



# Saint Helena's Catholic Primary School

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Something Beautiful for God

## Important Dates

Thursday	3 Sept	Assembly (Dingos) 2pm
Thursday	10 Sept	Catholic Ed Week (Whole School Mass 9.00am)
Tuesday	15 Sept	Edu-Dance Concert Yr2-7 1.45pm

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

- † **Catholic Education Week.** Next week is Catholic Education Week and all Catholic schools have been asked to celebrate Mass on Thursday 10 September at 9.00 a.m.
- † **Sacrament of Confirmation.** The children in Year 6/7 will be receiving this Sacrament on Saturday 12 September and Sunday 13 September. This is a very special time in their lives and in their faith journey. Could you please keep them in your prayers and in your heart as they progress through the final stages of their preparation.
- † **Staffing.** It is with mixed feelings that I announce that Vanja Basell will be leaving St Helena's to take up a teaching position with the new Holy Cross College. Vanja has over a number of years been a valuable and well respected member of the teaching staff. Through her leadership Vanja has made a significant contribution to the overall development of the school and her expertise, wit and understanding will be missed on staff. On behalf of the whole school community I would like to congratulate Vanja and wish her all the very best as she continues her teaching career.
- † **Assistant Principal Position.** Mr Luke Sirolli has been appointed to this position and will commence at St Helena's from the beginning of the 2010 school year. Luke is an experienced teacher and school leader. The knowledge and expertise he brings will enhance the education and care that is provided to the children of this school.
- † **Quality Catholic Schools Program.** This is a whole school improvement program currently under development through the Catholic Education Office. Andrea Millar was invited to be on the working party developing the program. Monday and Tuesday of this week Andrea and other representatives from the Catholic Education Office and across a range of schools are writing different aspects of the program. St Helena's has been invited to be a trial school for this program and on Friday 4 September I, together with other representatives from other trial schools, will be attending an information day. The school's involvement in this program will enhance our capacity to continue to develop as an authentic and effective Catholic school.
- † **Fathers Day.** With this coming Sunday being Fathers Day I would like to wish all the fathers a wonderful Fathers Day. Fathers Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dads. We often forget the sacrifice of our fathers and the roles they have played in shaping our lives. Fathers Day gives us the opportunity to show and express our love and care for our dads.
- † **P & F Meeting.** The next P & F meeting will take place on Monday 7 September in the staff room. I would encourage those interested parents to come along and help with the work of the P & F in building our school community and assisting in the resourcing of the education and care program the school provides for our children.
- † **School Boundary Fence.** The progress of the school fence is be delayed as the City of Swan has asked that we have a registered builder construct the front brick and iron fence rather than the

### ST HELENA'S CATHOLIC PARISH, ELLENBROOK

Parish Priest - Father Francis Huy Nguyen

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

masses

### MASS TIMES

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

Weekdays Mon-Fri 7.30am

Reconciliation prior to all weekend

school use a contracted bricklayer. If any parent knows of a builder that would be interested could you contact the office.

† **Year 5 Dingoes Assembly.** This Thursday, 3 September, the Year 5 Dingos will present assembly. Parents are most welcome to come along. Assembly starts at 2.00pm.

  
Roger Saulsman  
Principal

God our Father,  
in your wisdom and love you made all things.  
Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting.  
Bless those who have lost a spouse to death ... or divorce  
who are parenting their children alone.  
Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become  
the loving, caring persons they are meant to be.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Saint Therese of Lisieux  
Feastday: October 1  
Patron of the Missions  
1873-1897



Saint Therese of Lisieux

Generations of Catholics have admired this young saint, called her the "Little Flower", and given in her short life more inspiration than many others twice her age. Therese died when she was 24, after having lived as a cloistered Carmelite for less than ten years. She never went on missions, never founded a religious order, and never performed great works.

Therese was born in France in 1873, the pampered daughter of a mother who had wanted to be a saint and a father who had wanted to be a monk.

By the time she was eleven years old she had developed the habit of mental prayer. She would find a place between her bed and the wall and in that solitude think about God, life and eternity. Therese became known as the Little Flower but she had a will of steel. When the superior of the Carmelite convent refused to take her because she was so young, the formerly shy little girl went to the bishop. When the bishop also said no, she decided to go over his head as well.

### **Health Care Cards**

If you have not provided us with your new health care card details, please do so as soon as possible otherwise, unfortunately, we will have to cancel your fee discount.

**Uniform Shop - Open** every morning from 8.20am to 8.45am or orders can be taken. The new track pants have now arrived and are available for purchase. If you put in an order for them, please pick it up from the office. They cost \$30.00

### **Head Lice**

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the head lice check form. We appreciate your co-operation with this continuing problem.

