

Issue: 30

Date: Monday September 16 2024

Dear Parents & Families,

As you would now be aware, I will be retiring at the end of this school year. MACS is commencing the appointment process that will take place in Term 4. To assist in this selection process, parents have the opportunity to put forward their thoughts on the qualities they would like to see in the new leader, and the strengths and opportunities of the school. All parents are invited to contribute their ideas by clicking on the link - [Principal Appointment Questionnaire](#)

TERM 3 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Thank you to all the parents who are attending the Parent – Teacher Interviews today. It is important to have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and be aware of the outstanding work that many of our students are undertaking. Please continue to share in your child's achievements and remember that teachers are available at any time throughout the year to discuss your child's progress.

MACSIS

The Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools – School Improvement Surveys (MACSSIS) concludes this Friday. If you were one of the randomly selected families to be surveyed, we would be most grateful if you could complete the survey before it closes on Friday.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our students who performed so well in the Division Athletics last Thursday. We have 11 students moving through to the Regional Championships on October 16 as they finished 1st or 2nd in their respective event.

SCHOOL DISCO

Thanks you to the P & F who organised our school disco last Friday evening. The two sessions were run by Move & Dance Co. and the students had a fabulous time. Some photos of the disco are included in today's newsletter. We will put together a video of the event and release it before the end of the week.

TEAM COLOURS & HOT LUNCH DAY

The SRC is organising our Wear Your Team Colours Day for this Thursday, September 19. We will be asking all children to bring a gold coin donation. Money raised will be used to support Aussie Kids living with cancer.

Students will be able to come to school wearing their favourite sports team colours from any code (e.g. Collingwood- black and white, Melbourne City – blue and white, etc). Children can also wear their own sporting club uniform.

The P & F are organising a Hot Lunch Day as part of the celebration. Ordering details were sent home last week and were due on last Friday, so if you haven't returned an order form, please do so first thing tomorrow morning.

PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE

I will be attending the Zone Principals Conference from Sunday September 29 until Saturday October 12 so I will be absent for the first week of Term 4. Please see Huong, Mel or Jacinta if you need any assistance during my absence.

END OF TERM DISMISSAL

Please mark in your diary that Term 3 concludes this Friday, September 20, at 1.00pm.

Enjoy the holidays with your children!

Kevin Burke

WORD OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to everyone who found out that 'olympic' means 'relating to ancient Olympia or the Olympic Games' and 'ancient' means 'belonging to the distant past and no longer in existence'.

Our Phrase for this week is:

'fairy tale ending'

Find out it's meaning and see if you can add this phrase to your vocabulary over the next week.

