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'Inspired by the Spirit, we are a strong community, supporting and leading learners in a safe and inclusive environment.'

Welcome to Term 3.

We hope the mid-year break was relaxing, restful and now everyone is ready to settle back in!

We have enjoyed seeing parents and families at school over the past few weeks for the interviews/conferences and for the Book Fair. In addition to the Book fair, we have Book week coming up in week 6- add that to your Calendar.

It was wonderful to see many Grandparents and Special Friends visit us last week. We hope they enjoyed seeing the children's classrooms and work - and then to compare the differences from when they went to school! Thanks to Mrs Solari, staff and the parents who helped make this a very special time for everyone.

Last week the Year 3-6 students participated in the Athletics Day and we would like to say thank you to the staff and parents who helped on the day. We also say 'Congratulations' to the children who go through to the next level.

The Preps had chickens in their classrooms in Week 2 of this term as part of their learning. They made observations and saw that living things are part of a life cycle. All classes are learning about the concept of Sustainability. All children are learning about how to keep the world clean and healthy. Parents and families can ask their children about their learning.

From Christian and Grace
2018 School Captains



Today I Believe

Lord, you have always mapped out tomorrow's road and although it is hidden, today I believe.

Lord, you have always given me tomorrow's peace, and, in spite of my distress, today I believe.

Lord, you have always given me tomorrow's strength, and, although I am weak, today I believe.

Lord, you have always given me tomorrow's light, and, in spite of the darkness, today I believe.

Lord, you have always spoken when I was in doubt, and in spite of your silence, today I believe.

Lord, you are my life,
You are my endless joy.
Even in death forever I believe

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our School Captains have done a wonderful job introducing this fortnight's newsletter. Thank you Grace and Christian. You have said many of the things I had planned to communicate to our community.

I too would like to thank the many parents who baked, donated, prepared and served food for the lunch at last week's Grandparents and Special Friends Day. It was another remarkable response from our wonderful community. **Thank you to you all.**

A few parents and grandparents asked about the story which was read during the liturgy. It is titled: 'Maybe God Is Like That Too' and is written by Jennifer Grant. This can be purchased online and can also be found at Pauline Books & Media (7 Denmark Hill Road, East Hawthorn VIC 3123). Opening times are: Mon -Fri: 9-5pm and Sat 9-12pm.

School Sports

We remain hopeful that we will be able to proceed with the school sports tomorrow. A CareMonkey communication was distributed yesterday outlining further details of the day. A reminder that in the event that we have to postpone the day we will communicate this via Flexi Buzz on Friday morning.



Breakfast Club

There will be NO Breakfast Club tomorrow morning due to Sports Day.

St John's Kinder Visits

Two small groups of senior students will visit St John's Kinder again next week. A Care Monkey permission request was sent home to parents of these children yesterday. This initiative is proving to be valuable in building relationships with our main feeder pre-school as well as benefiting our students and the pre-schoolers at St Johns.

Year 4 Camp

Next Thursday and Friday (9th and 10th August) our Year 4 students will be attending an overnight camp at Marysville. This has been a most beneficial experience for our Year 4 students in the past and we are sure they are going to have a wonderful time.

100 Days for Prep Children

On Tuesday 31st July, the Preps celebrated their 100th Day of School.

We celebrated this wonderful milestone over two days with lots of fun activities all about 100.

The day began by talking about all things 100. 100 is a BIG number!

We made crowns which we proudly wore during our celebrations as well as some cool sunglasses.

We loved all the activities like painting 100 gumballs and working together to paste 100 faces onto a chart.

Our teachers and families are so proud of us - now, we are 100 days smarter!

By: Prep G & Prep PS



Tag-On

We know that being physically active every day leads to a happier and healthier school community. Riding and walking to school is a great way for students of all ages to meet their recommended daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity. Physical activity is one of the most important factors in disease prevention in Australia, but over the past 40 years, the number of children who are physically active every day has significantly declined. In the 1970s, 8 out of 10 students rode or walked to school. Today the national average is only 2 out of 10. Encouraging active travel to school by walking and riding will also reduce traffic congestion around our school and help the environment.

