Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2015 school year. I trust that the holidays were a time of family celebrations and relaxing together, as well as enjoying the blessings of the Christmas season. It is our continued hope and determination to “create a challenging, collaborative and engaging learning environment that promotes lifelong learning” (School’s Vision Statement). The New Year brings a sense of new beginnings, new opportunities and new experiences. However, it’s not like we are commencing with a blank canvas, but rather we continue to build on previous learnings and experiences.

And so, I look forward to another wonderful and successful year at Christ Our Holy Redeemer.

WELCOME MORNING TEA
Tomorrow morning, Friday, we will welcome our Prep children and their families. All families – new and existing are invited to a morning tea in the Hall at 9am.

STAFFING
We also welcome Tanya Weston (5/6W), Sofie Burger (3/4B) and Vicky Kalliontzis (Classroom support). We welcome them into our community and look forward to their contribution to our wonderful community.

‘O’ WEEK
At the beginning of each year we focus on establishing a positive classroom and school environment. This year the focus of ‘O’ week is on the 5R’s for belonging to our community:

✔ Showing Respect
✔ Being Responsible
✔ Being Reasonable
✔ Being Reflective
✔ Building Relationships in our community

We have engaged Kidsproof who will run co-operative and getting to know you activities next Monday and Tuesday. Kidsproof will be working with the school throughout the year, running a program entitled “Building a Better Schoolyard.” They will also conduct a Parent Information evening on Tuesday 17th February at 7pm in the Hall. The focus of this meeting will be on building resilience in our children.

SCHOOL MASS
Our Beginning of the School Year Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 5th February at 9am. I would love to see as many parents as possible join us to pray many blessings of the year.

FAMILY FISH’N’CHIP NIGHT
As a culmination of ‘O’ week we invite all families to our family Fish’n’Chips evening on Thursday 5th February between 5:30 and 7pm. The aim of the evening is to gather as a school community to begin the year. It is a BYO everything evening.

CONDOLENCES
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Harris family (Ben & Xavier) whose Grandmother passed away during the holidays. We also pray for the Oorloff family (Xander, Archie and Heidi) whose Grandmother passed away in the holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Leah and Chris Macdonald who welcomed a baby girl in January (Summer Grace).

MORNING ARRIVAL PROCEDURES
We are slightly altering our morning procedures. Children who arrive at school before 8:35am will be asked to wait in the Basketball court. Please note that early arrivers are not supervised until 8:35am. Between 8:35 and 8:45 children will be asked to wait on the Basketball court until 8:45 when the music will play and they may make their way into their classrooms.

- 8:35 – 8:45 Arrival at school – on Asphalt area
- 8:45 Music to prepare for school
- 8:50 Bell
- 8:55 Learning Session One commences
- 11:10 -11:20 Supervised eating
- 11:20 – 11:40 Recess
- 11:40 – 1:10 Learning Session Two
- 1:10 – 1:20 Supervised eating
- 1:20 – 2:00 Play
- 2:00 – 3:30 Learning Session Three

Children are not expected at school before 8:35 as they will not be supervised. They may move into class at 8:45, ready to begin the learning program at 8:55.

TIQBIZ
This year we will commence using tiqbiz – an app to communicate with you. You’ll be notified of news, messages, events and other communications via the app.

ASSEMBLY
Our regular Friday morning assemblies will commence Friday week. Parents are warmly welcome to attend the Friday morning Assemblies which commence at 8:55am.

LUNCH ORDERS
Classroom Cuisine will again provide our lunch order service on Mondays and Fridays.

All orders must be placed on line before 8.30am. School have no access to the service and will not be able to place late orders. For information or to order, please visit: www.classroomcuisine.com.au on our website.
SCHOOL HATS
A reminder that children are required to have their school hats for recess, lunchtimes and PE. Please, please ensure hats are clearly named.

SCHOOL LEADERS 2015
Congratulations to the following students who will undertake the following various Leadership roles this year:

School Captains:
Theo Makrogiannidis & Ruby Ford

Sports Captains:
Kinnaird (Blue): Mia Franzoni & Will Iverson
O’Brien (Red): Antony Bernardo & Cooper Fisher
Slattery (Green): Sal DiRienzo & Christian Heil
Watson (Gold): James Francis & Georgia Schroder

Environment Captains:
Stephanie Caccamo & Georgia Koutsoubos

ICT Captains:
Fergus Callander & Samuel Corando

Social Justice Captains:
Alexa Theodorakakis & Sienna DalSantoFusco

Arts Captains:
Peter DeMarco & Kheimon Gravanis

OSHC PROGRAM
Our Out of School care program is up and running again. This is a wonderful program that provides quality before school (from 7am) and after school (until 6pm) care and activities for our students.