OLW SCHOOL CALENDAR

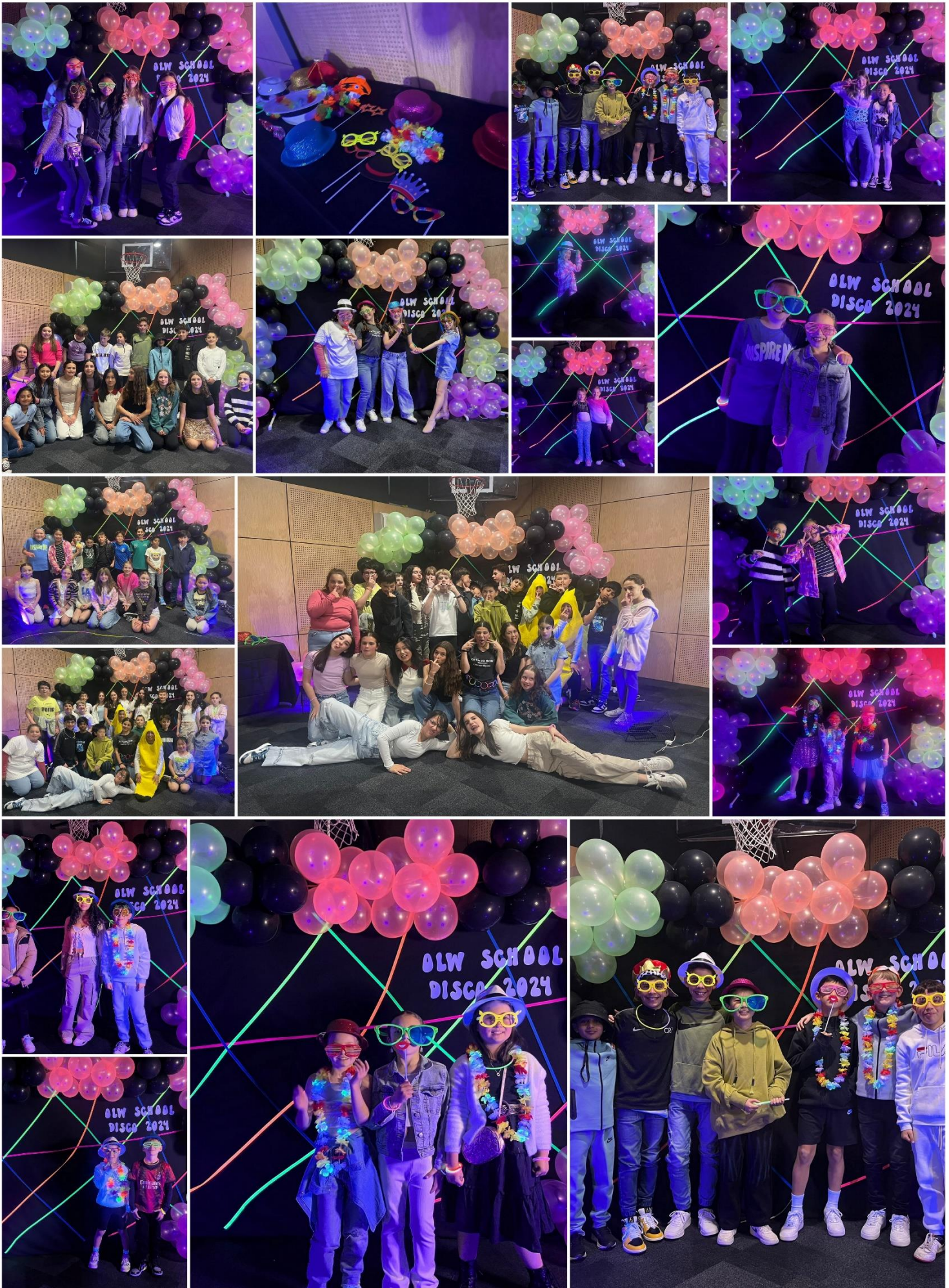
SEPTEMBER

MON 16	Parent Teacher Interviews
THUR 19	Team Colours Day & Hot Food Lunch
FRI 20	Last Day of Term – Dismissal 1.00pm

OCTOBER

MON 7 – FRI 11	Principals Conference
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[OLW 2024 Calendar](#)



OLW SCHOOL DISCO 2024

Parish of Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury

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Weekend Mass Times:

- Saturday Night: 6:00pm at Our Lady of the Way
- Sunday Morning: 9:00am at Our Lady of the Way
- Sunday Morning: 10:30am at Holy Name
- Sunday Afternoon: 4:00pm at Holy Name (Vietnamese)

Weekday Mass Times:

The mass times are as follows:

- Our Lady of the Way: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10:00am
- Holy Name: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9:00am

Confession Times:

- Holy Name: Saturday after 9:00 am mass
- Our Lady of the Way: Saturday 5:15-5:45pm

Baptisms and Marriages by appointment: Please ring 0488 020 364

Welcome to Our Lady of the Way Kingsbury!

Entrance Antiphon: Cf Sirach 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Newsletter information for 14th and 15th September- 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The “We” being, we the Church. It is important for us all to have a deep sense of our own identity. So who are we as the Church? What is our purpose? We will embark from next week a short series of reflection exploring “Who do we think we are?” *By Fr Frank O’Loughlin*

“Who do we think we are?”

Part 1: There are things by which we identify ourselves as Catholic Christians, just as any group of people have things which identify them as such. Different nations have flags and anthems and national days of celebration by means of which they say who they are, such things express their identity. We call these things symbols – that is they express outside of us who we are. They express our identity.

There are such symbolic things which express who we are as Catholics. They are not all of the same quality or depth but each plays their part.

We start with the Mass. From earliest Christian times, the disciples of Jesus gathered together and were established and confirmed in their relationship to Jesus. And they did this on the first day of the week, the day of Jesus’ resurrection – Sunday. This was not just an individual thing but a communal thing; it was the gathering together of his disciples. The Mass remains central to being a Catholic; it is the fulcrum around which Catholic life centres. The great feasts of Easter and Christmas are also points of identity which gather Catholics who may or may not celebrate the weekly Sundays. The Pope is a core symbol for Catholicism as well. Catholics in every part of the globe recognise the Pope, the bishop of Rome, as a symbol of the unity and universality of the Church. The Pope is a sign by which Catholics recognise who they are.

There is also a structure of ordained ministry in Catholicism which makes the bishop and the presbyter (or priest) points of identity in the life of the Church.

The crucifix is another symbol; it is a Christian symbol which goes beyond Catholicism. Wherever we see a crucifix – whether on a person, in a building, or in a home – we know that there are followers of Jesus present or in the offing. Many Christians will only use the cross, but with Catholics, a crucifix is more common.

Mary, the mother of Jesus, will be honoured and imaged among Catholics – and some other Christians. The Catholic tradition has always taken seriously the words of St John’s Gospel which speaks of the beloved disciple taking the mother of Jesus into his keeping.

