



# OLHOC School Newsletter

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## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL



### Thank God For Little Things

Thank you God for little things  
that often come our way...  
The things we take for granted  
but don't mention when we pray...  
The unexpected courtesy  
the thoughtful, kindly deed...  
A hand reached out to help us  
in the time of sudden need...  
Please, make us more aware God  
of the little daily graces  
that come to us with sweet surprise  
from never-dreamed of places.

Dear Parents, Staff and Students,

What a wonderful evening last Friday night turned out to be! A massive number of students enjoyed themselves, showed some interesting dance styles and exhibited great behaviour. Everyone was a credit to the school, their parents and to themselves. I would like to especially acknowledge the following:

1. The Social Committee who had the covered area looking a treat as well as general planning.
2. Tracey Bell for the huge task of organizing the tickets.
3. Ann Ung, Simone Underwood and the great band of parents who manned the tuckshop and kept the food and drinks flowing.
4. Kristen Turner and Margaret Jarvis who manned the highly popular 'glowstick stall'!
5. Alan Lee for his usual 'behind the scenes' hard work in setting up.
6. The generous staff who attended to ensure all went smoothly.

### School Board

The School Board is entrusted to oversee the development of ongoing school plans. To ensure the school plans are reflective of the community, we conduct renewal surveys to gather data on a regular basis.

2012 is a school renewal year. The School Board has been working on a questionnaire for the whole school community in order to gather feedback and set goals and a course for the next 5 years. We'd like each family to complete a survey. To do so please go to the following address and follow the prompts:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/olhoc2012>

There is also a link on the 'About Us' page on the school website. **The survey will shut at 2:30 on Friday the 21st of September (the last day of this term).**

If you don't have internet access at home, the library will be open for you on Monday the 10th and Monday the 17th of September from 8:15am.

### P & F Meeting - Tomorrow Evening 6pm - Multipurpose Hall (Music Room)

I know there is so much happening at present, however the P & F Meetings are an excellent forum for parental input into the running of OLHOC. I urge all parents to join with those regular attendees remembering that baby sitting is provided and pizzas are supplied to all. The agenda will be:

- Normal reports
- An update of the joint council and school facility
- An upcoming working bee

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## NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONTINUED...

- Graffiti art plan
- 2013 school draft structure
- Parent information gathering
- 2012 School Renewal Survey.

### **Father Flynn Trophy - Friday this week - Vs SGM**

Good Luck to Netball and Rugby League Teams competing against St Gerard Majella this Friday for the annual Father Flynn Trophy. Netball is at OLHOC and Rugby League at St Mary's.

### **2013 School Fees**

Attached is a letter from Brother Paul Hough - Executive Director, regarding the 2013 School Fee structure. Please note that levies are still to be determined for 2013.

### **Advanced Warning - Working Bee - October 13**

OLHOC has a wonderful tradition of holding very few working bees but achieving magnificent results when a working bee is held. Now the 'School Landscape Masterplan' has been endorsed by the School Board, it is time for action. The upcoming working bee will be targeting the gardens and we need lots of support. In order to facilitate maximum activity we would ask that the return slip below is completed. No tasks will be overly physically demanding. Please indicate equipment you are able to bring along.

### **Rotary Speaking**

Each and every participant from OLHOC has presented wonderful speeches. Congratulations to Zoe Dimarco who won last week's District Final. Zoe joins Ruby Tucker in the Regional Finals where OLHOC has a proud reputation. Good Luck Girls!

### **School Concert - 'Parents in the Groove!'**

Expressions of interest are sought from parents 'up for a bit of fun'. Each concert has a highly entertaining staff item and a group of parents would like to add to the entertainment value by also presenting an item.

It's anticipated that preparation for this activity will require 4-5 sessions prior. For this exciting (and likely

hilarious) activity to be possible, we will need to achieve a minimum number of participants and we are now seeking your interest.

If you think you've got what it takes to shine or simply entertain our students, we'd love to hear from you! No special skills required. Please complete and return the slip in this newsletter to the school office by Sept 21.

