



Saint Helena's Catholic Primary School

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Something Beautiful for God

Important Dates

Sunday	November 29	School Fete
Wednesday	December 2	Annual General Meeting – School Board & P & F
Tuesday	December 8	Carols night
Thursday	December 10	Ellenbrook Carols - Amphitheatre
Tuesday	December 15	Graduation/Thanksgiving Mass 6.00pm
Thursday	December 17	Whole School Mass – End of school year for students

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

- † **School/Parish Family Mass.** This will take place this Sunday at 9.30 a.m. As I have stated previously, it is important that families support the Religious Education program of the school and the faith development of their child/ren by providing a role model to children through participation in the Eucharist. This is particularly important if your child has already received their First Eucharist and is capable of fully participating in this great Sacrament.
- † **Inappropriate Email.** A parent has brought to my attention that an offensive and inappropriate email that has been circulated by at least one student in this school to others. The email is quite threatening and the student concerned was intimidated enough by it to feel it necessary to follow the instructions about sending it on to 20 others. I would ask that parents not only monitor their child's email but also speak about chain letters and how best to act when coming into contact with one.
- † **Alert.** The school has been advised of an incident which took place in Newburn Road, High Wycombe last week where it was reported that a man was seen driving a faded light blue XD or XF Ford Falcon erratically. A toy was thrown out of the car window towards children standing at a bus stop and this had a bag of pills attached to it. The police had been notified. As always this information is not intended to create panic but to raise the awareness of parents of the need to ensure safe travel for children between home and school.
- † **Teaching/Learning Program.** Following the restructuring of the school which took place at the beginning of 2009, further restructuring is still required. This involves the reduction of Teacher Assistant (TA) support provided to Year 1 classes from full time to mornings only for each class. For Year 2 classes TA support will be reduced from one TA for each class, each morning to one TA for to cover both classes. In addition, classroom teachers will be taking responsibility for the provision of the library program currently being provided by Andrea Millar. Changes being made will ensure that the school achieves further improved learning outcomes for its students. These changes include the introduction of;
- Reading Recovery Program (Year 1-2)
 - EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) (Year 1-2)
 - Science Specialist Program (Pre-Primary-Year 6)
 - Education Support for literacy and numeracy (Year 1-6 with emphasis on Year 3-6).
- † **School Fees.** A reminder to parents that school fees are now due. Parents are asked to ensure that any outstanding fees are finalised.

ST HELENA'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ELLENBROOK

Parish Priest - Father Francis Huy Nguyen

25 Alderley Ave Ellenbrook

Ph. 9296 7088—Mob. 0401 797 313

Pastoral Assistant – Rev. Ivan Sands (0439 919 585)

MASS TIMES


Sat 8am & 6.00pm, Sun 8am & 9.30am

Weekdays Mon-Fri 7.30am

Reconciliation prior to all weekend masses

- † **Airconditioning.** At the last P & F meeting it was agreed in principle that in 2010 that the P & F would introduce a levy on all families which would fund the costs of providing air-conditioning to classrooms. It is anticipated that such a levy would raise approximately \$30 000 which would be sufficient to air-condition one building each year. This proposal will be further discussed by the School Board at this week's meeting.
- † **School Fete.** A reminder that the school fete will be held on Sunday 29 November between 12.00 p.m.-4.00 p.m. The P&F as well as the staff and children of the school are working towards making this a significance and successful fundraiser for the school.
- † **Students Not Returning.** The school is experiencing significant pressure for placement of students across most of the junior primary year levels with waitlists in Years One and Three. If your child/ren will not be returning to St Helena's in 2010, could you please let the school know as we at times have to deny an enrolment request from a family eager to enter the school because we are unaware of what is intended.
- † **Kindergarten 2010 Orientation.** The orientation for families in the 2010 Kindergarten program will be held on 18 November at 1.00 p.m. in the under-covered area. It is anticipated that the program will run for approximately one hour with some refreshments served at its conclusion. We have a near full cohort of students attending three classes of Kindergarten in 2010 however there are a few places available for any late applications.
- † **Three Year Old Program.** This program will run on a half day or full day basis with an option to attend on two full days. If you know of anyone who is interested in such a program it is important that they submit at application as soon as possible.
- † **Nomination for School Board/Parents and Friends.** As a school we encourage the involvement of parents and your participation on such bodies as the School Board and P & F is a valuable way you can help the school. With the School/P & F AGM taking place on Wednesday 2 December I would ask you to give some consideration to being a part of these significant groups within our school.

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 Roger Saulsman
 Principal

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.
[Mother Teresa](#)

St Augustine

354 – 430 - Feast Day: August 28



Augustine's story is that of a young man who was a sinner who, by god's grace and his mother's prayers, became a wise and holy person. Augustine's mother, Monica (who is also a saint) tried to make her son change his ways. "Make my son a good man," she begged God every day, but clever and bright Augustine preferred not to be good. He fell in with bad company and led a wicked life. He was bright enough to know that what Christ taught was the truth, but he just did not want to be good. One day, God's love and his mother's prayers finally won out, and Augustine decided to change his way of life. He became a priest and later was named a bishop. He used all his energy and intelligence to help the people of God. "Our hearts are made for You, O Lord," he once wrote, "and they are restless until they rest in You." He died in 430.