The above are practical symbols expressing who we are as Catholics, as we go on in to develop the topic “Who do we think we are?”, we will look further and more deeply into “who we are”.

<https://www.cbdparish.org.au/blog/who-do-we-think-we-are-2/>

Anniversary: We pray for all anniversaries about this time especially: Vittorio Giacon (28/9), Luigi Cipolato (10/9)

OLW Primary News

We extend our warmest congratulations to our students who received their first Holy Communion last Sunday. This is a joyous occasion, marking a significant step in their spiritual lives. May the Eucharist be a constant source of grace and inspiration for them as they continue their journey of faith.

Volunteers needed: Would you like to serve?

We are in need of volunteers: Special Minsters and Collectors for Saturday and Special Ministers for Sunday. Or perhaps a be a part of the Welcome Party. This is a great way to strengthen community ties and be part of service. If you can help out, please let Fr John or PLT know.

Parish suggestions/ PLT: Do you see a need in the community?

Thank you for your on-going suggestions and comments - we value your voice and feedback. We are looking for suggestions and always encouraging one another to listen and serve our community needs; If parishioners would like or to set up: events and talks, or gatherings (e.g. Arts & craft group, youth group, movies group), please forward your suggestions. The next PLT will be 18th September.



Literature Corner: Books and magazines

Have you read, Fr Frank O'Loughlin new book 'into the future'? Did it make you think about change differently? What does it mean to be Catholic today? Copies are still available in the foyer. 'Into the future' explores the necessity of change for the Catholic Church's well-being and growth, especially in the context of our increasingly secular society. It reflects on how the church in its history has responded to similar changes and calls present-day Catholic disciples to remain faithful to the heart of the gospel message. Please take a copy to read. If you would like a copy, place your details on the list. Australian Catholic Magazine Spring edition are also available.

Parish Luncheon

The next Parish luncheon will be on the 25th of September, Wednesday at 12.00pm at the Summerhill hotel. Sign-up sheets are in the foyer. All are welcome!

Friday Morning Adoration

Please join us every Friday for 'Morning Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament' from 9:15am to 9:45 am before 10am mass. Stay for a cuppa and morning tea- a great opportunity to share in the spirit of community and hospitality.

Collections for the weekend of the 1st and 8th of September (fortnight)

We thank you for your ongoing contributions and generous support. We also thank our fortnightly counters.

1st Collection: \$ 1594.50

2nd Collection: \$ 835.50

Eucharistic Ministers:

14th Sep: 6pm –G Tombs & Special Minister

21st Sep: 6pm –K Zanini & Special Minister

15th Sep: 9am – M Leonard & A Crupi

22nd Sep: 9am -Di Austin & J Vandenberg

Readers:

14th Sep: 6pm –Louise Barber

21st Sep: 6pm – Jim Conway

15th Sep: 9am -Wendy Theunissen

22nd Sep: 9am –Evelyn Ginger

Fr John

Online Donation

1st Collection: for the support of our parish, its welfare and maintenance. (*Taken up after the homily*).

Name: Kingsbury Parish Church

BSB: 083 347 A/C: 68643 0901

2nd Collection: for the support of our Parish Priest, the Archbishop, the sick and retired priests and priests in less fortunate areas of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. (*Taken up after the prayers of the faithful*).

Name: Our Lady of the Way Parish Presbytery

BSB: 083 347 A/C: 66765 5224

We appreciate your generous support to the parish and priest of Our Lady of the Way.

At Our Lady of the Way, Kingsbury Parish we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

The Living Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

8 September 2024

First Reading Is 35:4-7

Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.

Say to all faint hearts,
'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,
vengeance is coming,
the retribution of God;
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
the ears of the deaf unsealed,
then the lame shall leap like a deer
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;

for water gushes in the desert,
streams in the wasteland,
the scorched earth becomes a lake,
the parched land springs of water.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or:

(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the
blind,
who raises up those who are
bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. The Lord upholds the widow and
orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 2:1-5

Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes,

and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom

and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 7:31-37

He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



Reflection by Nick Brodie

One of the most important messages in today's Gospel is that right speech follows from clear hearing. When Jesus cures the man the signs of healing are that his ears open first, then his tongue starts working. As with everything Jesus said and did, this has wider implications for Christianity: a message needs to be heard before it can be proclaimed. Every preacher must be a listener first.

Jesus' vision of a listening Church is expressed many times in the Gospels and has endured throughout the centuries in diverse forms, from local synods to Ecumenical Councils. From long experience the Church learned that by listening to the signs of the times Christians could better proclaim Christ to each new generation.

In our own time, as Pope Francis puts it, the Church needs 'to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor'. Environmental and human degradation are everywhere, crying out for remedy. In this Season of Creation we might ask ourselves whether we are good listeners. Do we listen to the warnings of scientists about climatic change, to the stories of climate refugees, or do we block our ears in closed-minded self-interest and ignore Jesus' command, 'Ephphatha' – be open.