### **2013 Enrolments**

If you are aware that your child will not be returning to OLHOC in 2013, can you please inform the office in writing at your earliest convenience so that a position can be offered to families on the waiting list that is growing by the day.

### **School Fees**

A reminder that fees are now due for payment before the end of Term. It would be appreciated if accounts are brought into balance ASAP. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Collection of Nationally Consistent Data on Students with Disability - 2012 Trial**

OLHOC has been randomly selected as one of 224 schools to participate in the above trial. Information gathered will assist governments in developing a better understanding of the needs of students with a disability. The office holds some fact sheets outlining further information regarding the trial. Please collect a fact sheet should you wish to do so.

### **Mercy College Tour**

If you love great music, next Tuesday morning (Sept 18) we have a concert performance by the Mercy College Band (Mackay). The performance will cater for all tastes and promises to be highly entertaining.

### **Community Prayers**

Your prayers are asked for the Becker-Mills family with the recent loss of a loved one.



Nigel Bird  
Principal

**WORKING BEE - OCTOBER 13 (first Saturday Term 4) 8am - 11.30am**

**Family Name :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Attendees :** \_\_\_\_\_

**We can bring the following (please tick)**

Wheelbarrow     Shovel     Rake     Hoe     Gardenfork

Other - please specify \_\_\_\_\_

# **SEL SNAPSHOT**

An assumption that is often made is that for students to achieve their potential in all areas of life, they have to work hard at it. If the "it" is something enjoyable or in an area where they have natural talent or aptitude, it is easier for the student to work independently, and thus require less support from parents and teachers. When the "it" is schoolwork or other work that is hard or boring, keeping the right mindset can be a problem.

Persistence is evident when students continue to stay engaged in frustrating or difficult work until it is completed. Your child may show Persistence at home or in the classroom by:

Memorising spelling lists

Finishing Maths problems in a set period of time

Checking written tasks for errors in punctuation

Practicing handwriting

Look for Persistence in your child at home this week, and praise them when you catch them in the act of trying hard and sticking with their work.

Linda Mann-Jones

SEL Coordinator

## ***SEL Awards***



Erika, Karlie, Jasmin, Declan, Paiten, Brighton, Jacky, Nehemiah, Brady, Olivia, Jesse, Hunter, Sophie, Nelly, Jacob, Mahna, Natasha, Declan, Paige, Sam & Grace.

LOTE Award: Brandan

OSHC Award: Griffon

Playground Award: Alf

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## **SCHOOL CONCERT - PARENTS' DANCE PRESENTATION**

If you think you've got what it takes to shine or simply entertain our students, please return this slip to the school office by September 21.

**Family name :** \_\_\_\_\_

**First name/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Details :** \_\_\_\_\_

# O.L.H.O.C. TUCKSHOP NEWS

Once again, OLHOC ROCKS THE NIGHT AWAY.

Well what a night. Simone and I would love to say a huge big THANK YOU to all the mums and dads who came in and helped in the Tuckshop during both disco sessions. Nights like that cannot happen without the wonderful help and support that is given by our generous mums and dads.

I would also love to say a special thanks to Kristen Turner who manned our glow sticks table through both sessions and to the mums who also helped her. It is quite a big job.

Also thanks to Margaret, Judith, Trish, Theresa, Stephen and Alex who came in and helped in the tuckshop Friday morning to prepare 118 sandwiches packs for our year 7 students and staff for the Traditional Gala Games. A really big effort to have them all made and packed before 10.30am.

Simone and I cannot do what we do without the wonderful help and support of so many mums and dads in our school community; you are truly appreciated for all you do for us.

## WEDNESDAY SPECIAL

**There is no special this Wednesday**

We are selling Gumnut brand Sweet Rice Biscuits.

