



# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Primary School Brunswick East

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## Newsletter 8, Term 1, 2020

Thursday 19th March

***"The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored"***

*John 9:1-41*

*The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing."*

***Lord, we pray that you will indeed open our eyes. Help us to acknowledge that we can be very inadequate people who do not always know how to solve our problems. Help us, Lord, to come, like the blind man, and worship at your feet, to recognize that you have come into the world to give us light in our darkness, to lead us through the bewildering paths that we must tread, and bring us to the place of cleansing and of opened eyes.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.***

Dear Families,

Welcome to the newsletter for Week 8 at Our Lady's. I hope that this newsletter finds all in our community well. We are certainly living in uncertain times that are frightening for many and worrying for all. While some of our elders may remember the years of the Second World War, for most of us we have no living memory of the sort of global chaos in which we currently find ourselves. Even those who lived through the war years would probably attest that much of life still went on in ways that we are currently unable to facilitate.

In the Gospel reading from this coming weekend, we see an example of Jesus healing a blind man but the Pharisees refusing to believe it was possible. In reading the Gospel I was struck but the division and animosity being expressed and could not help to equate this our current times. When we are confronted with events

outside our normal experience it is natural to feel fear, worry or scepticism. It can also be natural to throw up defences and barriers to protect ourselves. It is my prayer for our school and wider community that we can remember our solidarity as created beings, draw comfort from our faith and seek to be the face of God to all those around us in the ways that we support, enable and uplift others; that, while we maintain physical distance where appropriate, we will continue to draw closer together in the ways that ensure dignity, respect and genuine care.

### COMMUNITY EMAILS

Over the last couple of mornings, I have sent out emails to the community in respect to COVID-19. If you have not been receiving these, please advise either [myself](#) or [Cathy Windsor](#) and provide us with an email address to add to the group email. This is especially important at this uncertain time to ensure that everyone receives correspondence in the event of a long-term school closure.

### TUCKSHOP UPDATE

We are pleased to announce **Virginia Erica** (Aiden - FD) is our new Tuckshop Coordinator for 2020!

We are now seeking volunteers for Term 2 Tuckshop Roster. Times are from approx. 1pm till 1:45pm on Fridays throughout the term.

Our children love to see our parents behind the tuckshop/canteen counter so let's us know if you can assist!

Working with children checks are required. Please email Virginia on [olhctukshop@gmail.com](mailto:olhctukshop@gmail.com) to confirm your interest and availability

### GRADE 6 GRADUATION 2020

**Graduation** this year is scheduled for **Friday 11th December**. The Graduation Committee have already had their initial meeting and planning is underway, thanks to our wonderful volunteers.



## MASSES AND LITURGIES SUSPENDED

Yesterday afternoon the Catholic Bishops of Victoria issued a letter advising that all Masses and Liturgies have been suspended until further notice – this includes our weekly class Masses. Churches will still be open for private prayer, but Sunday and weekday gatherings will not occur. Please see the correspondence, in full, later in this newsletter.

## COVID 19 (CORONAVIRUS) PREPAREDNESS

In the event of a prolonged school closure, we are mindful that certain families may not have access to the internet or a computer at home. If this is the case, we politely request that you urgently make the school aware so alternative arrangements can be made. Please let your child's teacher know if this is the case for you by close of the day tomorrow, Friday, so that we can plan accordingly next week.

## HEADLICE CHECK – FOUNDATION TO YEAR 6

The **headlice checks** that were to take place tomorrow have been **postponed** until a further date. Regardless of this please take the time to check your child/ren's hair and apply treatment available from the chemist if necessary.

## CHILDREN'S TOILETS

We have reminded parents at morning assemblies that adults are not permitted to use the children's toilets, including accompanying toddlers inside. If adults need to use the toilets for themselves or to accompany their preschool children before or after school, we ask that you speak with a staff member so that you can access the staff toilet that is located near the stairs just inside the main entry doors from the playground. This is a measure to ensure the safety of all children and the peace of mind of all parents and teachers. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

It has also been brought to our attention that the cistern in the main downstairs toilets is quite loud and that some children have found this distressing. We have had a plumber investigate this and, because they are directly connected to mains pressure there is apparently no remedy for this. If this is an issue for your child, please let the class teacher know so that we can assist your young person with coping with this reality.

