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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,

On Monday, we held our Combined Schools Mass and Activities Day with Sacred Heart Primary School and what a wonderful day it was! I was extremely proud of our students here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer as we played host to students and staff from Sacred Heart Primary. They were very welcoming and inclusive. It was terrific to see the children interacting with one another in the activities and on the playground.

An enormous thank you to all people involved in the preparation, organisation and participation in the mass and celebrations. It showed the wonderful community we have here with so many parents (20 parents on the day) giving of their time to ensure that the day progressed smoothly. We had a large group of parent helpers from both schools who worked so well together. Thank you SO much. You are amazing!

A special thanks to the Iverson Family for donating all of the bread for the sausage sizzle lunch and to the Perri family for organising the sausages.

We received positive feedback from students, parents, staff and visitors. It was a wonderful example of a community coming together to celebrate!

Congratulations to our 2019 School Sports winners- Slattery (Green)

What a sensational time we had last Thursday evening for our School Sports. It was a wonderful evening where the children thoroughly enjoyed participating in the many events. It was also a great opportunity for the parents to socialise as a community. A big thankyou to Sue Tobin, our Physical Education teacher, for coordinating this event. It takes a lot of organising to stage this type of activity and Sue managed to organise it all with very little stress. Having the perfect weather certainly added to the night and a great time was had by all. Well done Green Team!

Sincere thanks again to our parents who willingly assisted with the set-up, catering and pack-up. It was terrific to have so many parents helping out.



Enhancing Catholic School Identity Surveys

Thank you to those families who have completed the ECSI surveys which will assist us in better understanding how our Catholic Identity is expressed in work, and practice here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer. The surveys are due to be completed by the end of the term.

Staff News

Elise Rimington will commence her maternity leave as of tomorrow and will be on leave for the remainder of the year (Elise will be leaving around midday on Friday). We wish Elise and her husband Nick all the very best as they await the arrival of their first child in late April.

Franca Paduano will be taking on the role of Literacy Leader in Elise's absence.

Following surgery a couple of weeks ago, **Jill Palermo** is resting and on the road to recovery. Jill will be away for the remainder of the term and is looking forward to returning at the start of Term 2.

Reconciliation Family Faith Night

This evening there will be a Family Faith Night for children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Parents and children are asked to meet in the hall for a 7pm start.

After School Pick-up Reminder

In order to keep corridors clear and safe before dismissal we ask that parents wait to collect their child/children in the courtyard or in an area other than the corridor. We also encourage the children to develop their independence by packing their own bag and therefore we have children coming in and out of the classroom in the 20 minutes before the bell. It is certainly safer if the corridors are as clear as possible at this time. Thank you for your understanding.

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) provides payments for eligible students to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sport programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions.

Applications for 2019 are now open and will close on 22 June 2019. Application forms are available from the school office. Alternatively we invite you to visit the Victoria Government website at

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx#link16>

I will be attending a principal's conference next Tuesday to Friday. I am looking forward to this professional learning with the conference theme being 'Impact the Future – Leading Today's Learners for Tomorrow'.

Michella Pradel will be available in my absence should you need to discuss any school or student matters.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week.

Brendan Welsford
Principal

Inviting Christ into the Classroom

Lord Jesus,

We invite you into our classroom today.

Bless our minds and fill them with knowledge and wonder about your world.

Bless our hands as they become your hands of care and thoughtfulness to others.

Open our eyes to all our education offers us each day, and help us learn your ways.

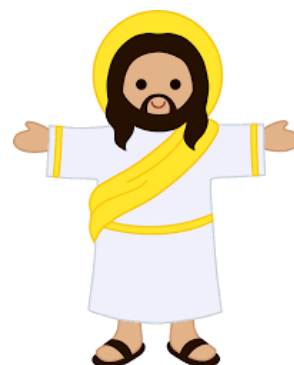
Fill our mouths with kind words that show appreciation to our teachers, classmates and friends.

Forgive us when we forget that you are our guest.

Thank you for dwelling in our hearts, our classroom, and our school with your spirit, grace and love.

May we serve you with our learning and love what we do in your name,

We ask all of this through you, our greatest teacher of all. Amen



From Our School Captains

Hello, your school captains here,

There has been lots of great learning evident over the past few weeks. Classes are learning about family, communities, rules and laws and migration and refugees. We have also been learning about 'input and output' during Digital Technologies lessons. Everyone is enjoying these so much - thank you Mrs Torrisi!

Combined Schools Day was a great success. Meeting with Sacred Heart Primary was a great way to meet new people and make friends. We went to mass together, had a sausage sizzle, played and did a few other activities. Thanks to the parents who helped the day run smoothly, and for the delicious sausages. Thank you to Mrs Tobin for a great sports day and congratulations to everyone for great sport spirit and great teamwork. Congratulations to green team for winning both awards on the day. Thank you to all of the parents who helped to set up and pack up sports day.

A few important dates to be aware of:

Friday 22 March - Gala day 5/6 level

Tuesday 26 March - Reconciliation Reflection day

Wednesday 27 March - Hot dog day/Walkathon

Friday 5 April - End of term 1 (2:30 finish)

As we come closer to the end of term one, we are proud to be captains at your school where great learning happens and everyone looks after one another.

Have a terrific Easter holiday!

