



Saint Helena's Catholic Primary School

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Something Beautiful for God

Important Dates

Thursday	10 Sept	Catholic Ed Week (Whole School Mass 9.00am)
Sat & Sun	12/13 Sept	Confirmation Mass 6.00pm/9.30am
Tuesday	15 Sept	Edu-Dance Concert Yr2-7 1.45pm
Thursday	17 Sept	Inter-school Sports Day
Friday	18 Sept	St Helena's Feast Day Celebrations

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

† **Catholic Education Week.** This week is Catholic Education Week and all Catholic schools throughout the state have been asked to celebrate Mass on Thursday 10 September at 9.00 a.m. Parents are most welcome to come and celebrate this event through the Eucharist with the whole school.

† **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?

† **Australian Curriculum.** New curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History will be introduced into all school across Australia from 2011. The curriculum assumes that Pre-Primary is the first year of formal schooling (i.e. Year 1 -1). The curriculum will be structured in year levels and there will be standards for each year level that children will need to achieve. It will describe what teachers will be expected to teach. The curriculum will be more than likely based on what exists in both Victoria and NSW.

Reporting to parents will be in grades A-E, with 'C' as satisfactory and 'A' as outstanding.

ACARA - Australian Information Assessment and Reporting Authority has responsibility for developing the Australian Curriculum. There will also be information on individual schools published on a new national school performance website by the end of 2009.

† **Parliamentary Committee Report.** A parliamentary committee has recently reported to the Western Australian parliament and made the following recommendations;

- ✓ Pre-Primary to be compulsory
- ✓ Education and Care to be integrated
- ✓ The introduction of Early Childhood Parenting programs
- ✓ Children to be explicitly taught essential alphabet and code-breaking skills required for foundational reading proficiency
- ✓ A mandated literacy teaching program to be introduced

The above are 'recommendations' and we will need to wait to see if the State Government takes up any or all of these.

† **Staffing.** The school has recently advertised for two Kindergarten teachers and a Music teacher to commence from the beginning of the 2010 school year. The Kindergarten teachers will allow the school to run three classes of Kindergarten in 2010. The Music teacher will allow the school to fully maximise the benefits of music equipment and ICT hardware that had been purchased prior to my arrival at the school.

† **School Maintenance** – The school is seeking the services of someone capable of doing maintenance around the school. Normal hourly payment rates will apply. Please contact me if you are interested.

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)

masses


MASS TIMES

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

Weekdays Mon-Fri 7.30am

Reconciliation prior to all weekend

† **Helping Others Free Dress Day.** As a Catholic school we are challenged to be a caring and loving community. We are also challenged to live out these values in a real and concrete way. A small group of parents have taken up this challenge. Their role is to provide assistance, where possible, to any family of the school that may need help and, on behalf of the school community, express our joy at any good news the family may have e.g. birth of a child. To help their work the school will be holding a free dress day this Friday for a gold coin donation. All the money raised will go to this group to help them develop and expand their program.


Roger Saulsman
Principal

Prayer for Guidance and Wisdom

*Lord look lovingly on this group gathered here.
During this term's meetings as we discuss and deliberate on issues
of importance to this school help us to be guided by your Spirit.
May we be wise in our discernment balanced in our judgement fair in our decisions
and visionary in our planning.
Though we may, at times, have differing views.
May we listen to one another and be guided by our common goals.
May we always be mindful in our words
and actions of what is best for all children in our school.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

SAINT FOR THE DAY

Catholic saints are holy people and human people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honours responded to God's invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint.

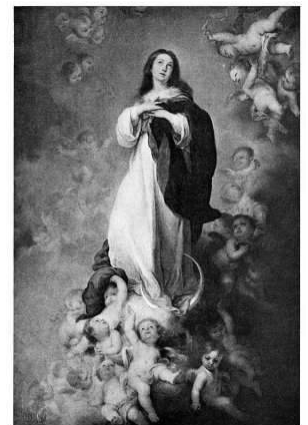
September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, according to accounts, Anna and Joachim pray for a child and they receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's life from the beginning.

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed."



Congratulations

Caitlin O'Dea-Lester (Pre-Primary-Possums) won fifth overall place for her age group in the Gymnastics WA 2009 "Go for 2 & 5" State Championships. It was held on 6 September. Also Caitlin's team 'West Coast Gymnasts' won Silver. Well done Caitlin!

Choir

Just a reminder that the choir is required to attend the Confirmation Mass on Sunday, 13 September at 9.30am. Don't forget to attend in full school uniform and bring your wonderful voices with you.

After-School Sports

This Wednesday is the last week of after-school sports for the term.

Health Care Cards

Thank you to the parents who have 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.

Interschool Sports Day

On Thursday, 17 September we will be hosting the inter-school sports day. We would love to see as many parents and friends at the oval to support our children. A sausage sizzle will be held on that day as well. Order forms have been sent home.

The coffee van will be there as well and we will be selling cupcakes.

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

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 9 Sept	Maria Gott
Fri 11 Sept	Nicole Cooper Adelle Alberts
Mon 14 Sept	Katrina Bennett
Wed 16 Sept	Carol Weir
Fri 18 Sept	Kylie Beaman Sharon D'Evelynes
Mon 21 Sept	Cheryl Smith

Lost

Friday, 28 August 2009. Smash grey and orange cooler bag and a blue insulated drink bottle. If you have picked these up by mistake, please return to the office. Thank you.

Fete News

Thank you to the parents who have already sent in their specified donations for the fete. If you can't find what is recommended on the list, then please bring in something else. All donations accepted. 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.

Community News

Uniforms for sale

1 x size 12 Polo (white) shirt
1 x size 12 Jacket
2 x size 8 Jackets
2 x size 8 Shorts
2 x size 6 Jackets
\$5.00 each Phone Carla 0416 823 329

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.

World Day of Refugee & Migrant Sunday

Thank you to those who donated meals of your country of heritage. These meals were sold after each of the Masses. Thank you to all who took the time to make the meals and all who supported the event by purchasing the food. The event raised about \$1200.

Readers & Special Ministers

A meeting of all Readers and Special Ministers is to be held on Saturday, 10 October to discuss the formation and roles of these ministries. Times are 2.00pm for Readers and 3.00pm for Special Ministers. It is essential that all attend these important meetings. If you cannot attend, please contact Liz Lambert on 0412 929 794. Any parishioner who is considering becoming one of these ministers is most welcome. Formal education will be given.

Holy Cross College Laptops for Learning

Thanks to parents who attended this week's Information Evening regarding the 1:1 laptop programme. All students at Holy Cross College will have an individual Apple MacBook and will learn in a technology rich environment. This will facilitate opportunities for collaboration, work across disciplines, differentiated learning and opportunities to engage in problem solving and deep learning. The focus will be on the learning, not on the technology.

The Year 7 & 8 learning programme will have a strong focus on literacy skills. Students will continue to read books, but will also learn to be discerning and critical users of electronic information. They will still develop their handwriting skills and they will also have opportunities to use their laptops to write more and to produce writing of a higher quality. Laptop computers will give students access to 'anytime, anywhere' learning and will increase parents' opportunities to be informed of and involved in their children's learning.

Students will work in a secure, filtered internet environment at school. We aim to work with parents to develop our students as ethical users of technology.

Uniforms

A reminder that uniform fittings for Holy Cross College will take place on Monday 14 September, 2.45pm - 6.30pm at St Helena's Catholic Primary School.

Mandy Connor
Principal

Photos from the Faction Athletics Carnival