## CELEBRATING STUDENT ART

Grade 5 have been exploring the ancient Japanese technique of Shibori, the origin of tie dying. Please see

the Art Check Out later in the newsletter for examples of the work completed by the children.

You will also see an ad following the Art Check Out that may be of interest for children who are looking for an extra way to be creative – it's the [ATOM](#) competition.

Amber Boag (Visual Arts Teacher)

## WORKING BEE SATURDAY 14th MARCH

A big thank you to our Maintenance Officer, Peter Parussolo, and the team of willing parents and children who gathered on last Saturday to tackle the jobs that were listed for our first Working Bee of the year. We managed to get most items ticked off and Peter has confirmed that he plans to finish off the work on the path from the church to the playground this weekend.

## ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY

An email inviting parents and carers to complete this survey has been sent out today by Joss Coaley. Parents are welcome to complete the survey at home at any time; remember it is due by 4pm Friday 27th March 2020. Families who have completed the survey are asked to print the confirmation and return it to the school office to be in the running to win one of two \$100 Bunnings Vouchers. The raffle will be drawn early next term.

## EXTEND OSHC AT OUR LADY'S SCHOOL

### Weekly Recap

We had a fantastic week here at Extend! This week children were busy making wonderful posters about hand washing. It has been great to see the children's awareness and understanding of the importance in maintaining hygiene through effective handwashing. This week was also Harmony Week. We held many conversations about our different cultural backgrounds and participated in Harmony Week Activities including an Around the World Craft and making four leaf clovers for St Patrick's Day.

Did you know Extend's Autumn Holiday Program bookings are now open? Book in today for awesome activity days held right here at Our Lady Help of Christians! For more information visit <https://www.extend.com.au/holiday-program/our-lady-help-of-christians-brunswick-east/>. For regular enrolment and bookings visit [www.lookedafter.com](http://www.lookedafter.com).



**Our Extend Superstar is... Aston A** for being a fantastic role model to all and always being kind, helpful and friendly!

### What's on Next Week?

**Monday 23 March** - Bop Up Dodgeball

**Tuesday 24 March** - STEM Tower Challenge

**Wednesday 25 March** - Painting Competition

**Thursday 26 March** - DIY Football Cards

**Friday 27 March** - Musical Games

Stephanie (Service Coordinator)

### 2020 PARENT REPRESENTATIVES

Thank you to Patricia Green for taking on 5A Representative and to Amanda Elliot for taking on 4J Representative in addition to the 5T role. All classes now have a representative and your good will is greatly appreciated.

### SPIRIT OF JESUS AWARDS WEEK 8

**FB** William - for settling into the school year and working hard to learn the school rules and learn from your choices along the way. Keep up the great work - you're on fire!

**FD** Christian - for showing a positive attitude in the classroom. Christian takes ownership of his actions and has worked hard to improve each day. I am so proud of you!

**1A** Mael - for always thinking about how others are feeling and solving problems in calm ways so everyone can feel happy. You are a great friend to us in 1A!

**1S** Erica - for always offering to help your peers and teachers. When you see a need, you do something about it which is a lovely quality to have. Thank you for helping to keep our classroom beautiful.

**2B** Athieng- for being such a kind and generous classmate, who does everything with a smile on her face. You looked after a classmate who was feeling upset, this was lovely to see. You're a star!

**2H** Caleb - for always helping others. You are always the first to help others and to do jobs before anyone asks you. You are very self-motivated and consistently show what an amazing learner you are. We love having you in 2H!

**2R** Biniyam- for always offering a helping hand to your friends. You are caring, kind and always willing to help others. Thank you Biniyam!

**3S** William - I'm impressed by your positive attitude and resilience. You take ownership of your actions and always try to improve your learning choices. Keep it up!!

**3V** Poppy - Over the last week I have seen you demonstrating the 'W' in WEST time and time again. You have been so kind and patient in the way you have helped our new class member settle into our school. Thank you, Poppy!

**4J** John - congratulations on your positive attitude. All day, every day you are an MJR person.

**4S** Tessa J - you are such a great example of a walking God Moment. You are resilient, thoughtful and caring towards all your peers and to your teacher. I know I can rely on you to put others' needs before your own and do it with a smile on your face. Thanks for being a wonderful addition to 4S!

**5A** Christen- for taking on your SRC role with dedication and determination. You lead by exemplary example and the students respect all you bring to the table. Keep up the excellent work!

