

# NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 9

## Faith-Tips for the Journey

As we walk with our children in faith, hope and love



### Lenten Thoughts

["I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Jesus Christ my Lord."](#)

What do you think? Is Saint Paul's statement rose-coloured glass optimism or audacious Christian hope? Do we have the courage to teach our children to look for the good even amidst suffering, to seek Christ's light even when the world seems dark, to respond with compassion even when others judge us? These are big questions, especially in the face of challenging events like the recent earthquake.

### Faith Steps at Home

#### Pray

Psalms 125:3 ["The Lord has done great things for us..."](#) Invite each family member to repeat these words, adding one great thing God has done in his/her life lately.





we do as a family this week to bring a smile to a neighbour's face, or at least ease their burden?.

### Remember

Good news is contagious!

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



## OLHC TRANSITION TO EPPING

Not long now, less than two weeks to go!

We successfully moved all our resources over last Friday (including the piano!) and the staff and I have started unpacking this week. We are very fortunate, our OLHC staff have been amazing. Please thank them when you get a chance.

### Now – Week 9

- **Thursday 3 April 6pm – Parent Information Zoom** for Epping morning and afternoon procedures (please see details below. Link etc was sent out on Compass to parents earlier this week. Although we have scheduled an hour, it is unlikely to take this long)
- Unpack boxes and set up classrooms / office / storage areas at Epping site
- Set up furniture
- Finalise procedures

### Week 10

Please note: There are a few items still being finalised / rectified on-site as is the nature of building projects. No need to RSVP, simply show up for one of the sessions!

**A class teacher will be in each of the classroom learning spaces to welcome and guide you. Please enter from the carpark or Oxford Street gate.**

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## Zoom Meeting Details

Thursday 3 April 6pm - 7pm

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**PASSWORD: 2121**

We will hold a zoom meeting this Thursday evening to go through the morning drop-off and afternoon procedures for our new Epping site **Thursday 3 April 6pm - 7pm**. Although we have scheduled one hour it is likely to take less time than this. Please see the invite below. For security there is a pin number to enter the meeting - **2121**. Please note that for privacy reasons we are unable to record this meeting. All the details will be in the updated handbook. You are welcome to have your camera on or off during the meeting. We know households are busy places come the evening :). Microphones muted please

### Zoom Meeting Link:

Dominique O'Sullivan is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

[https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/93262617679?](https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/93262617679?pwd=88nxOjVa9CeDabEpMpylinO7OrxgbM.1)

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Password: 2121

Join from SIP/H.323 room system:

SIP: [93262617679@zmau.us](https://dbbcatholic.zoom.us/j/93262617679?pwd=88nxOjVa9CeDabEpMpylinO7OrxgbM.1)

H.323:

144.195.19.161 (US West)

206.247.11.121 (US East)

159.124.104.213 (Australia Sydney)

159.124.74.212 (Australia Melbourne)

Password: 2121

(meeting ID: 932 6261 7679)

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(02) 8015 2088 (Sydney)

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Meeting ID: 497 676 617 883

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Dial in by phone

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[Find a local number](#)

Phone conference ID: 822 559 178#

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## CLASS PARENTS MEETING

Our first class parents will be held **Wednesday 7 May at 6pm** in meeting room at OLHC Epping. We look forward to seeing you there. A big thank you to Amanda Mumford (Isabelle and Patrick Year 1) who is stepping up as our OLHC Class Parent Coordinator.





## EVACUATION DRILL

Each term all schools practise either an evacuation or lockdown drill. This week we will practise our evacuation procedures where the alarm sounds and all of OLHC and St Agatha's school evacuate to the grass / carpark area at St Agatha's church.



## OUR LAST NEWSLETTER FROM PENNANT HILLS

I hope to see many of you at our zoom meeting or tours over these final two weeks of Term One. This is our last newsletter for this term but there will likely be final reminders regarding our transition back to Epping next week via the Compass app.

OLHC families and staff, thank you all so much for your understanding, patience and faith during this remarkable time in our school's history. Our parish could not have wished for a more positive and supportive parent community and staff group to share this journey with. Now it is time for us all to bear the fruits of our labour in our beautiful new premises.

After three years and one term, signing off from Pennant Hills for the very last time.

May God bless us all and hold us closely in the palm of his hands on this next step of our journey together.

Dominique O'Sullivan  
*Principal*

## OLHC Term Dates 2025

	TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	TERM 4
<b>Students First Day of Term</b>	Monday 3 February	Wednesday 30 April	Tuesday 22 July	Monday 13 October
<b>Students Last Day of Term</b>	Thursday 10 April	Thursday 3 July	Thursday 25 September	Wednesday 17 December

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### WINTER UNIFORM TERM 2

Next term the students will return to school in their full winter uniform. If you are not sure what to wear, please refer to this information which can also be found in the OLHC Parent Handbook.