**Helping Hands** - Helping Hands is held on Tuesday mornings after drop off. Nothing too difficult and no experience is needed. Children are welcome, so come along and have a cuppa and a chat. It is held in the staffroom. For more information, please contact Maria Pradhan on 0432 845 060 or Geraldine Nolan on 0419 964 268.

**Communion Photos** - The photos of the Holy Communion candidates are still available in the school office for your perusal or you can go online at [www.midlandphotos.com.au](http://www.midlandphotos.com.au)

**School Canteen** – The canteen will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please remember to put separate money into each order bag or see Mrs Gregory at the canteen.

Canteen Roster	
Wed 2 Sept	Amanda Sultana
Fri 4 Sept	Lisa Bos Cathy Muraszko
Mon 7 Sept	Bronwyn White
Wed 9 Sept	Maria Gott
Fri 11 Sept	Nicole Cooper Adelle Alberts
Mon 14 Sept	Katrina Bennett

### **P&F News**

The next P&F meeting will be held on Monday, 7 September 2009.

### **Fete News**

Don't forget to put your name down on the list for your class stall. The list is in the classroom so if you can't find it, please ask the teacher.

Just a reminder of some other items you can donate to the fete (especially if they are filling up your valuable storage space at home)-

- Books
- Toys
- Unwanted gifts
- Wool
- Beads



### **LOST**

Umbrella Red and white with Holden logo on it. This was lost at the school disco.  
Green rubber snake with red tongue was lost last Friday after the dress-up parade.  
If you find either of these two items, please return them to the school office.

### **Community News**

#### **For Sale**

La Salle Blazers – size 15 & 16 \$70.00  
La Salle Back Pack - \$20.00  
Phone Phil 0400 931 654

#### **Help Needed**

Can you help Patrist Sisters in Midland are looking for new or used backpacks to send to the Philippines. They also require old spectacles. Please place in the box in the office.

### **HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, ELLENBROOK DATES FOR 2010 STUDENTS & PARENTS**

Plans for the opening of Holy Cross College at the commencement of 2010 are progressing well. Recently we appointed the foundation staff from an outstanding field of applicants. I look forward to introducing them to you in future newsletters. The buildings are progressing well and the Learning Resource Centre is now a prominent feature on the Ellenbrook landscape. Most uniform items are finalised and the uniform will be on display on 7 September.

The following are important dates for parents of students who are enrolled in Years 7 & 8, 2010 at Holy Cross College:

Monday 7 September - Information Evening - Individual Laptop Programme (St Helena's Catholic Primary School Library, 6.30pm)

Monday 14 September - Uniform Fittings (St Helena's Catholic Primary School, 2.45pm - 6.30pm)

Tuesday 1 December - Orientation Day for 2010 Students & Afternoon Tea & Information Session for Parents

For more information about Holy Cross College and for application packages, phone the Holy Cross College Office on 2977504 or email [admin@holycross.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@holycross.wa.edu.au).

M. Connor  
Principal, Holy Cross College

*This week in the Kindergarten we have been interviewing the children about their Dad's. Here are some of their fantastic answers:*

**What is your Dad's name?**

I don't know but my Mum calls him honey.

**How old is your Dad?**

He's 8 because I'm 4 and he's older than me.  
I think he's 16, that's the biggest number I know.  
This old (arm stretched upwards).



**What does your Dad like to eat and drink?**

Beer and hotdogs.  
Chicken roast beef.  
He likes to drink diet coke and he likes to drink beer and water. He likes to eat chicken snitzel and pea and ham soup. He likes to eat 2 minute noodles, stew and turkey burgers. Also Hungry Jacks. He likes to eat a thousand foods!

**What job does your Dad do?**

He cleans up the kitchen and makes milo and biscuits at work.  
He works on his computer and he has to do homework.  
He builds stuff.

**Why do you think God made Dads?**

To buy me icecream.  
To do some work and to fix the tv.  
So stop the kids being naughty.  
To make a family and to make us safe and to look after us. He looks after us when Mummy's not there. Sometimes he tells us off.  
To love me.  
To go to work and make lots of money.

**What did God make Dad's out of?**

Blood and bones and magic.  
Flowers.  
Magic and glitter and maybe an apple.  
Skeleton, bones and love. Love makes you be alive.  
Space chimps.



**What's your favourite thing to do with your Dad?**

Eat dinner and read stories in bed at night.  
Play dollies.  
Have cuddles with him.  
Play hide and seek.

**How much do you love your Dad?**

More than anybody.  
As much as one hundred dollars.  
This much (arms stretched wide).  
One hundred and seventy seven.  
For four minutes.  
Sooooo much!!!!

**HAVE A HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**