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 Cetrlo (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 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 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 Killen Sport Co-ordinator
- Michelle Seel Student Services
- Tom Coghlan Principal

## STUDENT LEADERS – 2014

### School Captains
- Jarrod 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 28th**: Staff return
- **Wednesday 29th**: Yrs 1 – 6 commence
- **Thursday 30th**: Preps commence
  - Welcome morning tea in Hall

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

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

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

## TERM TWO

### Tuesday 22nd
- Term 2 commences

### Wednesday 23rd
- Parent/teacher interviews 3pm – 6pm (children dismissed at 2:30pm)

### Thursday 24th
- Parent/Teacher interviews 4pm – 6pm

### Friday 25th
- ANZAC day

### Saturday 26th
- Reconciliation Yr 3

### Wednesday 30th
- Open day

## May
- **Thursday 1st**: Education Board
- **Saturday 3rd**: Reconciliation Yr 3
- **Thursday 8th**: Mother’s Day stall
- **Sat 10th & Sun 11th**: Eucharist Commitment Mass
- **Sunday 11th**: Mothers’ Day
- **Tuesday 13th**: NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
- **Wednesday 14th**: NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
  - Family Faith Night (P-2)
- **Thursday 15th**: NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
- **Wednesday 21st**: Parents’ Association
- **Thursday 22nd**: Eucharist ‘Talking Mass’ 7pm (Yr 4)
- **Saturday 24th**: Our Lady Help of Christians
- **Wednesday 28th**: Eucharist Reflection day (Yr 4)
- **Thursday 29th**: Eucharist Family Workshop 7pm (Yr 4)
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COHR SACRAMENTAL DATES – 2014

RECONCILIATION
Sat 22nd /Sun 23rd February  
Parish Commitment Mass  5:30pm (SH) or 11pm (COHR)
Thursday 27th February  
Family Information Night 7pm (at Sacred Heart)
Reconciliation  
Saturday 26th April (11am or 4:30pm)
Saturday 3rd May (11am & 4:30pm)

EUCHARIST
Sat 10th & Sun 11th May  
Eucharist Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) & 11am (COHR)
Thursday 22nd May  
‘Walk through Mass’ 7pm
Wednesday 28th May  
Eucharist Reflection day
Thursday 29th May  
Eucharist Family Workshop 7pm
Thursday 5th June  
Reconciliation 9:30am
Sunday 15th June  
First Eucharist Masses – 1pm & 3pm

CONFIRMATION
Thursday 17th July  
Parent Information Night 7:30pm (at COHR)
Sat/Sun 19th & 20th July  
Confirmation Commitment Mass (5:30pm & 11am)
Thursday 14th August  
Confirmation Family Night 7pm
Friday 15th August  
Confirmation Reflection day
Thursday 21st August  
Reconciliation 9:30am
Friday 22nd August  
Confirmation 7pm

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL