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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)
Karin 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
Michella 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

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 1st Sunday of Lent
Wednesday 25th No Preps
Parents' Association AGM
Thursday 26th Education Board
Saturday 28th Working Bee - 9am

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
First Eucharist 'Walk through Mass' 7pm
Wednesday 18th Open day
Thursday 19th Sports Day
Friday 20th Bullying – No way day
Saturday 21st Eucharist Commitment Mass 5:30pm SH or 7pm COHR
Wednesday 25th The Annunciation of the Lord
Combined Schools Mass (COHR)
Thursday 26th Education Board (AGM)
Friday 27th End term 1 – children dismissed at 2:30

April

Friday 3rd Good Friday
Sunday 5th Easter Sunday
Daylight saving ends
Monday 13th Term 2 commences
Wednesday 15th Parent/teacher interviews
3pm – 6:30pm
School finishes at 2:30pm
Thursday 16th Parent/teacher interviews
4pm – 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

May

Monday 4 th	Family week commences
Tuesday 5 th	Family Faith Night - Prep
Wednesday 6 th	Walk-a-Thon
Thursday 7 th	Family Faith Night –Yrs 1/2
	Family Week Mass
	Mothers' day stall
Sunday 10 th	Mothers' day
Tuesday 12 th	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Wednesday 13 th	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Thursday 14 th	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
	Reconciliation for Yr 4's
Sunday 17 th	Ascension Sunday
Wednesday 20 th	First Eucharist Reflection day
	Eucharist Family Workshop 7pm
Thursday 21 st	District Cross Country
	Education Board
Sunday 24 th	Pentecost Sunday: First Eucharist 2pm & 4pm
Monday 25 th	Our Lady Help of Christians (Patron of Australia)
Wednesday 27 th	Parents' Association

June

Friday 5 th	School closure day – First Aid staff training
Monday 8 th	Queen's Birthday holiday
Tuesday 9 th	Maths Week commences
Friday 12 th	Feast of Sacred Heart
Sat/Sun 13 th & 14 th	Eucharist Certificates distributed at any weekend Mass
Thursday 18 th	Confirmation Parent night 7pm
Friday 19 th	Disco (5 – 8pm)
Saturday 20 th	Confirmation Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) or 7pm (COHR)
Wednesday 24 th	Parents' Association
Friday 26 th	End term 2 – children dismissed at 2:30

July

Monday 13 th	Term 3 commences
Thursday 16 th	Education Board
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent/teacher interviews 3pm – 6:30pm
	School finishes at 2:30pm
Thursday 23 rd	Parent/Teacher interviews 4pm – 6:30pm
Monday 27 th	'Building a Better School yard' program continues this week
Wednesday 29 th	Parents Association

August

Thursday 6 th	Education Board
Wednesday 12 th	Confirmation Reflection day
Thursday 13 th	Confirmation Family night 7pm
Saturday 15 th	The Assumption of Mary (Holy Day)
Thursday 20 th	Confirmation Reconciliation 9:30am
Friday 21 st	Confirmation 7pm
Sat/Sun 22 nd & 23 rd	Confirmation Certificates distributed at any Parish Mass
Monday 24 th	Book Week commences: "Books Light up Our World"
Wednesday 26 th	Parents' Association
	Reconciliation Family Information Night 7pm
Saturday 29 th	Reconciliation Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) or 7pm (COHR)

September

Thursday 3 rd	Fathers' day stall
Saturday 5 th	Working Bee
Sunday 6 th	Fathers' day
Wednesday 9 th	Parents' Association
Thursday 17 th	Concert
Friday 18 th	End of Term 3 – children dismissed at 2:30pm

October

Sunday 4 th	Daylight saving commence
Monday 5 th	Term 4 commences
Thursday 8 th	Education Board
Monday 19 th	'Building a Better School yard' program continues this week
Wednesday 28 th	Parents' Association

November

Monday 2 nd	School Closure day
Tuesday 3 rd	Melbourne Cup holiday
Saturday 7 th	Yr3 Reconciliation (10am COHR or 4:30SH)
Thursday 12 th	Education Board
Saturday 14 th	Yr3 Reconciliation (10am COHR or 4:30SH)
Wednesday 25 th	Parents' Association
Friday 27 th	School Closure day
Sat/Sun 28 th & 29 th	Reconciliation Certificates distributed at any Parish Mass First Sunday of Advent

December

Friday 4 th	Carols in the Park
Thursday 10 th	Yr 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner
Friday 11 th	PA Christmas Party
Tuesday 15 th	School Mass 9:15am Yr 6 Assembly 2:30pm
Wednesday 16 th	Term 4 ends – children dismissed at 3:30
Thursday 17 th	School Closure day

Sports news

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/ten 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 Thursday 12th February 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: _____