**5T** Two awards next week due to Mrs Turkowsky's absence this week.

**6L** Max - for always displaying the W in WEST by the way you greet, treat and speak to all people at OLHC.

**6H** Domenic - for your full participation, enthusiasm and positive attitude towards all aspects of school life. Your sense of humour brings smiles to all of us in 6H. Congratulations on the good choices that you have been making!

### PAPER NEWSLETTERS

Just a reminder that we are phasing out paper copies of newsletters from next term. If you haven't already done so, please advise us – [cwindodor@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:cwindodor@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au) or [dryan@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:dryan@olbrunswickeast.catholic.edu.au) if you still require a paper newsletter in the new term.

### REMINDERS

- Sushi lunch orders have been postponed until next term, refunds will be processed.
- Easter raffle tickets are due tomorrow and the draw will now be Monday next week.
- Sacrament of Confirmation has been postponed to a date to be advised.



Until next week, respectfully, *Daniel* 😊



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## TERM 1

Tues 25 Feb - Welcome Picnic  
Thu 27 Feb - Easter Raffle tickets on sale  
Wed 25 Mar - Special Lunch Day  
Fri 27 Mar - Easter Raffle drawn

## TERM 2

Wed 6 May - Mother's Day Stall  
Thur 7 May - Mother's Day Stall  
Fri 8 May - Mother's Day Breakfast  
Mon 25 May - Triathlon/Skipathon  
& Hot Dog Lunch  
Wed 10 June - LOTE Day/Special Lunch  
Fri 19 June - School Disco

## TERM 3

Sat 22 Aug - Major Mid- Year Function  
Wed 2 Sep - Father's Day Stall  
Thu 3 Sep - Father's Day Stall  
Fri 4 Sep - Father's Day Breakfast  
& Footy Colour's Day  
Date TBC - Special Lunch Day

## TERM 4

Wed 28 Oct - Art Show  
Thur 29 Oct - Art Show  
Late Nov (TBC) - Athletics Carnival  
Date TBC - Special Lunch Day

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School Holidays  
 Public Holiday



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



Ana Clara (5A)



Aurora (5T)

Our Year Five students have been exploring the ancient Japanese technique of Shibori. You may recognise this process as it is where the tie dye method originated from. The students did a great job completing the task with the cool colours :)

# THE ATOM PHOTO COMP 2020

This year's theme is 'Fragility'

There are five age-group categories:  
**Lower Primary** (Years F-3), **Upper Primary** (4-6), **Lower Secondary** (7-9), **Upper Secondary** (10-12) and **Open**.

Prizes include Ted's Cameras gift vouchers valued at **\$500** for the primary categories, **\$750** for the secondary categories and **\$1000** for Open.

**TAKE** original photographs that address this year's theme (more info available online)

**SUBMIT** 3 photos through our online entry system at [atomphotocomp.org](http://atomphotocomp.org)

**WRITE** a short statement (up to 300 words) and submit it with your entry

All photographs must be taken specifically for the ATOM Photo Comp 2020. All entries must be submitted online at: [atomphotocomp.org](http://atomphotocomp.org).

The ATOM Photo Comp 2020 is free to enter  
and is open to all Australian and New Zealand residents.

Enter your photographs now!

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Entries close midday AEST, Thursday 9 April 2020

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## A LETTER FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF VICTORIA

18 March 2020

Prayerful greetings to the people of God across Victoria,

This morning, the Prime Minister announced that non-essential indoor gatherings will be limited to 100 people, and outdoor events of more than 500 people will be disallowed, effective today. Given the seriousness of COVID-19, we support this measure as being responsible and sensible, and we encourage everyone to follow public safety guidelines respectfully.

The Bishops of the Province of Victoria have given this prayerful and considered reflection, and have determined the following actions:

- Immediate suspension of public liturgies, celebrations of the Mass, until further notice.
- All other gatherings are suspended. For clarification of any concerns, please contact your local diocesan authority.

We are very aware that this restriction will be particularly difficult for families who are planning liturgies such as funerals, weddings and baptisms. At this time, so long as appropriate precautions are able to be put in place (such as distancing between participants), it may be possible for these liturgies to proceed with a carefully limited congregation. Deferring these liturgies may also be an option that is offered to families.

In light of this, all Catholics in Victoria are dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice (canon 1248). We encourage you to continue active participation in the life of the Church, through activities such as time in personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, making a spiritual communion, or participating in a Mass online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand> or <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass> or [www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass](http://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass)).