## OLHC Epping Winter Uniform

Girls	Boys
Blue shirt	Blue shirt
Navy blue tartan A-line tunic (with pale blue & red narrow lines)	Navy blue winter weight long trousers
Navy blue long socks or stockings	Short navy socks (no short ankle socks or long socks)
Blue tie	Blue tie
Navy blue jumper	Navy blue jumper
Black shoes	Black shoes
Please keep shoes clean and regularly polished	

## Writing Competition

for NSW students in Years 1 to 6



Entries are now open for NESA's annual **WriteOn** competition!

This is an exciting opportunity for schools to focus on developing student writing. The quote above inspires students to create an imaginative text. **Enter now!** Scan this code to find out more.



To find out more and to enter visit  
[nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/awards-and-events/writeon-competition](https://nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/nesa/awards-and-events/writeon-competition)

Entries close 20 June 2025

### WriteOn COMPETITION

WriteOn is an annual writing competition for NSW students in Years 1-6. This competition is optional, and any entries need to be returned to Mr Moxon by Friday 13 June. If you would like more details and resources, please visit this [website](#).

You will notice a celebrity appearance from our 2024 first place winner, Mie Arai, in the video at the bottom of the page.

You can also check out Mie reading her poem "Rainy Station" on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1AW3xU66gk/>

### HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS

If you are searching for something to do during these holidays, Sydney is packed

During this Easter holiday, Taronga Zoo have shows twice a day called [Staying Alive](#). Apart from being an iconic landmark, Taronga Zoo also does amazing work with animal conservation.

Alternatively, the Powerhouse Museum offers a range of [Autumn Programs](#) across its Sydney venues to develop engineering, designing and creativity skills.

Luke Moxon  
*Assistant Principal*

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## FROM THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COORDINATOR

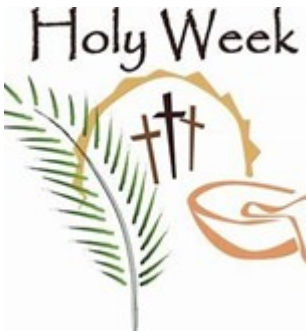
### Year 6 & Kindergarten Family Mass

We had a lovely celebration last Sunday with Year 6 and Kindergarten students and families. Father Aldrin led a joyous mass, and it was wonderful to see the Year 6 leaders bonding with their Kindy buddies.

There were many students and families from Year 5 and other grades who also joined the celebration. Our Parent Engagement Coordinator, Mrs. Martinovich, organised a morning tea for everyone, which we shared in the new parish hall.

Thank you so much to everyone who came along to be a part of the gathering, including Ms O'Sullivan, Ms Laurendet, and Mrs Martinovich who were there with myself.





## HOLY WEEK

In Week 10 students and teachers will share in many special experiences to reflect upon the events leading up to Easter. Each day, time will be spent in prayer and completing activities that focus on the journey of Jesus and his followers.

Lesley Harpur

*Acting Religious Education Coordinator*

## Diary Dates

Term 2 2025	
Week 1	
Wednesday 30 April	Students commence at EPPING
Week 2	
Wednesday 7 May	Maths Olympiad 1
Wednesday 7 May	Class Parent Meeting 6pm
Friday 9 May	Mother's Day Breakfast & Liturgy
Week 3	
Week 4	
Week 5	
Thursday 29 May	Year 6 Leadership Day
Week 6	
Week 7	
Wednesday 11 June	Maths Olympiad 2
Wednesday 11 - Thursday 12 June	Year 5 & Year 6 Camp
Week 8	
Thursday 19 June	Athletics Carnival
Week 9	
Week 10	
Thursday 3 July	LAST DAY OF TERM 2
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS Friday 4 July - Monday 21 July inclusive	

# Merit Awards - Week 8 & Week 9

Merit Awards - Term 1 Week 8		
Kindergarten	Ellie A	Max L
Year 1	Yoan L	Nethra H
Year 2	Jacquie D	Eden D
Year 3 & Year 4	Magen C	Blair M
Year 5 & Year 6	Adam F	Jillian L

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to our  
Term 1 Week 8 Merit Award Winners!  
Keep up the great work!





### Merit Awards - Term 1 Week 9

Kindergarten	Gianna R	Kevin G
Year 1	Alexis C	Jaden Y
Year 2	Kiwi G	Hridhaan T
Year 3 & Year 4	Amelia L	Kiana S
Year 5 & Year 6	Mia M	Gerald I

# CONGRATULATIONS



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Term 1 Week 9 Merit Award Winners!  
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## Birthday Stars

Congratulations and Happy Birthday to the following children who have celebrated their birthday recently.



## POSITION VACANT

### **Pastoral Support Worker – New Parishioner Engagement Coordinator**

Our Parish is seeking a **Pastoral Support Worker** to help create a welcoming and engaged parish community. This role involves supporting new parishioners, leading playgroup, assisting with baptisms and hospitality, and fostering connections within the parish.

**A current Working With Children Check (WWCC) and National Police History Check (NPHC) are required.**

**This is a part time role 10 hours per week with some flexible hours.**

For more details or to apply, please contact

**Fr Jim McKeon** at [jim.mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au](mailto:jim.mckeon@bbcatholic.org.au) by **16 April 2025**.



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