Sport News

The Year 6 students will be attending a cricket carnival on Thursday, 12 November 2009 on our school oval.

The Year 7 students will also be attending a carnival on Thursday. Their carnival is T-Ball and will be held at Upper Swan Primary School. 10.30am to 2pm.

Reflection

THE GLOBAL VILLAGE

If we could shrink the earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, there would be:

- 61 Asians
- 13 Africans
- 12 Europeans
- 8 people from South America, central America (including Mexico), and the Caribbean
- 1 person from Oceania
- 70 would be non-white
- 30 would be white.

Seventy-five villagers have access to a source of safe drinking water.

Twenty-five do not, and have to spend a large part of the day just getting safe water.

There is enough food for everyone in the global village, but the food is not divided equally. Only 30 people always have enough to eat. Twenty are severely malnourished.

Seventy-six people in the Global Village have electricity. 24 do not.

Twenty people have 80% of the Global Village's wealth. The other 80 villagers have to share the remaining 20%.

Half of the villagers survive on less than \$US2 a day. One-quarter of the villagers learn less than \$US1 and are in extreme poverty.

Data sourced from 'If the World were a Village' - Oxfam

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world. How does this make you feel?

You might also like to consider this statement:

'Everyone has the right to a standard of living adequate for the health and well-being of him/(her)self and his/(her) family, including food, clothing, housing and medical care and necessary social services... Everyone has the right to education.' Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Further questions you might like to consider:

(See the [6 billion voices video](#) UN Millennium Campaign)

- Should the world's wealth be more fairly distributed throughout the world?
- Would your life change for the better if the world's wealth was more fairly distributed?
- How would life change for the global population if there was no more poverty?
- What message would you give to the leaders of the G8 (the world's 8 richest nations) about the rich / poor divide?

'Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural. It is man-made and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings.' Nelson Mandela. How might we learn from this?

Holy Cross College

Orientation Day – Tuesday, 1 December

Parents are reminded to please respond to the letter dated 30 October regarding the College's Orientation Day. Your urgent reply is now required.

Enrolment Offers

For those parents who have been offered a place for your child to attend the College please return the Letter of Acceptance together with the deposit required to hold a place for your child.

Dogs on School Grounds – Parents are reminded that dogs are not permitted on the school grounds even if on a leash.

School Canteen - The canteen is open on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Uniform Shop

Open every morning from 8.20am to 8.45am or orders can be taken.

Canteen Roster	
Wed 11 Nov	Donna Croft
Fri 13 Nov	Nicole Cooper Katherine Bell
Mon 16 Nov	Trish Salvo
Wed 18 Nov	Adelle Alberts
Fri 20 Nov	Donna Tedesco

Fete Fete Fete - Sunday 29 November 12- 4pm -

Do we have any budding musicians or dancers who would like to perform on the day? Please contact me as soon as possible and I will schedule you in. Organising of the fete is well on the way. It is less than a month to our fete. If you haven't already offered to help in some way, it is not too late. We will need help to set up on the day.

Outside stalls are invited to attend the fete at a cost of \$150 per stall. If you are interested in displaying your business or such, please contact me at the office or on 9297 7500.

If you have any queries, please let me know. Narelle Down.

Wanted

Ice-cream containers with lids and shoeboxes with lids are needed for our raffles and other stalls. If you have any available, please leave at the office. Thank you.

Community News

Ellen Stirling Primary School P & C - Moonlight Markets - Friday 20th November 2009
5.30pm - 8.30pm

In the undercover area on the school grounds - 23 Strathmore Parkway Ellenbrook

Stalls include Partylite, Cappucino Xpress, Enjo, Cut N Curl, Gift Baskets & Bloom, Qalopetra Garments, Zoegirl Creations, The Monkey Tree, LaPoire, Cape Lavender, Undercoverwear, Mrs Maguires Candles, Diversifi, Wild Daisy, Giggles, Avon, Australian Central, Tupperware, The Face Painters, Hot Biscuit, Bouncy Castle, Sausage Sizzle, Icecreams plus much more.

"I can do that!"

National Schools Recycling Challenge



WANTED!

Old mobile phones, chargers, batteries and accessories

Our school is taking on the **MobileMuster "I can do that" National Schools Recycling Challenge** and we need you to send in your old mobile phones, accessories, chargers and batteries. Students can hand these in to their teacher or at the office.

MobileMuster has joined with Landcare Australia and for every 30kg of recycled mobile phones and accessories collected, \$100 will be donated to Landcare Australia to help to restore a bandicoot's habitat.

Phones must be collected at the school by the end of National Recycling Week (Friday 13th November).

The school that collects the most weight nationally will win an Interactive Whiteboard courtesy of Hitachi Australia!

"Round 'em up, hand 'em in!"

