



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Primary School Brunswick East

Exceptional Education

Newsletter 1, Term 4, 2022

Friday 7th October



Loving Creator God,

We rejoice in the beauty of this ancient land and her waters.

We marvel at the awesome way they have been formed.

We give thanks for her First Nations Peoples, their stories of creation sung by countless Ancestors.

Amen

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a wonderful school holiday break and are ready for a busy, productive and enjoyable term.

It is great to be back at OLHC after my recent Indigenous Culture Immersion Tour of the Northern Territory with 26 other Catholic Primary School Principals from neighbouring schools in the North Central region of Melbourne. It has been a joy and privilege to be welcomed back so enthusiastically by the community.

A huge thank you to Jackie McGrath who took on the role of Principal in my absence. As I expected, Jackie did a fine job in leading the community and ensuring that term three finished on a high note. Many thanks also to our wonderful staff and families for their support of Jackie during this time.

My pilgrimage to the Northern Territory was an experience I will never forget. I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to attend and know that it will hold me in good stead as I continue my professional journey as Principal. It was a privilege to be immersed in the culture of the indigenous communities in both Kakadu and Arnhem Land. By far the highlight was to experience the deep spirituality of Arnhem Land where I was able to walk on the sacred lands and view the amazing rock art that dates back tens of thousands of years. As we arrived in Arnhem Land our Guide asked us to acknowledge the presence of the spirits, respect the land and leave only our footprints. It was a deeply moving and powerful experience. At Our Lady Help of Christians we are committed to reconciliation with First Nations people and to working together to shape a future where diversity and justice are treasured. We stand together with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. We are committed to reconciliation and to working towards a nation where diversity and justice are treasured, just as they are here at Our Lady Help of Christians School.



As we commence the term we have many exciting events planned for students so it will be important for you to read the newsletter each week to receive information, please check important dates listed below in the term four date section of each newsletter.

Please note the following dates are students free days this term. Please place these dates in your diaries so that you can make other arrangements if necessary.

Monday 31/10/22 Professional Practice Day for staff - No students to attend.

Tuesday 1/11/22 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - No students to attend.

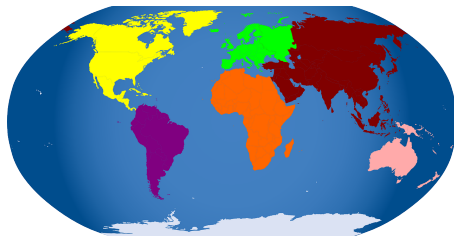
Friday 2/12/22 2023 Planning Day - No students to attend.

Inquiry Learning Focus: Culture & Community - Parents as Experts

This term our inquiry learning focus will be learning about community and culture. Students will be unpacking the concepts of identity, culture, diversity and community. In the TUNING IN phase of the inquiry journey we have asked students to share artefacts/objects that convey their own cultural heritage. In unpacking these broad concepts we begin this experience by understanding and knowing our own cultural heritage and identity. Sharing our cultural markers with others enables us to open our lens, and to acknowledge and appreciate the diverse community that we live in in Australia and particularly at

Our Lady Help of Christians. Some of the big compelling questions that the students will

be investigating include: *What is culture and how does it create identity? Who are we and how do we know? How does culture influence the identity of people and communities? Who am I ? What are we?*



Students will be engaging in a variety of different experiences during this time in the FINDING OUT phase of the inquiry learning process. Across the school we will deepen our understanding of our First Nations people. On Monday 7th November we will welcome Wurundjeri Elder Ian Hunter to Our Lady Help of Christians who will share his culture and identity with us.

As a learning community, the students this year have enjoyed and benefited from our *Parents as Experts* guest speaker opportunities. These Guest speakers have shared their expertise to deepen and complement our inquiry learning focus throughout the year. Parent engagement in learning is a rich experience for all involved which is encouraged and valued in our learning community.

This term we are seeking any parents/carers who are willing to share their culture and identity with our community.

If you are interested in being a part of this learning opportunity, could you please email Jackie McGrath jmcgrath@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au.

Attention Twilight Sports Next Week



Our Twilight Sports Carnival will be held on Friday the 14th of October (Week 2 Term 4) at the George Knott Athletic Field, Heidelberg Rd Clifton Hill (Collingwood Harriers Athletics Track)

Time: Opening Ceremony at 4:45pm, please ensure your child/children are at the ground at this time, they will be marching with their house team.

