From the Acting Principal

A Mother’s Love

A Mother’s love is something that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems . . .
It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence of God’s tender guiding hand.

Helen Steiner Rice
Happy Mother’s Day to all mums at OLHC and thank you for everything you contribute to our wonderful school community. We look forward to seeing you at the Mother’s Day breakfast and liturgy this Friday.

**POP-UP Playgroup**

Our next POP-UP playgroup is this Monday 12 May in the school hall – 9-10.30am. Both OLHC school and parish parents are invited to bring their children to a playgroup where the head of early learning for the Diocese will talk to parents about ways to help their children learn as they are playing. Our Kindergarten teacher will also spend the morning with the playgroup to assist with the ‘play to learn’ activities. All families are invited to bring their pre-schoolers or toddlers for this special pop-up playgroup. If you have attended previously, please feel free to join in the fun (and learning!) again.

**NAPLAN Years 3 and 5**

Next week our Year 3 and 5 students will be sitting NAPLAN. It is important that the students come to school on time, well-rested and relaxed. The timetable is as follows:

- Tuesday 13 May  
  Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday 14 May  
  Reading
- Thursday 15 May  
  Numeracy

**Mother’s Day Stall**

There may be a few gifts to still purchase from the Mother’s Day stall tomorrow (Thursday) for those students who needed to ‘top up’ or were at the Cluster Cross Country Carnival today.

**Welcome**

A special OLHC welcome to Kathleen (Yr2) and Liam (Yr1). We look forward to the Hendrick’s family being part of our great school community.
Cross Country

Good luck to those Year 2-6 students attending the Cluster Cross Country Carnival at St. Ives today. A number of students have told me how hard they have been training over the previous few weeks so we wish them every success.

Dominique O’Sullivan
Acting Principal

Diary Dates - Please refer to website calendar

Term 2 2014

Week 2
9th May    Mother’s Day Breakfast 7 – 8.30am
           Mother’s Day Liturgy 9am

Week 3
13th 14th 15th May NAPLAN testing
       16th May    Vivid OLHC Disco
       Sunday 18th May Children’s Mass 10am

Week 4
23rd May    Feast of Lady Help of Christians

Week 5
27th May    Year 5 debating
           28th May    P & F General meeting
           Dads in the Classroom

Week 6
3rd June    Soiree
           4th June    Walk-a-thon at Epping Oval

Week 7
12th June   Athletics Carnival - BBQ
           13th June   Kindergarten excursion to Featherdale Park
           Sat 14th June P & F Cocktail Party

Week 8
16th June   Pop-up playgroup
           17th June   Year 5 debating

Week 9
27th June   Last day of Term 2 (No BBQ this day)

From the Office

School Group Photos
Group photos (eg leaders, library monitors etc) are available for viewing in the school office.
Envelopes for orders can also be collected at the school office. Please see the attachment to this newsletter for more details.

**Website Newsletter**

Please note that there is a new password to open the newsletter on the school website. It is: olhc2121

**From the Acting Assistant Principal**

“Sip and crunch”

As you are aware students are able to bring in some fruit or vegetable that they are able to eat during the morning session. This initiative helps to promote healthy eating and also helps to maintain concentration during the morning activities as some students have a long break between breakfast and recess. We ask that you encourage your children to bring their “crunch and sip” and their own water bottle for each day.

**Lost Property**

Our lost property bin is once again becoming quite full and at the end of every lunch we usually have some clothing left over without names. Please ensure that all your child’s clothing has their name on it so it can be easily returned.

**Uniform**

A reminder that full winter uniform is to be worn from next week please.

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Tracey Dawson  
Acting Assistant Principal

From the Acting REC

Fourth Week of Easter  
As we enter the fourth week of Easter let’s reflect on this week’s gospel John 10:1-10.

'In all truth I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but climbs in some other way, is a thief and a bandit. He who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out all those that are his, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him because they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he was saying to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: In all truth I tell you, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All who have come before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: such a one will go in and out and will find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.

Loving Father, you sent your Son Jesus to be the Good Shepherd to us. We turn to him now with our needs.

Happy Mother’s Day  
Mothers are God’s special people who deserve our great love, honour and admiration. Mothers are our greatest strength and our greatest comfort. Mothers show us something of what the heart of God must be like. As we celebrate the gift of mothers this Sunday, I wish you all a happy Mother’s Day.
Dates to remember:

- The Mother’s Day Liturgy will be held on **Friday 9th May at 9am** (straight after the breakfast) in the Church. All welcome.