They are in packs of 2 and are **Dairy, Egg and Gluten Free**. They are available for 40c

If you could help in the tuckshop we would greatly appreciate your help. Just come in and see us and put your name on the calendar on a day that suits you. We are only looking at one day a month.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10th August	11 <sup>th</sup> August	12th August	13th August	14th August
Theresa Straker	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	Simone Leisha

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
17th September	18 <sup>th</sup> September	19 <sup>th</sup> September	20 <sup>th</sup> September	21st September
HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	HELP REQUIRED	Simone Leisha

If you have any questions regarding the online ordering, please call FlexiSchools on 1300361769 or go to [www.flexischool.com.au](http://www.flexischool.com.au)

They are very helpful in guiding you through the process and answering any questions you may have.

Thank you,  
Ann & Simone.

IF YOU HAVE ANY UNIFORMS, PARTICULARLY SPORTS UNIFORMS  
THAT YOUR CHILD HAS OUTGROWN,  
THEY WOULD BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED IN OUR  
2ND HAND CLOTHING POOL.  
THANK YOU.



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Dear Parents

### 2013 Tuition Fees

The annual review has occurred to determine the level of school tuition fees in 2013. The decision to raise fees is not taken for granted, nor taken without careful consideration of the needs of schools balanced against the capacity of families to contribute.

In 2013 the attached tuition fee schedule will apply for families with children attending primary and secondary schools in the Diocese of Cairns.

Tuition fees cover a variety of expenses including salaries of teaching and non-teaching staff, staff working at Catholic Education Services, and non salary expenditure including superannuation and long service leave. In addition schools incur various forms of non salary expenditure including operating costs, professional development of staff and system development costs.

In the Diocese of Cairns the rationale has been to increase tuition fees by the movement in the Education Index of the Consumer Price Index (as reported by the Australian Bureau of Statistics). For the year ended 31/03/2012 the education index moved by 6.0%. For 2013 the decision has been made to increase tuition fees by 5.5%. The lower than normal increase recognises the wider economic conditions that continues to exist in Far North Queensland.

I appreciate that some families may face financial hardship in meeting fees and levies. It is important that families who want to access Catholic Education for their children are not excluded because they do not have the means to pay fees. It is our policy and practice to assist any family in this situation. If your family may experience genuine financial hardship in paying fees please make contact with the Principal or Parish Priest to discuss fee concessions.

Thank you for your continuing commitment to Catholic Education. We are proud of the quality of our schools and we are keenly aware and grateful of how much parental support we receive, both through payment of tuition fees and levies and so many other forms of generous help.

Thanks very much for all your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

