



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,

We are now entering the final weeks of our Lenten season. As Easter is still two weeks away, we will continue to focus our learning and prayer around Lent. A Lenten prayer will form part of our whole school assembly in the morning. When we return next term we will direct our thoughts, prayers and learning towards the significance of Easter.

As we journey through the remainder of Lent let us keep Christ at the centre of all our words and actions and let us focus our lives more clearly on walking in the way of Christ and living a Christian life.



*Jesus,
The night before your death,
you asked your friends to remain with you.
This Lent,
In the midst of all the busyness,
remind me to be present with you,
And stay with you,
To remain with you.
Here.
Now.
Amen.*

Reconciliation

Last night 39 students from Year 3 received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It was a meaningful and sacred liturgy celebrated in our church along with the support of three priests who assisted Father John. Over the past few weeks the children have been preparing for this special Sacrament in class and at home and have come to a better understanding that forgiveness brings peace.

School Interviews

School interviews will take place next term on Monday 6th May 4pm – 7pm and Tuesday 7th May 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Students will be dismissed at 2:30pm on Tuesday 7th May.

This year we are using a new booking website service called **School Interviews** (not PTO as used in the past). Please see the attached page for instructions on making a booking or alternatively use the link below.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code?code=azsxe> Bookings are now open.

Canberra 2019

Our Year 5 and 6 students are getting very excited as they prepare for their camp to Canberra early next term. Students will depart on Monday 29th April and will return on Friday 3rd May.

Staff News

At the end of our first week back next term, we will be farewelling Jo Hunt as she commences her maternity leave. We are all very excited for Jo and her husband Shane as they await the birth of their new family member. Next term Rachael O'Halloran will be taking on the fulltime role as 1/2 HO classroom teacher.

Sunsmart

As recommended by Sunsmart we are requesting that children continue to wear their school hats until the end of Week 2 in Term 2. This will be Friday 3rd May. Children will be encouraged to leave their hats at school over the school holidays.



Parish Education Board

Last Monday 25th March the Parish Education Board held its first meeting and AGM for the year. Under the guidance of Father John the following parents have been appointed to the board;

Chairperson: Anthony Longano

Deputy Chair: Tamsyn D'Souza- Le

Secretary: Kylie Payne

Parish Rep: Peter Birmingham

Parent's Assoc Rep: Anna Belmuda

Staff: Michella Pradel and Brendan Welsford

General Members: Joel Ramalinga, Ana Goodman, Rachel Terkelsen, David Florio, Carolyn Grenfell

At our first meeting the following items were discussed;

- Homework Policy
- Online Reporting to parents
- Religious Leadership in 2019
- Building Update

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.

Term 1 has certainly been a busy and productive one. I congratulate the children on all their efforts this term.

Special congratulations to our **amazing Prep students** who have completed their first term at primary school. It is amazing how much they have learnt in the short time they have been at school. I am sure, like the rest of the students (and teachers!), that they are ready for a well-deserved break.

A special thank you to our wonderful parents who have contributed to make Christ Our Holy Redeemer the positive and vibrant community it is.

I hope you have a lovely break, enjoying the time with your children.

Please keep safe if you are travelling and I pray you have a happy and holy Easter.

We will see you all on Tuesday 23rd April

Brendan Welsford
Principal

It's BOOK FAIR Time!!

Christ Our Holy Redeemer School will be hosting a Lamont Book's Book Fair in Week 2 & 3 of Term 2. This is a family and Australian run company we are trying this year and a new time frame due to the building works that will be going on in Term 3. A Book Fair is an opportunity to purchase quality literature for your children or friends. All students will have preview times in their Library lessons during week two. Students will bring home a wish list to discuss with you about them purchasing one or more of their selected books. Parents are also invited to preview the books from Friday 3rd May before or after school until the following Friday morning 9th May. Our Book Fair will be held in our school hall.

Please note there is no obligation to buy but our school does receive a generous commission in the form of books to add to our library. More information in week one of Term 2.

Thank you

Karen Wakeling

Term 1 Dates

Friday 5th April Term 1 concludes at **2:30pm**

Term 2 Dates

Tuesday 23rd April – School Commences

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 NAPLAN

Thursday 23rd May – Eucharist Family Faith Night 7pm

Saturday 25th May – Eucharist Commitment Mass

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

Thursday 13th June – Eucharist Walk-through Mass

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held shortly.



Interviews are strictly 10 minutes and spaces are limited. If you require more time with a particular teacher, please arrange a separate meeting by telephoning the school on 9569 8966

Go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au

MAKE A BOOKING

enter the code **azsxe**



Enter your details



Select the teachers you wish to see



Select the appointment times that suit your family best



When you click FINISH your selected bookings will be emailed to you immediately. If you not receive your email, please check your junk-mail, or enter the event code again and check your email address spelling. Update your details if email address is incorrect.

DO NOT DELETE the email you receive. Keep it somewhere safe. You may need to refer back to it at a later date.

REMEMBER TO ADD YOUR APPOINTMENTS TO YOUR CALENDAR - reminders will not be sent home.

Bookings must be finalised by 21st February at 4pm

If you need to view, cancel, change or print your bookings:

- Click on the link in the confirmation email you received after you made your bookings
- OR return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter the code and the email address you used when making your bookings.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Icy Poles

Icy Poles will be on sale again this Friday. Icy poles will be sold for \$0.50 each. Icy Poles will not be on sale now until Term 4.

Easter Raffle

The Easter Raffle will be drawn at tomorrow's assembly.

The winner of the "Guess A Jar" will be announced at tomorrow's assembly.

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. The winner being announced at assembly tomorrow

*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.

Walk-a-thon / Hot Dog Day

What a wonderful morning for the Walkathon. Students and adults all enjoyed a great time walking around the circuit. MANY THANKS to all parent volunteers who helped - this event ran smoothly because of you! We are extremely grateful. Thank you to all staff who have assisted in many ways while maintaining a classroom program today

Thank you also to families who donated and supplied food for the day.



Learning Diversity at COHR

Learning Diversity refers to the infinite number of differences and the wide variety of needs of all our learners here at Christ our Holy Redeemer. Our students all have strengths in particular areas while they can also have additional needs in another. We believe that all students should experience success and our educational programs are adjusted in order to achieve this goal.

Student needs can be Academic, Social/Emotional, Physical or Sensory.

Here at COHR we implement a number of strategies and processes to meet these varied needs.

- A modified curriculum: broken down into smaller parts to make it more accessible, additional support in small groups or one on one at times
- Learning support officers (teacher aides) work within the classrooms to support the additional needs of children
- Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) may be created to meet specific needs
- Program Support Group (PSGs) meetings are allocated regularly to discuss and review student goals and progress
- Incidental parent meetings when needed and email communication
- Collaboration with professionals such as Speech Pathologists, Psychologists, Paediatricians, Occupational Therapists and Visiting Teacher service for Hearing and Vision support.
- Intervention programs in both Numeracy and Literacy for students targeted from data collection that are continuously reviewed and adapted as needs change
- Additional assessment within the school or through Catholic Education Melbourne via learning consultants or professionals

“Educators work together to ensure that any adjustments are individually tailored and designed to maximize growth for each learner.”

CEM Horizons of Hope Foundation Statement



Suzanne Neil
Learning Diversity Leader