I hope you enjoy the rest of the week.

Angie Long  
Acting REC

**Sacramental Snippets**

This week our families preparing for First Holy Communion will be investigating the importance of stories in our lives and as part of our faith. At Mass we listen to the sacred stories of our Church family which come to us through Scripture. God’s Word. This part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Word. There are a number of readings in the Liturgy of the Word and our children will learn what these are and how to respond.

Jacqueline Mooney and Natasha Boswell  
Sacramental Programme Coordinators  
0407 255 593 or jacqueline@eppcarl.org.au

**Children’s Mass Sunday 18th May**

We would love to have some volunteers for Readings, Offertory and Choir.

Everyone is welcome!

We would love to see as many students as possible attending these very special mornings.

If your child would like to be involved in the mass, please email Megan at meganmaguire@yahoo.com.au before Thursday 15th May 2014.

**Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The 2nd hand uniform shop will be open on the following Mondays in Term 2.

- 19th May  
- 2nd June  
- 16th June

Megan Chiplin & Janie Kelman-Smith
Date for your Diary

Please keep Wednesday 3rd September free for a wonderful night of music starring all the students of OLHC in our school concert.

Tuckshop orders for this week only

Due to the Mother’s Day breakfast being held in the hall and kitchen this Friday, preparation time will be somewhat restricted. Therefore, for this week only, could you please send in your child’s lunch order tomorrow. (Tuckshop will be still be on Friday, but just for this week, I will need orders by Thursday). The lunch baskets will be in each classroom and I would be grateful if your child could put their orders in the basket on Thursday morning so I can tally up orders throughout the day.

Thanks, Tania Wiseman

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 3 of Scholastic Book Club is due back by Friday May 16th. Hoping you find something of interest as 20% of every purchase goes back to the school. Last term we used our school credit to purchase over $150 of new books of all levels for our library. Thanks for your continued support. Any questions please call Angela Doherty 0411 496 295.

Merit Awards Week 1 Term 2

Kindy
Benjamin Crowfield
Imogen Hays

Year 1
Gabby Prajogo
Zach Abood

Year 2
Pierre Abood
Oliver Prochazka

Year 3
Olivia Slade-Rogalewski
Lucy Micallef

Year 4
Kathryn Abood
Grace Keeley

Year 5
Lucy Findlay
Mikayla Caravella

Year 6
Christopher Hung
Isabel Prochazka
BIRTHDAY STARS

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday this week.

Cinni Abalos     Luke Savage     Laetitia Ucksche

Community News

OLMC Parramatta Open Morning Tour - Discover rich tradition and cutting edge education at OLMC Parramatta during an Open Morning Tour on May 19. In this special 125th anniversary year, join us for a tour of the College before enjoying a ‘comfortable cup of tea’ with the College Leadership Team. The College is now enrolling for 2015 and 2016. Visit www.olmc.nsw.edu.au or phone 8838 1263 to reserve your place or obtain further information.

Children’s Meditation and Body Movement Workshop – for children 5 – 12 years Saturday 31st May 1.30 – 4.30pm at Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. Facilitators Fiona Borland and Vicki O’Leary. Cost $30 per child, sibling discount available. Bookings by 26th May on 9484 6208 or email mtstbenedict@bigpond.com

Fire and Rescue NSW Annual Open Day – Saturday 17th May 10am – 2pm. Fantastic opportunity to meet their local firefighters and learn more about home fire safety. Visit www.fire.nsw.gov.au for more information.

Football coaching - for boys and girls U6 – U9 and U10 – U13 on Monday 12th May at Eastwood Oval 2 from 6 – 7pm. 2 free intro sessions. Please bring a football if you have one. Classes commence Monday 19th May at $15 per child Monday 6 – 7pm during school terms. To register please email SMFootballAcademy@outlook.com or call Shawn on 0415 627 745.

Go4Fun - a free 10 week program for kids aged 7 to 13 years and their families to become fitter, eat healthier and improve their self-esteem. Wednesdays 4.30 – 6.30pm at North Ryde RSL Youth Club. Register now on 1800 780 900 or Go4Fun.com.au

Wyllie Taekwondo at North Epping – registrations now open. It is a great way to build confidence, fitness and friendships. One free trial lesson at 4.30pm at North Epping Primary School hall. Come and have a go, it’s fun for all ages. Call Paul Clapham on 0417 066 576 or Sandra Tucker on 0417 090 599 for more information.