Events: 5.00pm-7.00pm.

Snack/Drink Break: 5.45pm-6.00pm

We require parent volunteers to help marshal some events, if you are free to volunteer please contact Ms Harriet Cordner by the end of today.
hcordner@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au

PA News

Dust off your dancing shoes, the Family Dinner and Disco is coming! Save the Date for an evening of fun for the whole family on Saturday 12th November. Tickets will be on sale soon.

The Parents Association plan to run a whole school raffle in the lead up to the Family Disco, and to have some fun prizes for games on the night. We would greatly appreciate donations of hamper items like wine, chocolates, lollies and savoury snacks to build prize bundles that the whole family can enjoy! See flyer below for more information.

Reminder Sun Smart



A reminder OLHC students will be required to wear a hat this term. Please ensure your child has his/her hat at school. All staff and parents are encouraged to access the daily local sun protection times via the free Sun smart app, or at sunsmart.com.au or the widget on our website.

Intentions for 2023

We are currently in the process of preparing our class structures for 2023. To assist, we need to know if any students (other than Year 6 students) will be leaving OLHC at the end of 2022. If your child will not be returning to OLHC in 2023 can you please inform me in writing as soon as possible.

2023 Class Requests

If you have any requests for the 2023 school year please place these in writing to mmcintosh@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au by 4:00pm Friday Oct 21st. Requests after this date will not be accepted as once class lists are

completed they cannot be changed. Requests will only be granted for educationally sound reasons and only made in exceptional circumstances. Please ensure communication is respectful and reflects the spirit of who we are as a community and the school as a whole. Over the coming weeks teachers will be placing class lists together to ensure the children's academic and social needs are considered.

Scholastic Book Club

This week a Scholastic catalogue was sent home with every student. This will be the last opportunity to purchase books this year. Books are purchased and paid for online. If you have misplaced your catalogue a limited supply will be held at the school office. Please contact me by email smurphy@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au if you have any further questions.

Thank you

Sharon Murphy - Library

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Improvement
Surveys

Thank you to the
families who

completed the MACSSIS survey last term. MACSSIS data benefits everyone within our school and provides valuable community insights on areas that we can focus on. We thank you for taking the opportunity to have a voice and contribute to shaping the ongoing improvement of the school.

Rapid Antigen Testing

The Victorian Government is providing further deliveries of rapid antigen tests this term. It is recommended that rapid antigen tests are used by students and staff when symptomatic. A new kit of RATs will be sent home today with every child. As a community we continue to follow all the procedures and protocols of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools Ltd (MACS). Further information on COVID-19 is available on the DHHS Website - www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus and the

Uniform Update-Reminder

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, long hair needs to be tied up to reduce the risk of head lice. Nail polish is not permitted and for pierced ears, studs only are acceptable due to the danger of injury when playing games. Chokers, dangly earrings or chains worn outside clothing are considered too dangerous for school days.

As announced last term, Spartan, our uniform provider will be holding **all** OLHC uniform stock at their Lower Plenty store, we will no longer be holding any stock at school. **We will only have a sample rack to support sizing. The sample rack can be accessed at school each Monday between 8.45am-9.30am.** Please note you will continue to order uniforms online via our website. Spartan will dispatch all uniform orders by courier on Wednesdays each week to our school and these orders will be sent home with children on receipt of delivery Thursdays/Fridays. **Orders activated by parents through the school website have a deadline of MIDNIGHT every Tuesday for despatch from the warehouse to OLHC School on Wednesdays.**

If you require an exchange you can send this at your own cost, directly through the mail to Spartan School World 97 Main Rd Lower Plenty 3093, or alternatively visit their store. Anyone requiring an exchange or return can also email onlineorders@spartanss.com.au or phone 1800 815 557 for guidance on how to do so.

