS

Safer Internet Day was held this Tuesday, 11th February, millions of people around the world united to raise awareness about online safety issues and inspire positive change. At Our Lady's, teachers have been having age appropriate conversations with their classes about safe behaviour online. As parents and carers, you can support these conversations by setting rules around usage at home and reinforcing these on a regular basis, always emphasising that anything that children do, or access, should accord with our school values of respect, compassion and justice.

Last week, ICT User Agreements were sent home with students. Digital Technology is an important part of your children's education and this document allows for important conversations to be had at home about using technology. Teaching the appropriate and safe use of technology is a shared partnership between the school and our families. We request all forms to be returned to school before Friday 28th February. Our [ICT/Digital Technology Policy](#) is available on our website or via the above link.

### CELEBRATING STUDENT ART

Year One students looked at the work of Frank Stella and made their own line paintings of geometric shapes. See the Art Check Out later in the newsletter for an example of the work completed.

### EXTEND OSHC AT OUR LADY'S SCHOOL

#### Weekly Recap

We have had a week full of fun at Extend! This week we welcomed many Foundation students as they begin their full days of school. We began our week by making delicious pancakes for breakfast. We also made our own playdough and played many games of tennis too! Dodgeball has



been a fun game in both Before and After School Care as well as making our own restaurants using play food.

This Term we will be running a new and exciting Enrichment Program on Wednesdays! Inspired by the Australian Open, children will have the opportunity to learn new tennis skills weekly from our Educators. The main focus will be about getting active and learning a new skill. From serving to forehands to volleys it will be a fun program for all children with any tennis skill to be involved in!

We have had a great start to the term, and we are looking forward to many new and exciting activities! If children or families have any ideas for the Extend program, please let the OLHC Extend Team know! We love creating a program based around your interests!

For enrolment and bookings visit [www.lookedafter.com](http://www.lookedafter.com).

**Our Extend Superstar is...** Maya H for trying new experiences and being a positive role model to all

#### What's on Next Week?

Monday 17 February - Bottle Top Boats  
Tuesday 18 February - Making Popcorn Bars  
Wednesday 19 February - Enrichment: Tennis  
Thursday 20 February - Magic Milk Experiment  
Friday 21 February - Bubble Painting

Stephanie (Service Coordinator)

### PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### 2020 Parent Representatives

Each year the Parent Association calls for volunteers to be Parent Representatives. The role of Parent Representative is to act as a 'liaison' for their individual classes and to attend Parent Association meetings (if possible) so that important Parent Association and School updates can be shared with the other class parents. The roles also help promote connectedness between the classroom families which has long lasting benefits for the school community.

There are still a number of classes requiring Parent Representatives. We are seeking one parent from

each class to be their 'Parent Rep' for 2020. The following classes still require a Parent Rep:

**FD, 2B, 2H, 2R, 4J, 4S, 5A, 5T, 6H, 6L**

If you would like to be involved, please email the Parent Association at [olhcpa@gmail.com](mailto:olhcpa@gmail.com) with your name, contact details and child's class.

### Friday Tuckshop 2020

We are looking for a new Tuckshop Co-ordinator! The tuckshop coordinator organises the roster each term and ensures there is adequate stock available. Tuckshop is run every Friday from 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Please email the Parent Association at [olhcpa@gmail.com](mailto:olhcpa@gmail.com) if you are interested in this role. Thank you to Dario Bulfone for all his hard work in co-ordinating the tuckshop last year.

### Parents Association Meetings for this year are:

Monday 2nd March 2020  
Monday 20th April 2020  
Monday 11th May 2020  
Monday 1st June 2020  
Monday 20th July 2020  
Monday 17th August 2020  
Monday 14th September 2020  
Monday 12th October 2020  
Monday 9th November 2020

### MEDICAL PLANS

Updated medical plans, including anaphylaxis and asthma plans, are now due back at the office. These should be prepared and signed off by your child's medical practitioners. Updated and current medications for those children who have plans is also required.

### FRIDAY CANTEEN

For those families who are interested, we do run a canteen on Fridays thanks to the generosity of our parent organisers who give their time freely for this service. Purchases are restricted to \$1 and it is up to individual families as to whether you allow your children to make a purchase in any given week.