PARKING PROTOCOLS
Parking in and around schools is always an issue and here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer it is no different. We do, however, have expectations about parent behaviour – accepting that drop off and pick up times are always busy, that modelling good, courteous behaviour is important for our children and that we agree to follow the attached ‘Parking Protocols.’

STAFFING – 2015

Level One (Prep)
Nicole Harink Prep H
Susan Daly Prep D

Level Two (One/Two)
Jo White 1/2 W
Emily Shannon 1/2 S
Phil Solari (T-F) & Franca Paduano (M) 1/2 SP
Ilona Cetrola & Franca Paduano (W) 1/2CP

Level Three (Three/Four)
Sofie Burger 3/4 B
Elise Pape 3/4 EP
Georgina Laming 3/4L
Jill Palermo 3/4JP

Level Four (Five/Six)
Michella Pradel
Sue Tobin (Tues) 5/6 PT
John Killen 5/6 K
Tanya Weston 5/6W

Specialists
Karen Wakeling Resource Centre & ICT (Tues, Thurs, Fri)
Sue Tobin PE (Th, Fri)
Marisa Lucia LOTE (Italian Tues, Thurs, Fri)
Connie Antenucci Performing Arts (Thurs, Fri)
Karim Dornbierer Visual Arts (Mon)

Student Services
Michelle Seel
Sr Patricia Keogh

Class support/Integration Aides
Franca Paduano
Sue Jenkins
Lorraine Hill
Isabelle Georgalas
Vicky Kalliontzis

Administration
Virginia Macdonald (M,T,Th,F)
Pru Barratt (T,W)

Chaplain
Sr Patricia Keogh

Positions of Leadership
Antonietta Corp Deputy & Learning & Teaching Leader
Michelle Pradel Literacy & Curriculum Leader
Karen Wakeling ICT leader
John Killeen Sport Co-ordinator
Emily Shannon Mathematics Leader
Jill Palermo Religious Education Leader
Michelle Seel Student Services
Tom Coghlan Principal

Best wishes

STAFFING – 2015

Thomas Coghlan PRINCIPAL

TENNIS COACHING
Enrol now for tennis lessons at Holy Redeemer Tennis Club.
When: Before school and Saturday morning
Who: All age groups and standards
New groups for beginners available
Where: Holy Redeemer Tennis Club
Phone: David McNamara (T.C.A.V Coach)
Home: 9803 5754
Mobile: 0413 058 876
Parking Protocols

The following guidelines have been documented to help ensure the safety of our children. Many are common sense but it is essential as a parent group they are followed to ensure the safety of our children. It is also important that parents model positive behaviours to the children of our school. Please also ensure any family members or friends who also collect your children are aware of these guidelines.

It is expected that these ‘Parking protocols’ be adhered to ensure safety and ease of traffic through the school.

1. Parents/carers are expected to show and model courtesy and patience to the children and to all members of our community.

2. The Gate (opposite Hall entry) is the ONLY drop off zone for the morning. This is a strictly a ‘kiss & go’ zone, children need to quickly and carefully get in and out of the car. There should be no reason for parents to get out of the car.

3. The No Standing Zone beneath the Principal’s Office is designated as such to allow safe passage for cars exiting the school grounds and for children walking from the school building or arriving and leaving the school on bicycle. Please note: this is NOT A DROP-OFF ZONE. Please do not park in non-marked areas/ keep clear zones.

4. Parking along the driveway near the Tennis Courts prevents cars from entering and exiting designated parking spaces. It also blocks the marked walkway for children participating in activities on the oval or tennis courts. If all spaces are full, please use the oval or park in nearby streets.

5. Gate pick up is designed to enable parents to arrive at school at 3.30 and drive through to collect their children after school has finished. Please do not arrive early only to wait in your cars for the bell to go and then form a queue for gate pick up. This only prevents parents who wish to go into the school from being able to park and creates an instant grid-lock, making the car park much more frustrating for all users. If your child is not at the gate, then you will be advised to drive on and re-enter the school. This is a strictly a ‘kiss & go’ zone, children need to quickly and carefully get in and out of the car. There should be no reason for parents to get out of the car. If parents need to assist their children by getting out of the car, parents will need to park and escort their child into school. It is the child’s responsibility to be ready and waiting at the gate at pick up – if the child isn’t ready then you may be asked to move on.

6. Have you considered parking in a nearby street and walking to or from school even one or two days per week? Simple measures like this would ease car park congestion significantly. Could walking this distance together be preparation for your children to meet you themselves when old enough to do so or be preparation for making their way independently to secondary school?

7. The bus zone on Huntingdale Road is NOT a pick up or drop off zone. Stopping in this area places children at great risk, especially during peak traffic times. Please refrain from stopping at all in this zone.

8. Parking on Ferntree Gully Road, between Huntingdale Road and Leroux Street stops cars from exiting the school safely and easily. Parking in this area blocks view of oncoming traffic and prohibits cars from pulling into the left lane thereby slowing down traffic flow through the school.