Reminder 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, please see the flyer below for details. 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

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:-

Louis PO, Rory 1P, Oliver 4B, Toni 6A, Elliot 6KF, Mercy 1DL

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
Nora B	PA	For your fantastic addition work in maths this week. You display a great understanding of counting on and using a numberline to explain your thinking. You always

		take great pride in the presentation of your work which is wonderful to see. Keep up the great work Nora!
Ashley Y	PO	For being respectful and reverent during prayer. Ashley, throughout our morning circle you make a conscious effort to be respectful of others, and take time to reflect and share your special prayer with the class. Well done!
Georgina F	1 DL	Congratulations for a great start to Term Four. You continue to show kindness everyday, and work very hard in all learning tasks. Your actions set a great example to your peers. I am proud of how far you have come in many learning areas, especially your reading. Well done!
Eloise De S	1P	For your incredible work during writing this week. You wrote detailed, creative recounts and demonstrated the tools to be an effective writer. I look forward to reading more of your writing this term. Keep up the great work Eloise. Well done!
Eleanor L	2C	For being a kind, courteous and respectful member of our class. Your beautiful caring nature shines through as you help your peers both in the classroom and in the playground. I love the way you enter the classroom every day with a big smile and the way in which you approach each task with enthusiasm and

		positivity. Keep up the great work, Ellie.
Levi B	2V	For making such a positive start to Term 4. I am so impressed with your resilience and the way you communicate and express your feelings. On top of this, I am so happy to see you continue to ask questions in the classroom and show that you are thinking about your learning. We are so lucky to have you in our class Levi!
Amelie Ch	3C	For the insightful and kind comments you made following our 'Silent Circle' during SEL this week. You demonstrate empathy for everyone in our class, an endearing quality of yours. Your compassion for the wellbeing of others lifts our classroom to great heights. Thank you for being you Amelie!
Dagi T	3S	For a wonderful start to Term 4! You demonstrate our school values of learning as you enthusiastically apply your new knowledge of coordinates to create a grid map, identifying different landmarks. Keep it up, you're a superstar!
Alia Sh	4B	For being a dedicated student who is working hard to challenge herself with all her learning activities. You have settled back into school with ease this week and have completed your reading tasks and

		thinking routines this week to a high level. Congratulations and keep up the great work! It is a pleasure to teach you. Thank-you for being a kind, caring and supportive member of 4B.
Elka A	4M	For your wonderful mathematics work on TIME. You have listened carefully to build your understanding and you have shared your learning to help others. Keep up the awesome work!
Zara B	5P	Zara, well done on a great start to Term Four. It has been pleasing to witness you using your manners endlessly and being so kind and considerate to your other class members. You love sharing your insights in reading activities and tasks and the rest of the class appreciate your thoughts and ideas. Your writing is always jam packed with interesting and descriptive vocabulary. Keep up the amazing effort. Enjoy your last term in Year 5.
Poppy B B	5L	For continuing to be a thoughtful and responsible member of our class. You always display respect in class and listen attentively to other people's thoughts and comments. Looking forward to a successful Term 4 together in Year 5.
Héloïse R	6A	Héloïse, I am continuously impressed by your productivity

		during class time and your work ethic. This week, you have listened carefully to instructions and completed all tasks with persistence, effort and a positive attitude. You should be proud of your time management skills and for beginning to ask questions to clarify your understanding.
Lily B	6KF	Lily, your concept map on 'Culture' clearly demonstrated your understanding of our Inquiry topic this term. You were focussed and made connecting phrases between the ideas showing your current thinking.

2022 Dates

Term 4

Friday 14/10/22 Twilight Sports 4.45 pm - 7.00 pm
George Knott Athletic Field Heidelberg Rd
Clifton Hill (Collingwood Harriers Athletics Track)

4.45pm - Opening Ceremony
5.00pm-7.00pm - Events
5.45pm-6.00pm - Snack/Drink Break

Tuesday 25/10/22 SAC Meeting at 7.00 pm.

Friday 28/10/22 World Teachers' Day Lunch PA to organise.

Monday 31/10/22 No students to attend

Professional Practice Day for staff.

Tuesday 1/11/22 Melbourne Cup Public Holiday - No students to attend.

Thursday 3/11/22 2023 Prep Parent Information Session at 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm.

Friday the 4/11/22 Grandparent's Day Mass at 10.00 am followed by morning tea.

Thursday 10/11/22 2023 Prep Transition 1 at 9.15 am – 10.15 am.

Thursday 10/11/22 Wonder of Living Family Night at 7.00 pm book for Year 6 students.

Friday 11/11/22 Remembrance Day Service at 11.00 am.

Monday 14/11/22 - Tuesday 15/11/22 -
Wednesday 16/11/22 Camp CYC Year 5 and 6.