### MORELAND SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Bookings for the **April 2020** School Holiday Program will open by **5pm, Friday 14 February 2020** and will remain open until full capacity has

been reached. Once bookings open you can make a booking via the online booking system using the **casual booking option**. For further information including how to log on please visit council's website on

<https://www.moreland.vic.gov.au/community-health/children-and-families/primary-school-holiday-program/>

The Primary School Holiday Program brochure will be available on Council's website by **5pm, Friday 14 February 2020** ([www.moreland.vic.gov.au](http://www.moreland.vic.gov.au)). If you have difficulty accessing any information or general queries, please telephone the Council on 9240 1111.



Until next week, respectfully, *Daniel* 😊

### UPCOMING DATES

#### TERM 1

Tuesday 18/02/2020 **Welcome Picnic** 5-7pm  
Wednesday 19/02/2020 **Class Mass for Year 5s**  
Thursday 20/02/2020 **Confirmation Family Workshop**  
Wednesday 26/02/2020 **Ash Wednesday** (Mass 9:15)  
Monday 02/03/2020 **Parents Association Meeting** 7pm  
Wednesday 04/03/2020 **Class Mass Year 4s**  
Monday 09/03/2020 **Labour Day Public Holiday**  
Wednesday 11/03/2020 **Bishop Curtin visiting Grade 6**  
Wednesday 11/03/2020 **Class Mass Year 3s**  
Thursday 12/03/2020 **Life Education Van**  
Friday 13/03/2020 **Life Education Van**  
Tuesday 17/03/2020 **St Patrick's Day**  
Wednesday 18/03/2020 **Class Mass Year 2s**  
Sunday 22/03/2020 **Sacrament of Confirmation**  
Wednesday 25/03/2020 **Class Mass Year 1s**  
Friday 27/03/2020 **End of Term** 1pm (**Casual Clothes**)  
Sunday 05/04/2020 **Palm Sunday**  
Thursday 09/04/2020 **Holy Thursday**  
Friday 10/04/2020 **Good Friday**  
Sunday 12/04/2020 **Easter Sunday**  
Monday 13/04/2020 **Easter Monday Public Holiday**

#### TERM 2

Tuesday 14/04/2020 **School Closure Day (TBC)**  
Wednesday 15/04/2020 **Term 2 Begins (TBC)**  
Monday 20/04/2020 **Parents Association Meeting** 7pm  
Wednesday 22/04/2020 **Class Mass Foundations**  
Wednesday 22/04/2020 **John Burland Concert**  
Saturday 25/04/2020 **ANZAC Day**

OLHC 2020

Back to  
School

# FAMILY PICNIC

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TUESDAY 18th FEB

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5.00PM - 7.00PM

HOSTED ON THE OLHC BASKETBALL COURT

**\*\*SAUSAGE SIZZLE\*\***

**\*\*JUMPING CASTLES\*\***

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Drinks, Snacks & Sausages will be on sale...BYO picnic food and rug!

The Parent Association look forward to welcoming  
you to a new school year!

If you have any questions, please contact us at [olhcpa@gmail.com](mailto:olhcpa@gmail.com)



**Our Lady Help of Christians  
East Brunswick**

# 2020 BACK TO SCHOOL FAMILY PICNIC

Tuesday, 18th February  
5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year's Welcome BBQ will be held on Tuesday, 18th February. It is a great opportunity for families to spend time together and get to know each other. There will be a jumping castle for the kids and the Parent Association will run a sausage sizzle and sell drinks/snacks at the Tuckshop.

We do need a number of volunteers to help with the set up, running and clean up for sausage sizzle and tuckshop. With sufficient numbers, no one should be required for more than 1 hour. This will enable **ALL** parents a chance to socialise.

If you are able to assist, please complete the form below and return via your child's class folder, the office or email [olhcpa@gmail.com](mailto:olhcpa@gmail.com) by Friday, 14th February.