Our school has decided to invest in the TAG ON program to encourage an active and safe travel culture at our school. Each day students will be able to tag on and record how they travelled to school via a touch screen kiosk in the foyer of the school. When students tag on an email will automatically be sent to the child's parents to inform them their child has arrived safely to school. Once the program is up and running children could earn points towards their personal Active Travel Tally.

This program will initially be introduced to those children who currently ride to school. In time we will involve those children who walk to school or walk part of the way to school.

If your child rides to school then we would ask that you be mindful that further information will soon be communicated to your family about this initiative.

The Sandpit is OPEN

The new sandpit was completed last weekend and the children have been enjoying this newly created play space. Many thanks to Sarah Counihan and Jill Palermo who have driven this project. Our plan is to introduce additional creative play spaces on the oval in the next couple of years.



Supervision on Ferntree Gully Road

We are currently monitoring the exit driveway on Ferntree Gully Road before and after school. With the building works taking place we are noticing that some days are better than others.

At this stage we ask that:

- parents and carers continue to ensure children's safety as they cross the driveway
- drivers are cautious when exiting the driveway, giving way to pedestrians
- pedestrians walk behind a car if it is exiting from the driveway

Staff will not be responsible for assisting drivers to exit onto Ferntree Gully Road. While we will continue to monitor the driveway exit we cannot guarantee that a staff member will be present on every occasion.

Patience and care will certainly assist to ensure the safety of all our children.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds-to-be

On Saturday 11th August Sarah Counihan and her partner Tom are to be married. We wish them an amazing day, shared with their family and friends and a lifetime of love and happiness together.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the Rogers Family (Isabella 1/2L and Darcy Prep PS) on the safe arrival of their sister.

Condolences

Are thoughts and prayers are with the following families at this sad time:

Sophie Dias for the passing of her Grandfather.

Jayden and Kaylee D'Rozario for the passing of their Grandmother.

Zoe D'Souza-Le for the passing of her Grandfather.



Junior Primary Zonal Chess Tournament

There is an Open Age Tournament organised for Tuesday 28th August at Kingswood College in Box Hill for students. The cost to enter is \$20 per player and it runs for the day. If you are interested, please let the Office know by Tuesday 14th August at the latest so we can finalise details for the day. Thank you

Unallocated Fees

We have received two amounts of money into our school account from a CBA account, with no reference name, on the 15th June and 16th July. There was also another family who have paid on the 21st July with a reference name we could not match. Please check your accounts and contact the office if this was yours.

Take care and enjoy the remainder of the week.

Brendan Welsford
Principal

COHR Art Show

Theme:

Around the World

**Official Opening
and**

Class Art Piece Raffle

Tuesday 11th September

More information soon...



CHAMPS MAT

Life skills program

The MAT Life Skills program is for children aged 8 - 12 years who have a parent with mental health issues, including children who do not live with their parents.

The MAT program is a physically active therapeutic program with a focus on four values: *Be strong, be calm, be kind, and try hard*. It combines the principles of mental wellbeing and emotional literacy with those of traditional martial art training techniques.

This program will run for 8 weeks in term 3.

When: Every Tuesday 31st July-18th September 2018

Where: Link Health and Community, 9-15 Cooke St, Clayton, VIC 3168.

Cost: FREE!

The program will be facilitated by The MAT program and the FaPMI program (Families where a parent has a mental illness) at Monash Health.

For more information and referrals please call: Natalie Papps (Monash Health FaPMI coordinator) on 0435684309

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LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR

THANK YOU, with a slow start we managed to have a successful 2018 Book Fair. Thank you to all who visited and purchased from our Carnival Book Fair, you have contributed towards a commission for our school library and importantly our students. The students have given me suggestions of what books to add to our library both from the Book Fair and other book companies.

Our Book Fair ran smoothly with the excellent assistance from some of our senior students. These students volunteered their time either before or after school last week to help sell the books. BIG thanks to our Literature Captains Yasmin & Alanah and the team of Eve, Teresa, Ellen, Angelica and Grace. There were some other students who helped in the week also. Thank You.

All books that had to be re-ordered have been and we are awaiting their arrival - hopefully by tomorrow, if not next week.

I was disappointed with the quality of picture books this year and have been in contact with Carnival Books to express my concern that the opportunity to supply and promote rich quality Australian books was very limited. I have also spoken with the students for suggestions of what type of books we need for future Book Fairs and have communicated this to Carnival.

If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to email me.



BOOK WEEK

The 2018 Book Week theme is '**FIND YOUR TREASURE**'. This term the students are being exposed to a selection of the shortlisted books in the Early Childhood, Picture Story, and Young Readers categories from the Children's Book Council of Australia.

Book Week is an **EXCITING** week at COHR. Apart from fun activities in the library and classrooms, we also hold our annual **Book Character Parade**. This year we are dressing-up on Wednesday 22nd August and will start the day with our parade at 8.50am. After our parade all grades will participate in various book activities.

We encourage all children, preschoolers and even parents to present themselves as their favourite book character. It may be a character from the current shortlisted books –Feel free to visit the library to view the shortlisted books or for some assistance with ideas. No need to go and buy costumes or spend hours making them– just make use of bits and pieces at home. There are lots of book characters that are children who wear normal clothes and may have an object that defines them! This is a fun day and the only prizes awarded are lots of applause, laughter and big smiles.

Looking forward to seeing you 'in character' on Wednesday 22nd August.

Many Thanks

Karen Wakeling



Students and parents are invited
to join us for the COHR

Family Maths Night



Come and explore a range of Maths
activities for all ages!

All year levels and their families are
invited to attend.

Chances to win raffle prizes for your
attendance and participation!



Tuesday 28th August

6:30 to 8PM

COHR Hall



WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

The white elephant stall will be taking donations as of next term. No electrical items please.

RAFFLE PRIZES – We are currently after donations, in many forms, to assist with fundraising at this year's Fete. We are currently looking for a major prize for our raffle and are wondering if anyone has a business or business contact that may be able to assist. We are looking along the lines of a travel voucher, accommodation voucher or something similar of similar attraction. If you are able to assist in any way we would ask that you make contact with the school office. Thank you.

PLANTS – Now is the time to start planning and planting for our plant stall. If you are a gardener and can assist with establishing some plants to sell at the Fete, it would be greatly appreciated.

STAGE ENTERTAINMENT – We are looking for clubs, music groups, sports groups who may be interested in performing on stage at the Fete. If you know of someone who may be interested please contact Sarah Arnott on 0400 931 832.

JARS - Please start collecting jars for our Mystery Bottle stall.

Term 3 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
1	JULY 16 Term 3 Begins	17	18 Children dismissed @2.30pm Parent/Teacher Interviews	19 Parent/Teacher Interviews	20	21	22
2	23	24	25 Book Fair	26	27	28	29
		3-6 Athletic Trials 9:00-1:00 at Davies Reserve	Grandparents & Special Friends Day CONFIRMATION FAMILY WORKSHOP				
3	30	31 Confirmation Reflection Day	AUGUST 1 Fete Meeting @ 7.30pm	2	3 School Sports 2:30pm-5:00pm. Early Finish at 1:00pm	4	5
4	6	7	8	9	10 <div>Grade 4 Camp</div>	11	12
5	13	14 Confirmation Rehearsal	15 Feast of the Assumption Mass @ 11.30am Ed Board @ 7.30pm	16	17 CONFIRMATION 7.00pm	18	19
6	20	21	22	23	24	25 EUCHARIST Commitment Mass	26
	BOOK WEEK – FIND YOUR TREASURE						
			Dress Up Day Hot Dog Day				
7	27 District Athletics	28	29 P.A Meeting @ 7.30pm	30 Father's Day Stall	31	SEPTEMBER 1	2 Father's Day
8	3 SCHOOL CLOSURE	4	5	6	7	8	9
9	10	11 ART SHOW	12 Ed Board @ 7.30pm	13	14	15	16
10	17	18	19 P.A Meeting @ 7.30am	20	21 End of Term Student Finish 2.30pm		