**BR PAUL HOUGH FMS**  
Executive Director



## Catholic Diocese of Cairns - 2013 Per Student Tuition Fee Schedule

TUITION FEE PER STUDENT							
Number of Students in Parish & Diocesan Schools							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
<b>PREP &amp; PRIMARY - YEARS P-7</b>							
Discount Percentage	0%	30%	50%	62%	70%	75%	79%
PREP & PRIMARY - per week (40 wks)	33.50	23.47	16.77	12.60	10.06	8.39	7.19
PREP & PRIMARY - per term	334.96	234.72	167.73	126.05	100.64	83.87	71.88
<b>2012 - PREP &amp; PRIMARY - per year</b>	<b>\$ 1,340</b>	<b>\$ 939</b>	<b>\$ 671</b>	<b>\$ 504</b>	<b>\$ 403</b>	<b>\$ 335</b>	<b>\$ 288</b>
<b>LESS COUNTRY DISCOUNT @ 10%</b>	<b>-134</b>	<b>-94</b>	<b>-67</b>	<b>-50</b>	<b>-40</b>	<b>-34</b>	<b>-29</b>
<b>2013 - PREP &amp; PRIMARY AFTER COUNTRY DISCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 1,206</b>	<b>\$ 844</b>	<b>\$ 604</b>	<b>\$ 454</b>	<b>\$ 363</b>	<b>\$ 303</b>	<b>\$ 260</b>
<b>2013 - MIDDLE SCHOOL (St Andrew's College Years 6 &amp; 7)</b>	<b>\$ 1,635</b>	<b>\$ 1,234</b>	<b>\$ 974</b>	<b>\$ 730</b>	<b>\$ 585</b>	<b>\$ 488</b>	<b>\$ 418</b>
<b>LOWER SECONDARY - YEARS 8-9</b>							
Discount Percentage	0%	15%	30%	48%	58%	65%	70%
LOWER SECONDARY - per week (40 wks)	54.86	46.63	38.40	28.80	23.04	19.20	16.46
LOWER SECONDARY - per term	548.60	466.31	384.02	288.02	230.41	192.01	164.58
<b>2013 - LOWER SECONDARY - per year</b>	<b>\$ 2,194</b>	<b>\$ 1,865</b>	<b>\$ 1,536</b>	<b>\$ 1,152</b>	<b>\$ 922</b>	<b>\$ 768</b>	<b>\$ 658</b>
<b>LESS COUNTRY DISCOUNT @ 10%</b>	<b>-\$ 219</b>	<b>-\$ 187</b>	<b>-\$ 154</b>	<b>-\$ 115</b>	<b>-\$ 92</b>	<b>-\$ 77</b>	<b>-\$ 66</b>
<b>2013 - LOWER SECONDARY AFTER COUNTRY DISCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 1,975</b>	<b>\$ 1,679</b>	<b>\$ 1,382</b>	<b>\$ 1,037</b>	<b>\$ 829</b>	<b>\$ 691</b>	<b>\$ 592</b>
<b>UPPER SECONDARY - YEARS 10-12</b>							
Discount Percentage	0%	15%	30%	48%	58%	65%	70%
UPPER SECONDARY - per week (40 wks)	67.20	57.12	47.04	35.28	28.23	23.52	20.16
UPPER SECONDARY - per term	672.04	571.23	470.42	352.82	282.25	235.21	201.61
<b>2013 - UPPER SECONDARY - per year</b>	<b>\$ 2,688</b>	<b>\$ 2,285</b>	<b>\$ 1,882</b>	<b>\$ 1,411</b>	<b>\$ 1,129</b>	<b>\$ 941</b>	<b>\$ 806</b>
<b>LESS COUNTRY DISCOUNT @ 10%</b>	<b>-\$ 269</b>	<b>-\$ 228</b>	<b>-\$ 188</b>	<b>-\$ 141</b>	<b>-\$ 113</b>	<b>-\$ 94</b>	<b>-\$ 81</b>
<b>2013 - UPPER SECONDARY AFTER COUNTRY DISCOUNT</b>	<b>\$ 2,420</b>	<b>\$ 2,056</b>	<b>\$ 1,694</b>	<b>\$ 1,270</b>	<b>\$ 1,016</b>	<b>\$ 847</b>	<b>\$ 726</b>

**Schools Qualifying as Country Discount**

St Joseph's School, Atherton	St Rita's School, Babinda	St Anthony's School, Dimbulah
St Michael's School, Gordonvale	St Augustine's School, Mossman	St Teresa's School, Ravenshoe
St John's School, Silkwood	St Rita's School, South Johnstone	Sacred Heart School, Thursday Island
St Clare's School, Tully	Saint Stephen's College, Mareeba	Mount Saint Bernard College, Herberton

**In addition to the above schools the 2013 Tuition Fee Schedule applies to:**

Our Lady Help of Christians School, Earlville	St Therese's School, Bentley Park	St Francis Xavier's School, Manunda
St Thomas's School, Mareeba	Holy Cross School, Smithfield	St Andrew's College, Redlynch
Mother of Good Counsel School, North Cairns	St Gerard Majella School, Woree	Good Counsel College, Innisfail
St Joseph's School, Parramatta	Good Counsel School, Innisfail	St Monica's College, Cairns
St Augustine's College, Cairns	St Mary's College, Woree	



# OLHOC BIKE BUS



**Let's make the final OLHOC bike bus for the term a "RECORD BREAKER".**

**If you haven't had a chance to ride with the bike bus, come along on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September and help us break our participation record.**

**We need more than 28 students and 12 adults!!!**

- BIKE BUS STOPS LOCATIONS:**
- 1. KANGAROOS FOOTBALL GROUND  
(Departing promptly at 7:40am)**
  - 2. CNR BEATRICE AND SERISSA STS**
  - 3. AH CHING PARK, GREVILLEA ST**