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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a feast that commemorates the birthday of Jesus' mother. Even though Mary's birth is not recorded in the scriptures, it is mentioned in the Apocryphal writings from the second century, the Protoevangelium of James and is even mentioned in Islamic scripture. Her parents are named as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim and tradition places Mary's birthplace in Jerusalem. The feast has been celebrated since the fifth century – on September 8 in the Roman Calendar.

Wordsearch

Try to find these words:

amazed	deaf	fingers	heaven
begged	Decapolis	good	ten
crowd	Effatha	hear	tongue

I A J Z S G E F F A T H A F Z
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Q J A B X O I M N L V N J D I
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Finish the story of Jesus healing the deaf man by adding the missing words and pictures.

Jesus travelled to the land of Decapolis.

Draw Jesus walking along the road

A crowd of people _____ Jesus to heal a man who was _____ and could not speak properly.



Draw the deaf man

Jesus touched the man's _____ and tongue and said, 'Effatha!', meaning '_____ up'.



The man was very happy because now he could hear and talk! The people praised Jesus.



Term 3 / Week 9 at..



KINGSBURY THEIRCARE



WEEK 9 – 'CHILD LED WEEK'

Child Led Week is always a major highlight of the term, as we get to implement so many ideas, activities and games into one jam packed week! Although we always are taking on ideas, recording observations and capturing suggestions and new activities, we love handing over the reigns to the children and encourage them to not only generate ideas, but run the activities if they feel comfortable in doing so!

ACTIVITIES

- Salt dough creations – We had such a great time creating beautiful Salt Dough decorations earlier this week! We saw so many incredible creations come to life, such a miniature Pikachu's and delicate keychain designs, it was amazing to see what the careful and creative hands of the children here at OSHC could create!
- Dreamcatcher making – This was so much fun, we had an amazing time thinking creatively about how we could stick, tie and thread various art supplies onto beautiful decorative dream catchers! We incorporated themes of sustainability by encouraging the use of natural resources (eg. sticks, leaves, flowers, shells etc.) and so many children planned to go home and create more with the resources they could find in their garden!
- Basketball – What a classic outdoor game! We got our game faces on and played an epic match with dribbling, shooting and teamwork skills on show! It was so much fun!



NOTICE

When possible, please ensure you are booking as early as you can! Booking in advance supports us to staff the program adequately in line with our 1:15 ratio.

Additionally, if your child is away from school or if plans change, a friendly reminder to give us the heads up via a text or call!

FEEDBACK!

We would love to hear what you think of our program! If you can spare 5 minutes, please fill out this Feedback Form and give us your feedback/suggestions!

<https://forms.gle/tVqQnmnYcDGPbZSQ6>

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HOLIDAY HOCKEY PROGRAM



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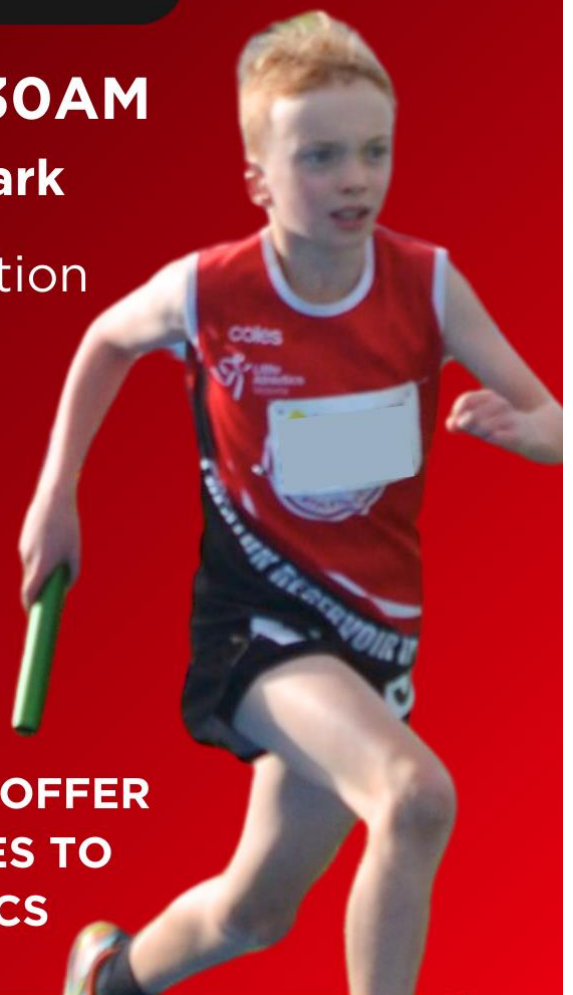
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