Thursday 17/11/22 2023 Prep Transition 2 at 9.15 am – 10.15 am.

Monday 21/11/22 Advent Assembly 1 8.45 am - 9.00 am.

Monday 21/11/22 - Thursday 24/11/22 and Mon 28/11/22 - Thursday 1/12/22 Swimming Program (x8 days).

Monday 28/11/22 Advent Assembly 2 8.45 am - 9.00 am.

Friday 2/12/22 2023 Planning Day - No students to attend.

Monday 5/12/22 Advent Assembly 3 8.45 am - 9.00 am.

Wednesday 7/12/22 Christmas Carols Assembly at 2.00 pm - 3.15 pm.

Friday 9/12/21 Reports go home.

Friday 9/12/22 Graduation Mass 6:00pm.

Monday 12/12/22 Advent Assembly 4 8.45 am - 9.00 am.

Monday 12/12/22 Learning Conversations 1.30 pm - 8.00 pm **school concludes at 1.00 pm for all students.**

Tuesday 13/12/22 End of Year Whole School Mass at 9.30 am, Step up Afternoon 2.00pm-3.00pm.

Wednesday 14/12/22 Year 6 Big Day Out.

Monday 19/12/22 Term 4 **concludes at 1.00 pm. (MACS directive).**

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,

Ms Maree McIntosh

PRINCIPAL

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS 2022 TWILIGHT SPORTS NIGHT



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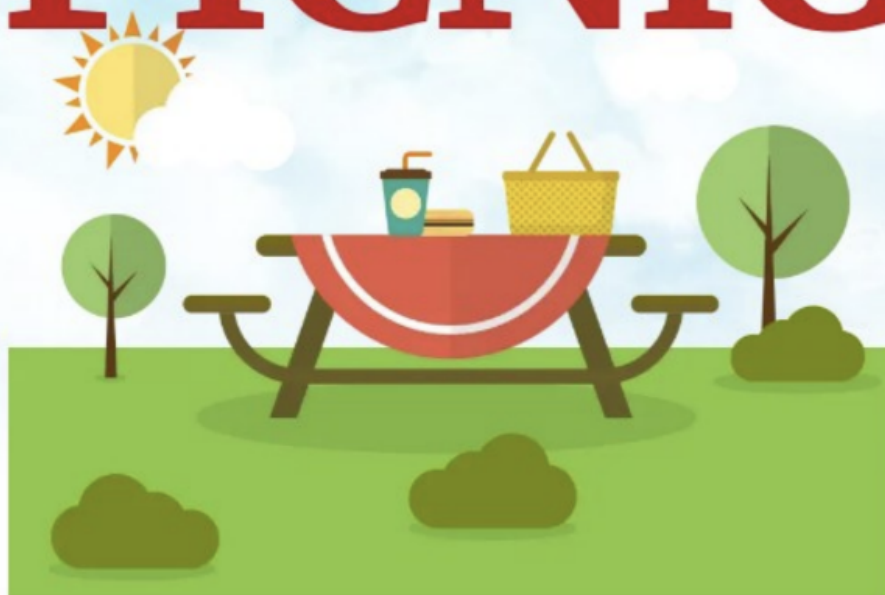
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OLHC TWILIGHT SPORTS

PICNIC



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FRIDAY 14TH OCTOBER 5PM-7PM



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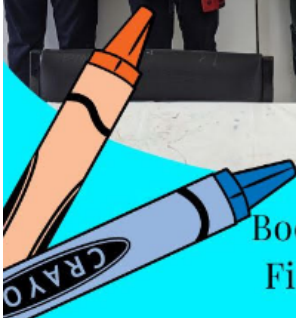
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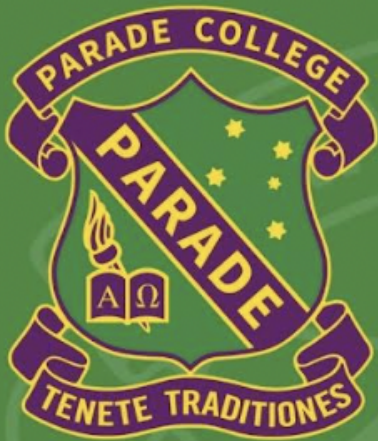


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- Thursday 10 November
- Thursday 17 November

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