From Sienna and Jack

Let's Help the Planet

The children are doing a wonderful job in separating soft plastics from our general rubbish to reduce our landfill waste.

We are currently taking the soft plastics to either Coles or Woolworths each Friday.

If parents can assist with this task, we would appreciate your help. Please record your name on the roster, which is located in the school foyer. Thank you.



Term 1 Dates

Thursday 21st March – Reconciliation Family Faith Night 7pm at COHR Hall

Monday 25th March – Education Board Meeting – AGM

Tuesday 26th March – Reconciliation Reflection day

Wednesday 27th March – Walk-a-thon

Wednesday 3rd April – Sacrament of Reconciliation 7pm in the church

Term 2 Dates

Tuesday 23rd April – School Commences

Tuesday 23rd April – Eucharist Family Workshop

Thursday 25th April – Public Holiday (Anzac Day)

Monday 29th April – 3rd May – 5/6 Canberra Camp

Monday 6th May – Parent/teacher Interviews 4.00-7.00pm

Tuesday 7th May – Parent /Teacher Interviews 3.00 – 5.00pm (Students dismissed at 2.30pm)

Tuesday 14th May to 16th May - Yrs 3 & 5

Saturday 25th May – Eucharist Commitment Mass

Monday 10th June – Public Holiday (Queen's birthday)

Thursday 13th June – Eucharist Walk-through Mass

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Icy Poles

Icy Poles will be on sale again this Friday. Icy poles will be sold for \$1.00 each.

Walk-a-thon / Hot Dog Day

We will be holding a hot dog lunch on Wednesday 27 March as a part of Walkathon Day. Children will receive a cinnamon donut and cordial drink when they return from their walk and a hot dog for lunch. Remember to place \$5 in an envelope with your child's name and class on the front and drop it in to the office by Monday 25 March. If you have placed your name down to assist on the day, we will meet at the following times:

- Assisting with crossing supervision – meet at the office after drop off at 8.45am
- Assisting with distribution of drinks and donuts – meet under the shelter on the asphalt after drop off at 8.45am
- Assisting with hot dog lunch – meet in the hall at 11.45am

Easter Raffle

We are holding a Raffle with Easter hampers over the last two weeks of term. A booklet of 5 raffle tickets will be sent home to each family next week. Tickets are \$1 each and if you require more tickets, they can be obtained from the office.

We will also have a "Guess A Jar" where children can guess how many Easter eggs are in the jar. 50c for one guess. This will take place in the foyer before and after school.

The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday 5 April along with the winner of "Guess A Jar".

VIP Car Park

We are looking at moving the VIP car park to the section at the back of the church (main school car park) so it's more accessible. We will have a silent auction set up in the office from Monday 1 April with the winner being announced at assembly on Friday 5 April.

*Please be aware that due to the build up of traffic in the carpark in the afternoon and at pick up time, we advise you arrive before 3.20pm to access the car spot.

Save The Date

We will be holding our school disco on Friday 21 June in the school hall. More information to come out closer to the date.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The **Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge** is now open and **COHR** is excited to be participating. The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2019.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the book lists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Students can begin recording books either on their record sheet or online. All children at COHR have been registered to be part of this challenge. To log in as a student you must use your given username and password that has been registered through the school. Parents and children are able to access the internet site, view the details and add books when completed. Booklists are also in our library.

STUDENT LOGIN

Go to <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/> click on *Student Login*

The username for all children begins with coh_____

P – 4 usernames are christian name & first letter of surname

5 – 6 usernames are initial of christian name and full surname

The password for all children is similar and ends with 3166 eg: _____3166

P – 4 passwords are christian name & first letter of surname

5 – 6 passwords are initial of christian name and full surname

(no spaces and all lower case – eg: cohrkarenw OR cohrrwakeling & kwakeling3166)

Username: coh_____

Password: _____3166

Students will log in and find out more information next week in Library lessons. Any questions please ask or email us.
Thank You

Karen Wakeling - Librarian/ICT: kwakeling@cohroakeast.catholic.edu.au

Franca Paduano - Literacy Leader: fpaduano@cohroakeast.catholic.edu.au

Dear Parents,

We are accepting expressions of interest from parents who would like their child/children to participate in the Seasons For Growth program for Term 2.

Seasons is a peer support program for young people who have experienced the loss of a significant person in their lives. This loss and change is essentially because of death or separation and divorce within the family unit.



When we experience loss we may look for support and encouragement as we adjust to the loss.

The changes in our lives that occur because of this loss, challenge us to find 'inner and outer resources' to help us to cope and reconcile our lives.

Seasons provides an opportunity for young people to express, acknowledge, normalise and integrate their grief. The facilitator running the sessions has been trained to guide this process.

If your child is part of a single parent or step-family or has experienced the loss or death of a significant person, this will be an opportunity for him/her to share with someone what is happening on the inside.

As it is a peer support program that relies on discussion within a group, the availability of the program is dependent on the number of children wanting to participate and the staff available.

The Seasons program will be organised as follows:

- sessions will be held at school.
- will comprise of 10 weekly sessions
- the group will have no more than 6 children.
- the group will be facilitated by a specially trained staff member.

If you would like your child to be a part of this program or would like some further information, please email me at school no later than Wednesday 3rd April. Contact will be made with the parents whose child has been accepted into the program.

Yours Sincerely

Jo Hunt

Student Wellbeing Leader

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