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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2014 school year. I hope that you enjoyed the blessing of Christmas and the new year has commenced smoothly. I especially welcome our new families who are joining our community. We look forward to the year with a sense of excitement and anticipation. Our school motto of: *'That they may be one'* provides us with a strong sense of community and of coming together to support the children in their learning and development. We will continue to strive to develop a 'safe, nurturing, inclusive school based on acceptance and respect for all and strong Gospel values' (from our School Vision Statement).

I look forward to a very successful year.

Please refer to the school calendar for important dates. These dates will be updated as the year progresses.

STAFFING – 2014

We welcome back Ilona Cetrola (Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri) and Leah Macdonald (Wed) from maternity leave. They will again combine – this time in the 1/2 level. We will also welcome to our school Nicole Harink into Prep. I know that you will warmly welcome back both Ilona and Leah and make Nicole feel 'at home' here at COHR.

FAMILY FISH'N'CHIP NIGHT

All families are very warmly invited to our Fish'n'Chip night on Thursday 6th February from 5:30pm onwards on the Oval. This is an opportunity for us to gather as a community to mark the beginning of the school year. It is a BYO everything.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

As detailed at the end of last year we have organized a Parent seminar on Wednesday 12th February.

We have engaged Georgina Manning to run a parent workshop for parents on Wednesday 12th February commencing at 7pm in the Hall. The topic: "5 Secrets to build resilient and confident children" should be of interest to all parents.

Later this term Georgina will be working with the staff on Mindfulness Meditation. This will be on Monday 17th March. This will be a school closure day.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

This year we have changed the timing for Parent/Teacher interviews. Parent/teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th April (the first week of Term 2) and on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd July (the second week of Term 3).

SCHOOL MASS

We will come together next Thursday 6th February at 9am to celebrate the beginning of the school year. All families are very welcome to join with us at Mass.

ASSEMBLY

There will be a brief assembly tomorrow morning. Regular Friday morning assemblies will commence Friday week.

LUNCH ORDERS

Classroom Cuisine will be our lunch order provider for Mondays and Fridays. Details of the menu and costs are to found at www.classroomcuisine.com.au

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.

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.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to lower-income families to help with education-related costs.

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

The payment is intended to assist with education-related costs such as; **uniforms, excursions, textbooks, and stationery.** You can elect to have your EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- Paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into your own nominated bank account; **or**
- Paid to the school to be held as credit which you can use towards education expenses; **or**
- Paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2014, the annual EMA amount per student is:

- \$200 for prep students
- \$150 for students in years 1 – 6.
- \$300 for year 7 students
- \$250 for students in year 8 – until age 16*.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by **28 February 2014.**

SCHOOL FEES

Accounts were sent home yesterday. Accounts are sent out 3 times per year and parents are asked to make prompt payments. Our school has a budget, based on our income and we need fees and levies to be paid so that we can resource our curriculum areas. Parents need to make payments by the due dates each term.

COHR STAFF

Level One (Prep)

Nicole Harink Prep H
Susan Daly Prep D

Level Two (One/Two)

Jo White 1/2 W
Karen Gosling 1/2 D
Phil Solari (T-F) &
Franca Paduano 1/2 SP
Ilona Cetrola &
Leah Macdonald (W) 1/2CM

Level Three (Three/Four)

Emily Shannon 3/4 S
Elise Pape 3/4 EP
Georgina Laming 3/4L
Jill Palermo 3/4JP

Level Four (Five/Six)

Michella Pradel 5/6 P
John Killen 5/6 K
Antonietta Corp (W-F) &
Jennifer Smith (M-T) 5/6 CS

Specialists

Karen Wakeling Resource Centre & ICT (T, Th,F)
Sue Tobin PE (Th,F)
Marisa Lucia LOTE (Italian) (T, F)
Connie Antenucci Performing Arts (Th, F)
Karin Dornbierer Visual Arts (M)

Student Services

Michelle Seel
Sr Patricia Keogh

Class support/Integration Aides

Sue Jenkins
Lorraine Hill
Isabelle Georgalas

Administration

Virginia Macdonald (M,T,Th,F)
Pru Barrett (T,W)

Chaplain

Sr Patricia Keogh

Positions of Leadership

Antonietta Corp Deputy Principal
Jennifer Smith Learning & Teacher & Literacy
Leader
Jill Palermo Religious Education Leader
Karen Wakeling ICT leader
John Killeen Sport Co-ordinator
Michelle Seel Student Services
Tom Coghlan Principal

STUDENT LEADERS – 2014

School Captains

Jarrold Conte
Katia Brancatella

Sports Captains

Blue - Kinnaird

Robert Amendola
Lawson Colgrave

Green - Slattery

Madeleine Bortoli
Matthew Girolami

Red – O'Brien

Hayden Boyce
Elise Van Der Zweep

Yellow - Watson

Leah Packer
Lachie Stewart

Environment Captains

Grace Higgins
Meg Allan

ICT Captains

Francis Flores
Sebastien Mamotte

Arts Captains

Tiana D'Angelo
Sofia Montibeller

Social Justice Captains

Isabelle Grinter
Jenine Maza

IMPORTANT 2014 DATES

TERM ONE

January

Wednesday 28 th	Staff return
Wednesday 29 th	Yrs 1 – 6 commence
Thursday 30 th	Preps commence
	Welcome morning tea in Hall