9. Children need to be carefully supervised by their parents as they make their way to their car.

10. For pedestrian traffic exiting onto Ferntree Gully Road, please exit via the footpath along the building and not the via the driveway.

11. As our school is situated on the corner of two busy roads, parents and children are expected to cross with the lights.
### 2015 DATES

#### January
- **Thursday 29th**: ‘O’ week commences
- **Friday 30th**: Preps commence; Welcome Morning tea

#### February
- **Wednesday 4th**: No preps
- **Thursday 5th**: Whole School Mass 9am; Family Fish’n’Chip night
- **Monday 9th**: ‘Building a Better School yard’ program commences
- **Tuesday 10th**: Safer Internet Day
- **Wednesday 11th**: No Preps
- **Thursday 12th**: District Swimming
- **Tuesday 17th**: Parent Information evening 7pm
- **Wednesday 18th**: Ash Wednesday (Mass at 11am)
- **Sunday 22nd**: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
- **Wednesday 25th**: No Preps
- **Thursday 26th**: Parents’ Association AGM
- **Saturday 28th**: Education Board

#### March
- **Wednesday 4th**: Preps here
- **Friday 6th**: School Closure day - ICT
- **Monday 9th**: Labour Day holiday
- **Saturday 14th**: Visual Arts Exhibition
- **Tuesday 17th**: St Patrick’s Day
- **Wednesday 18th**: First Eucharist ‘Walk through Mass’ 7pm
- **Wednesday 19th**: Open day
- **Thursday 20th**: Sports Day
- **Friday 21st**: Bullying – No way day
- **Saturday 21st**: Eucharist Commitment Mass 5:30pm SH or 7pm COHR
- **Wednesday 25th**: The Annunciation of the Lord
- **Thursday 26th**: Combined Schools Mass (COHR)
- **Friday 27th**: Education Board (AGM)

#### April
- **Friday 3rd**: Good Friday
- **Sunday 5th**: Easter Sunday
- **Monday 13th**: Daylight saving ends
- **Wednesday 15th**: Term 2 commences
- **Thursday 16th**: Parent/teacher interviews 3pm – 6:30pm
- **Monday 20th**: Yr 5/6’s leave for Canberra
- **Tuesday 21st**: Monash Rotary ANZAC Service
- **Friday 24th**: Yr 5/6’s return from Canberra
- **Saturday 25th**: ANZAC Day
- **Monday 27th**: ‘Building a Better School yard’ program continues this week
- **Wednesday 29th**: Parents’ Association Meeting
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Dear Parents
Welcome back to a new and exciting year. I hope you all had a great holiday and were able to spend quality time with your children. A warm welcome to all our new preps and their families and all new families, we know you will enjoy being a part of our school community. I look forward to meeting all of you and working with your wonderful children.

This term we will be very busy with preparing for our school sports on Thursday 19th March so make sure you keep that night free as the children love to show you how talented they are. As we get closer to the day, I will give you more information.

During lessons, the children will be learning various techniques to improve their running, starting and finishing a race. We will also be working on circular relay for middle and seniors. The preps are doing activities that involve listening, movement and direction, which will then lead on to sports day activities.

**Cross Country**
On Friday 13th February we will be starting Cross Country training for those who are keen to enter the Cross country which is on Thursday 21st May this year. Only children who train for this event will be permitted to participate. Children must be 9, 10, 11 or 12 by the 31st December 2015. Nine/t en year olds will run 2km and 11, 12 year olds will run 3km. Training will begin at 8.00am and conclude at 8.30am. The children are asked to bring a healthy snack and drink to have after training. This is very important, as children need brain food to concentrate on their schoolwork.

**Swimming Trials**
Children from Year 3-6 who are strong swimmers over 50m will have the opportunity to trial for the Division Swimming Finals. We have hired the Oakleigh Recreation swimming pool on Thursday12thFebruary from 7-8.30am. This will be a good opportunity for those children who are currently part of a swimming squad to represent our school.
Mr Killeen and I would like all interested children to come for a practice on Thursday 5th Feb at Oakleigh Rec Pool from 6:30 -7.30am. This will give the children a chance to see if they are capable of competing in the 50m trials the following week.

**Interschool Sports**
Interschool sport for the 5/6’s starts on Friday 13th February, we will be playing kanga cricket, rounders, basketball and softball. I will send home a fixture when it is done.
So as you can see never a dull moment in Sport at COHR, have a great term.

Yours in Sport
Sue Tobin.

I ____________________________ wish to swim in the swimming trials.

(student name)

Tick appropriate stroke. FREESTYLE BACKSTROKE, BREASTROKE, BUTTERFLY

D.O.B __________________________ AGE: __________________________

CLASS: __________________________

I would like to come to the trial day on Thursday 5th February: name: __________________________