**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact #:** \_\_\_\_\_

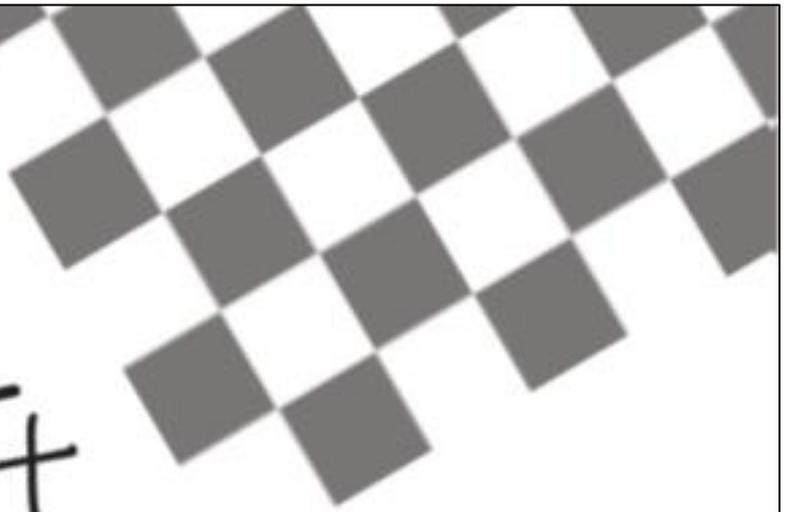
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Eldest Child's Name/Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

SAUSAGE SIZZLE		(please tick)
Set-up Sausage Sizzle	4:00 pm – 5.00 pm	
Sausage Sizzle Cooking	5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	
Sausage Sizzle Cooking	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	
Serving	5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	
Serving	6.00pm – 7.00 pm	
Clean Up	7.00 pm – 7.30 pm	

TUCKSHOP		(please tick)
Set-up Tuckshop	4.30 pm – 5.00 pm	
Tuckshop Serving	5.00 pm – 6.00 pm	
Tuckshop Serving	6.00 pm – 7.00 pm	
Clean Up	7.00 pm – 7.30 pm	

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**OUR [Lady Help of Christians] ARTISTS**



Olivia M (1A)



Kallista (1A)

Year One students looked at the work of Frank Stella and made their own line paintings of geometric shape.



# Come and Try Joey Scouts!



## Visit our Joey Mob at 5th Brunswick

We are looking for enthusiastic  
5-7 year olds ready for lots of fun!

When: Thursday nights 6:30pm-7:30pm

213A Weston Street, Brunswick East

Speak with our Leaders Zoe (parent at Brunswick East PS) or  
Mel (parent at Brunswick SW PS)

[5thbrunswickjoeys@gmail.com](mailto:5thbrunswickjoeys@gmail.com)

## Enquiries:

[gl.5thbrunswick@scoutsvictoria.com.au](mailto:gl.5thbrunswick@scoutsvictoria.com.au)

John 0422 643 236

## DISCOVER MERCY COLLEGE OPEN DAYS

Mercy College is holding two Discover Mercy Open Days on Saturday 29 February at 10.00am and Monday 2 March at 9.30am and 6.00pm

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the college on 9319 9299



2020  
*Science Laboratory Refurbishment*

# TERM ONE DISCOVER MERCY *Open Days*

Meet our Principal, explore the facilities and chat with our students and staff at our first open days for 2020.

Saturday 29 February - 10.00am

Monday 2 March - 9.30am and 6.00pm

*Presentation and tour will take approximately 90 minutes*

**Book your sessions online or call 9319 9299**

[mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au](http://mercycoburg.catholic.edu.au)

*Applications for year 7 2022 now open*

## SANTA MARIA COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Thursday 12 March 2020 2:30pm – 6:30pm

Santa Maria College is a Years 7 to 12 Catholic Girls' College. We are an International Baccalaureate World School delivering an international standard of education through the Middle Years Programme (Years 7 to 10).

### Discover Our School

Open Day is an annual event held at Santa Maria College. The primary aim of Open Day is to showcase what is on offer at the College for prospective students. Current students at Santa Maria will take you on a tour around the College to discover the amazing array of subjects and opportunities that are available. Students and staff prepare and facilitate activities and displays which provide an insight into life at Santa Maria College and what being a 'Santa Girl' is all about.