February

Thursday 6 th	School Mass
	Family Fish'n'Chip night
Wednesday 12 th	Parent Information night 7pm
Sat 22 nd & Sun 23 rd	Reconciliation Commitment Mass
Wednesday 26 th	Parents' Association AGM
Thursday 27 th	Information Night – Reconciliation (Yr3)
Friday 28 th	Enrolments for Catholic secondary schools close

March

Monday 3 rd	School Photo day
Wednesday 5 th	Ash Wednesday
	Yr 5 & 6 leave for Camp
Friday 7 th	Yr 5 & 6 return from Camp
Monday 10 th	Labour Day holiday
Thursday 13 th	Education Board meeting
Saturday 15 th	Catholic Education Visual Arts Exhibition
Monday 17 th	School Closure day
Thursday 20 th	Mass for schools at St Patrick's Cathedral
Friday 21 st	National Day against Bullying & Violence
Wednesday 26 th	Parents' Association
Monday 31 st	School Sports day (children dismissed at 2:30pm)

April

Friday 4 th	Term 1 ends (children dismissed at 2:30pm)
Sunday 6 th	Daylight saving ends
Thursday 17 th	Holy Thursday
Friday 18 th	Good Friday
Sunday 20 th	Easter Sunday

TERM TWO

Tuesday 22 nd	Term 2 commences
Wednesday 23 rd	Parent/teacher interviews 3pm – 6pm (children dismissed at 2:30pm)
Thursday 24 th	Parent/Teacher interviews 4pm – 6pm
Friday 25 th	ANZAC day
Saturday 26 th	Reconciliation Yr 3
Wednesday 30 th	Open day

May

Thursday 1 st	Education Board
Saturday 3 rd	Reconciliation Yr 3
Thursday 8 th	Mother's Day stall
Sat 10 th & Sun 11 th	Eucharist Commitment Mass
Sunday 11 th	Mothers' Day
Tuesday 13 th	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Wednesday 14 th	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
	Family Faith Night (P-2)
Thursday 15 th	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Wednesday 21 st	Parents' Association
Thursday 22 nd	Eucharist 'Talking Mass' 7pm (Yr 4)
Saturday 24 th	Our Lady Help of Christians
Wednesday 28 th	Eucharist Reflection day (Yr 4)
Thursday 29 th	Eucharist Family Workshop 7pm (Yr 4)

June

Friday 6 th	School closure day
Monday 9 th	Queen's birthday
Sunday 15 th	First Eucharist (Yr 4) 1pm & 3pm
Thursday 19 th	Education Board
Friday 20 th	Mid-year Reports sent home
Friday 27 th	Term 2 ends (children dismissed at 2:30pm)

July

TERM THREE

Monday 14 th	Term 3 commences
Wednesday 16 th	Parents' Association
Thursday 17 th	Confirmation Parent Information night 7:30pm
Sat 19 th & Sun 20 th	Confirmation Commitment Mass
Tuesday 22 nd	Grandparents day
	Parent/Teacher interviews 4pm – 6pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Parent/Teacher interviews 3pm – 6pm (children dismissed at 2:30pm)

August

Wednesday 6 th	Parents Association
Friday 8 th	Feast of Mary MacKillop
Thursday 14 th	Confirmation Family Night 7pm
Friday 15 th	Confirmation Reflection day
	Feast of Assumption of Mary
Friday 22 nd	Confirmation (Yr 6) 7pm
Thursday 28 th	Education Board
Thursday 4 th	Fathers' day stall
Sunday 7 th	Fathers' day
Wednesday 10 th	Parents Association
Tuesday 16 th	Art Show
Wednesday 17 th	Footy colours/Hot dog day
Friday 19 th	Term 3 ends (children dismissed at 2:30pm)

October

TERM FOUR

Sunday 5 th	Daylight savings begins
Monday 6 th	Term 4 commences
Thursday 9 th	Education Board
Wednesday 22 nd	COHR Feast day

November

Monday 3 rd	School closure day
Tuesday 4 th	Melbourne cup holiday
Wednesday 12 th	Prep (2015) parent meeting
Friday 14 th	FETE
Wednesday 19 th	Prep Orientation
Thursday 20 th	Education Board
Wednesday 26 th	Prep Orientation
Sunday 30 th	1 st Sunday of Advent

December

Friday 5 th	Carols in the Park
Thursday 11 th	Graduation Mass & Dinner
Friday 12 th	End of year Reports sent home
	Annual Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 th	End of Year Mass
	Yr 6 Assembly
Thursday 18 th	Term 4 ends (children dismissed at 2:30pm)

COHR SACRAMENTAL DATES – 2014

RECONCILIATION

Sat 22nd /Sun 23rd February
Thursday 27th February
Reconciliation

Parish Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) or 11pm (COHR)
Family Information Night 7pm (at Sacred Heart)
Saturday 26th April (11am or 4:30pm)
Saturday 3rd May (11am & 4:30pm)

EUCHARIST

Sat 10th & Sun 11th May
Thursday 22nd May
Wednesday 28th May
Thursday 29th May
Thursday 5th June
Sunday 15th June

Eucharist Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) & 11am (COHR)
'Walk through Mass' 7pm
Eucharist Reflection day
Eucharist Family Workshop 7pm
Reconciliation 9:30am
First Eucharist Masses – 1pm & 3pm

CONFIRMATION

Thursday 17th July
Sat/Sun 19th & 20th July
Thursday 14th August
Friday 15th August
Thursday 21st August
Friday 22nd August

Parent Information night 7:30pm (at COHR)
Confirmation Commitment Mass (5:30pm & 11am)
Confirmation Family Night 7pm
Confirmation Reflection day
Reconciliation 9:30am
Confirmation 7pm

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL