



CHRIST OUR HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we celebrate the 2nd Sunday of Advent, paying attention to the words and actions of John the Baptist. These scriptures remind us that God has not held back one thing in his love for us. They beautifully capture the spirit of preparation and waiting that characterises the liturgical season of Advent. John the Baptist is portrayed as fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah and others as the one who comes before the Lord preparing the way. He is a messenger, sent by God to 'do the groundwork' preparing the people for the coming of the Christ.

We pray that we at Christ Our Holy Redeemer can find our place of rest and quiet where we can encounter the presence of God in our own preparations.

An Advent Prayer

*God of light and hope,
Look upon us in love,
and fill us with the spirit of Jesus
That we may love and serve you in your kingdom.
Protect us during this week
and keep us watchful in prayer
As we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
Who is the light of the world,
And who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever.*

Advent
*A Season of Hope
& Expectation*

FETE

Thank you to everyone involved in making this year's Fete such a great success. We are delighted to report that we raised \$34,432. What an amazing effort!

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

Next Thursday we will be holding a special evening to acknowledge the efforts of our Year 6 students who will be completing their final year at primary school this year. This is a night for the children and their families. The children will attend mass, share a meal together and participate in a graduation ceremony. We congratulate them all on this wonderful milestone and wish them every blessing as they commence the next step on their educational journey.



Term Dates 2019

TERM 1 : Preps will commence on Thursday 31st January (Foundation hours are 8.55am – 1.00pm on this day only)

Assessments for Years 1-6 will be conducted on Wednesday 30th - Thursday 31st January.

All students will commence on Friday 1st February

REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS

Report envelopes will be sent home next week. In the envelopes will be Semester Two Report, a book supplies list for 2019 and a PTO pin and username. The PTO slip will be used to book an Assessment time for your child on either Wednesday 30th January or Thursday 31st January. Portfolios will also be sent home. We ask students in Years 1, 3 and 5 to return their portfolios.

School Banking

The last day for school banking is next Tuesday 11th December. There will be no more claiming awards for 2018. The banking tokens will roll over into 2019. We need banking helpers for 2019. If you are able to assist for an hour on a Tuesday, please contact the office. If your child would like to bank with the school next year, please go to www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to register. School Banking raised \$2000 for the school this year.

OUTSTANDING FEES

There are still some outstanding school fees owing. Could we please ask that all accounts are finalised by Monday 10th December. Thank you

'GOING UP DAY'

On Monday 17th December the children will meet and spend time with their 2019 class and teacher. A full staff list for 2019 will be communicated next Thursday in an end-of-year newsletter.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week

Brendan Welsford
Principal

OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS END-OF YEAR MESSAGE

What a way to finish in the last term of the year!

It has been an amazing year, with the Art Show, Footy Colours Day, the School Fete and so much more...

We congratulate Mrs Stafford and her husband for the birth of their baby girl, Poppy Jayne Stafford. We wish them well for the next stage in their lives as a family - we know Poppy will be a fantastic mathematician.

Good luck to all the Grade 6 students for their graduation with their family support and so many wonderful memories to take with them as they grow older. Keep trying your best!

The school sports event this year was excellent. People were supporting each other (even if they were in different teams) and it was a great example of the community spirit we have here at COHR.



This term, we have welcomed the new preps and their families for 2019. We hope you have a brilliant time here. It feels a little strange to know we will be at another school to start next year but we also know you will be in good hands.

For all staff, students and families who are leaving our school this year, we wish you all the best and thank you for being a part of our school community.



We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have safe holidays!

Your (very proud) 2018 School Captains,
 Grace Longano and Christian Bernardo

Term 4 2018

9	3 December	4	5 School Education Board Meeting 6:30pm	6	7	8	9
10	10	11	12	13 Graduation Mass and Dinner 6.00pm	14 Reports & Portfolios sent home	15	16
11	17 'Going Up Day' 12:30pm Year 6 Assembly 2:15pm	18 End of School Mass 9.00am Students finish 3.30pm	19	20 Staff Finish	21	22	23