***Open Day is not to be missed for any student considering enrolment at Santa Maria College.***

You will be provided with an opportunity to:

- undertake a guided tour of the College and its facilities
- see learning in action
- enjoy afternoon tea
- visit the range of learning spaces
- meet the Principal and staff
- experience the welcome of our students and staff
- collect an enrolment pack



The poster features a smiling young girl in a school uniform against a background of green foliage. The text is arranged in a vertical stack, starting with 'Open Day' in a large, white, cursive font. Below this, the college name 'SANTA MARIA COLLEGE NORTHCOTE' is written in bold, yellow, sans-serif capital letters. The date and time 'THURSDAY 12 MARCH 2:30PM – 6:30PM' are in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The slogan 'Dare to Imagine' is in a yellow, cursive font. At the bottom, there are logos for Santa Maria College and the International Baccalaureate (IB), followed by the college's name and years. Social media icons for Instagram and Twitter are also present, along with the registration instruction 'Register on the College website'. The contact information '50 Separation Street Northcote VIC 3070 | Tel: 03 9489 7644 | www.santamaria.vic.edu.au' is at the very bottom.

Open Day

SANTA MARIA COLLEGE  
NORTHCOTE

THURSDAY 12 MARCH  
2:30PM – 6:30PM

*Dare to Imagine*

SANTA MARIA COLLEGE  
A YEAR 7 TO 12 CATHOLIC GIRLS' COLLEGE

Register on the College website  

50 Separation Street Northcote VIC 3070 | Tel: 03 9489 7644 | [www.santamaria.vic.edu.au](http://www.santamaria.vic.edu.au)

# PARADE COLLEGE OPEN DAY

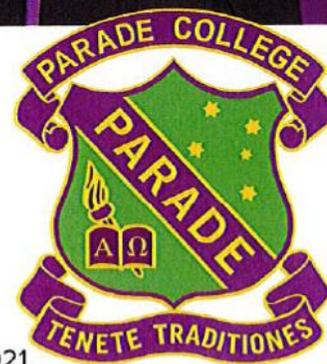
SUNDAY 16 FEBRUARY



**10am - 2pm Preston Campus** 8 Clifton Grove

**10am - 2pm Bundoora Campus** 1436 Plenty Rd

- Talk to our Principal and all our staff
  - Watch the awesome Science Show
  - Listen to our College bands
  - Pick up an information pack with a special gift for your son
  - Enjoy our free BBQ and café
  - Listen to the Principal's address at 10.30, 11.30 & 1.00.
- Year 7 2022 Enrolments Now Open!  
Limited places at Preston available 2021.



Register online [www.parade.vic.edu.au](http://www.parade.vic.edu.au) ■ p. 9468 3300 ■ [registrar@parade.vic.edu.au](mailto:registrar@parade.vic.edu.au)



# Fitzroy Junior Football Club wants you!



Registrations are now open for players of all ages and skill levels to join in for the 2020 season. Join the 670+ players and their families from your community and be a part of real grass roots footy from Under 8's (born in 2012) through to Colts (U16/17 Boys) and Youth Girls (U18's) playing in the YJFL.

Fitzroy Junior Football Club prides itself on its culture of fairness and sportsmanship above on field success, with the safety and well-being of the players being paramount.

Under 8's, 9's mixed teams and Under 10 girls play modified rules including smaller ground size, playing zones and modified tackling, so it's a great entry point to 'Real Footy'! Our volunteer parent coaches are guided by the core values of *Teamwork, Respect & Mentoring*. Let our club welcome you and your family into the mighty Fitzroy lion pride.

## KEY DATES

**Sunday Feb 23** - Club Welcome Day - 9am-12pm  
Alfred Crescent Oval - including mouthguard fitting  
merchandise sales **PLUS** Girls only tackling session!

**Sunday March 22** - Practice match day

**Sunday April 19** - Round 1 - Season commences

**Teams are filling fast, and caps will be in place so don't miss out!**

Registration enquiries: [registration@fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au](mailto:registration@fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au)  
or visit our website for further information:

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

**DON'T MISS OUT - REGISTER NOW**

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