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Dear Parents

Welcome back to Term 2! By all accounts, students and staff have begun the term well. As can be seen by the Term 2 dates, another busy term ensues. We look forward to working together to enable our students and families to have the best learning opportunities.

SEASONS PROGRAM

The Seasons Program will commence mid way through this term. Seasons is a peer support program for young people who have experienced the loss of a significant person in their lives. This loss and change is essentially because of death or separation and divorce within the family unit. See attached sheet if you are interested.

ANZAC DAY AT COHR 2016 – 100 YEARS

2016 continues to mark the centenary of our troops landing at Gallipoli. Students from Prep – 6 will learn about and reflect on the importance of this day in class and Library Lessons.

We will hold an Anzac Day Ceremony at school on Friday 22nd April at 9am near the 5/6 portable classroom near Ferntree Gully Rd (weather permitting).

We would love you to join us in commemorating the centenary of the Gallipoli landing. Once again we will have Captain Andrew Proy (Madeleine's Dad in Yr1) join us for our ceremony. Any other family members are most welcome to join us too who have served or who are currently serving to join with us in acknowledging the parts they have played in helping make Australia what it is today.

This year we have received a Gallipoli Oaks Tree from The National Trust. These saplings have been propagated from acorns taken from the tree that Samuel Winter Cooke planted. The trees commemorate the landing at Gallipoli in 1915. In Library lessons, students will be learning about who Samuel Winter Cook was and the significance of his story. If you would like to find out more about the Gallipoli Oak Project then visit <https://gallipolioaks.org/>

Many Thanks
Karen Wakeling

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION

A meeting will be held in the staffroom at 7:30pm next Wednesday, 20th April. All welcome. Organising the Walkathon/Drinks and Hot Dog day lunch will be a priority.

PARKING

Thank you to all parents who have planned to park in surrounding streets during this time of oval renovation. We do ask that if you plan to walk your child(ren) to and from neighbouring streets, please use the traffic lights at the crossing.

REFLECTIVE GARDEN CREW HELP WANTED!!

Volunteers are needed to assist in the maintenance of Christ Our Holy Redeemer Reflective Garden. Expertise is not needed, just bring along your enthusiasm and together we'll have fun. Included will be a morning tea.

As this area is part of our main school/parish entrance, we want to keep it in good shape. We will meet on a monthly basis, for a couple of hours. Please leave details at the office and these will be passed on to Grace Leslie. Looking forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd May, straight after assembly.

RECONCILIATION

Our Year 3 students will be undertaking the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) on Thursday 21st April at 7pm in the Church.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Summer school uniform can still be worn till the end of week 2 of this term. Winter uniform is to be worn from week 3 onwards.

CHURCH CHOIR

Lucy Rogers and Dawn D' Monte will begin taking the church choir again this term. Children meet Lucy and Dawn in the foyer straight after school each Thursday. Practice is in the church. Choir sessions usually run till 4:15pm.

ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for current families will close on Friday 27th May. Enrolments for new families close on June 17th.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Issue 3 is out now. If you are interested in purchasing any items, then orders need to be in by 28th April.

PACKING BOXES

If anyone has any boxes suitable for packing household items for moving, please contact the office.

ROCK STAR CARPARK

Congratulations to the Llopart family on being the winning bid for the Rockstar carpark for term 2.

VEGGIE SALE

Vegetables will be for sale tomorrow morning after assembly. Gold coin donation.

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TERM TWO DATES

Term 2

April

Tuesday 19	Monash ANZAC service Parish Council
Wednesday 20	Yr 3 Reconciliation 7pm SH Parents' Association meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 21	Yr 3 Reconciliation 7pm COHR
Friday 22	ANZAC Ceremony/ Evacuation Drill
Monday 25	ANZAC day holiday
Tuesday 26	Yr 4 First Eucharist 'Walk through Mass' 7pm
Wednesday 27	Walk-a-Thon, Hot Dog lunch day
Thursday 28	Education Board
Friday 29	COHR Cross country trials, Inter School Sport

May

Tuesday 3	Mothers' day stall (TBA)
Wednesday 4	Yr 5/6 camp returning Friday
Saturday 7	First Eucharist Commitment Mass 5:30 SH or 7pm COHR
Sunday 8	Mothers' Day
Tuesday 10	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Wednesday 11	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5) Parents' Association meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 12	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Sunday 15	Pentecost Sunday
Monday 16	Review: VRQA compliance visit
Tuesday 17	Family Faith night – Prep 7pm
Thursday 19	Family Faith night – Yr 1/2 7pm
Wednesday 25	First Eucharist Reflection day First Eucharist Family Workshop 7pm
Thursday 26	Education Board 7:30pm
Friday 27	Inter School Sport
Monday 30	School Review week

June

Thursday 2	First Eucharist Reconciliation service
Friday 3	Inter School Sport
Sunday 5	First Eucharist 9:30am and 2pm
Wednesday 8	Parents' Association 7:30pm
Monday 13	Queen's birthday holiday
Wednesday 15	Parish Council
Friday 17	Mid-Year Reports sent home Disco
Thursday 23	Education Board
Friday 24	End of term 2 – children dismissed 2:30pm

AVILA OPEN DAYS

Attending an Open Morning is one of the best ways to learn more about Avila College. Information about fees, uniform requirement transport options and the transition program are helpful when starting at a new school to help students settle in quickly.

Open Mornings in 2016 will be held on:

Tuesday 3 May

Wednesday 10 August

Thursday 20 October.

School Tours on the dates listed above will be conducted from 9 - 9.30am. The **Principal's address** is from 9.30 - 10.00am and this is followed by Morning Tea. Please allow plenty of time for parking.

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that the 'Seasons' program will be beginning in the sixth week of this term.

Seasons is a peer support program for young people who have experienced the loss of a significant person in their lives. This loss and change is essentially because of death or separation and divorce within the family unit.

When we experience loss we may look for support and encouragement as we adjust to the loss. The changes in our lives that occur because of this loss, challenge us to find 'inner and outer resources' to help us to cope and reconcile our lives.

Seasons provides an opportunity for young people to express, acknowledge, normalise and integrate their grief. We have been trained to guide this process.

If your child is part of a single parent or step-family or has experienced the loss of a significant person, this will be an opportunity for him/her to share with someone, what is happening on the inside. In order to properly facilitate the program, we only have places for a certain number of children.

The Seasons program will be organised as follows:

- sessions will be held at school.
- will comprise of 10 weekly sessions (4 weeks in Term 2 and 6 weeks in Term 3)
- the group will have no more than 6 children.
- the group will be facilitated by specially trained staff members, Jo Hunt and Franca Paduano

If you would like your child to be apart of this program please fill in the form below and return to the school no later than Friday 29th April. Contact will be made with the parents whose child has been accepted into the program.

Yours Sincerely
Jo Hunt/ Franca Paduano

Attention Jo Hunt/Franca Paduano

Please return form below to school by 29th April, 2016

I would like my child/children to take part in the 'Seasons Program.'

Name/s _____ Class/es _____

Signature. _____