We encourage our priests to continue to celebrate Mass for the spiritual good of God's people, the intentions of the faithful and the alleviation of the present crisis. We assure our people that the Mass is being offered for you in our parishes and that while you are not physically present, you still participate spiritually and that you are close to the hearts of your pastors in the Eucharist.

We urge the clergy to make themselves available to visit individuals, especially those who are unwell and vulnerable. This includes viaticum and all the opportunities for healing through the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation.

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Again, we encourage you to regularly consult your local websites for further details of local arrangements.

Tomorrow further pastoral guidelines will be shared in the Dioceses of Melbourne, Ballarat, Sale and Sandhurst. Clergy and religious should consult with their Ordinary if any questions remain uncertain.

All of this is happening during the Season of Lent, a time of preparation for the Easter mysteries. While we are invited to be self-sacrificial at this time, we must remember the words of Jesus upon appearing before his disciples after his resurrection: Again and again he said 'peace be with you.' (Jn 20:19) Let us not panic, nor be anxious, nor reduce ourselves to caring only for ourselves. This is a time to be sensible, practical, prayerful, and to share Christ's peace with those who are struggling to feel calm and safe.

Thank you for all your patience, prayers and resilience.




Most Rev Peter A Comensoli  
ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE



Most Rev Paul Bernard Bird CSsR MA, DD  
BISHOP OF BALLARAT



Most Rev Shane Mackinlay  
BISHOP OF SANDHURST



Most Rev Patrick Michael O'Regan  
BISHOP OF SALE



## COMMUNITY NOTICES SECTION



### SIMONDS CATHOLIC COLLEGE | West Melbourne & Fitzroy North

Situated across two campuses in the inner city of Melbourne, Simonds Catholic College is in a unique position of being the only Catholic school for boys on the doorstep of the CBD.

Our Year 7-9 students start at the St Mary's Campus, West Melbourne which is just two blocks away from the Queen Vic Market. Students move to our Year 10-12 Campus in Fitzroy North for their senior studies.

The College commenced in 1996 following the amalgamation of St Mary's Boys' Regional School, West Melbourne, and Cathedral College, East Melbourne both of which were Year 7-10 schools. The West Melbourne location was chosen for the school because of its accessibility by public transport. Our students come from all areas of Melbourne. We have expanded to become a **Year 7-12 school**, offering a broad range of VCE subjects and now occupy classrooms in what was St Mary's Primary School (closed in 1996) and St Brigid's Primary School (closed in 2009), on the grounds of the two landmark churches after which the campuses are named.

**In 2020 we celebrate our 25 year anniversary.**

The College motto, '*Known, Supported, Inspired*' conveys the essence of our mission. Our school is a learning community that promotes student wellbeing, safety and positive relationships so that students can achieve success and reach their full potential.

***"Dear Young People ... Do not be afraid to dream of big things" -- Pope Francis***

We are a small school and have outstanding teachers. Our point of difference is that we deliberately limit the size of classes and this translates to increased learning opportunities for our students and big opportunities for your son. Simonds' close proximity to the inner city means we are able to take advantage of the many excellent cultural and sporting facilities to support and enhance our students' learning. We are fortunate that many activities are only minutes away. We indeed are ***"the city school for boys"***.

**We are accepting enrolments for 2021 and 2022 so please join us for a Talk and Tour or contact our Registrar on 9321 9200 and discover the Simonds difference for yourself.**



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St Mary's Campus | 273 Victoria St, West Melbourne  
St Brigid's Campus | 20 York St, Fitzroy North



#### About De La Salle

We are an independent Catholic Boys College educating Years 5–12. Our campuses are located in Malvern and Malvern East. Our College provides a respectful environment with an innovative curriculum and a supportive culture of faith in the Lasallian tradition. We are an open entry, non selective school and accept enrolments from across Melbourne.

### Year 7, 2022 Enrolment Key Dates

Wednesday 17 June 2020	Information Night for prospective families
Friday 21 August 2020	Application period closes
September 2020	Enrolment Interviews
Thursday 15 October 2020	Offers of place made

#### College Tours

Experience our College in action with student led tours.  
Book online at [delasalle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours/](https://delasalle.vic.edu.au/enrolment/college-tours/)

#### Further Information

Contact our Admissions Team: [enrolment@delasalle.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolment@delasalle.vic.edu.au)  
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