- & SUPERVISION BY EXPERIENCED CYCLISTS**
- & BIKE BUS ROUTE APPROVED BY QLD TRAVEL SMART**
- & PARENTS AND TEACHERS ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE**
- & RETURN BIKE BUS DEPARTING OLHOC AT 2:45PM**

**TRAVEL SMART ..... TRAVEL BIKE**



## Mercy Music Tour 2012



**Come along for a morning of musical entertainment!**

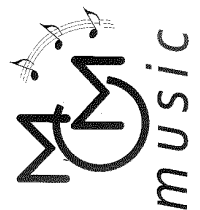
You are invited to attend a special performance by the Mercy College Music ensembles whilst they tour Queensland. It will be a variety concert to suit all ages!

**What:** Mercy Music Tour Special Performance

**When:** 18 September 2012

**Where:** Our Lady Help of Christians Primary School

**Time:** 8.45am - 9.45am





*Prayer is a plant, the seed of which is sown in the heart of every Christian. If it is well cultivated and nourished, it will produce abundant fruit, but if it is neglected, it will wither and die.*

**Mother Catherine McAuley**  
**Foundress of the Sisters of Mercy**

**OLHOC PARISH MASS TIMES**

**Saturday 6:00pm - Vigil Mass**  
**Sunday 8:00am - with Children's Liturgy**  
**Reconciliation - Saturday 11:30am**  
*at St. Monica's Cathedral*  
*or before any parish Eucharist*

**Wonder of Living Program**

The general feedback relating to last week's Wonder of Living program has been extremely positive. I sat in on a session and was impressed by the presenter's ability to address any issues raised by children in a positive and matter-of-fact manner. Content was presented clearly in a manner consistent with the Catholic Tradition and with an aim to arm students with the information to help them better understand their journey into adulthood. Well done to our presenters from Natural Fertility Services, Mr. John Shay, Mrs. Trish Logan, and Mrs. Dorelle Lo Grande!

**THE Value of Forgiveness**

When asked by Peter how many times he should forgive someone, suggesting seven as a good number, Jesus responded that seventy-seven times would be more appropriate. This exchange between Peter and Jesus has even more impact if we are in tune with the ancient Hebrew understanding of seven as a 'perfect number', one that reveals divine activity. Peter thought his suggestion of 'seven' was the perfect response. Jesus however suggested to Peter that he should 'aim higher'. Jesus poignantly demonstrated what such forgiveness might look like from the cross when he was able to extend his forgiveness to those responsible for his crucifixion. We are called to forgive just as Jesus forgave. The act of giving and receiving forgiveness is a visible sign of God's grace. So significant is this call to forgiveness, that the Church has made the celebration of God's forgiveness to those who genuinely seek it a sacramental action. We ritually celebrate this in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession)

The Christian call to forgive extends not just to our friends and family, but to those whose friendship we, for whatever reason, may be actively avoiding. This is not an easy calling, but if we are to build a life giving community, it is a necessary one. This is not to say that the consequences of sinful choices are all negated. Children may still have to weather a lunchtime detention for a poor choice just as adults may still have to face serious

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Below is a list of important dates for Term 3. Whilst every effort is made to keep these dates and times as advertised, they may sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. We will notify you of changes through this column. Please join us in our faith celebrations—parents are always welcome.

**WHOLE SCHOOL PRAYERS, EUCHARISTS & LITURGIES**

- **School Prayer led by 1B**  
8:10 am, Wednesday, 12th September

consequences for their sinful choices. Forgiveness does however signal a willingness to work towards repairing any relationship that is damaged by sin.

Typical expressions of forgiveness for our children include:

- ◆ Apologising if they hurt someone, even if it's accidental.
- ◆ Being willing to accept a meaningful apology when it's offered.
- ◆ Letting go of grudges.
- ◆ Knowing that paybacks are out.
- ◆ Understanding that every day is a new beginning.
- ◆ Saying sorry and meaning it.
- ◆ Leaving yesterday's baggage behind.



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