Dear Parents,

CANBERRA
Year 5/6 students have been having a very exciting and busy time in Canberra. They return home tomorrow. Parents of camp students have been able to keep up to date on camp news via the tiqbiz app. The camp blog address is year56cohr.global2.vic.edu.au

ENROLMENTS
A reminder that enrolments for prep 2016 for current families close on 15th May. Enrolments packs can be collected from the office.

CHESS
Chess lessons have recommenced in the 3/4 level. Lessons will continue for the Term on Monday mornings. Next Term students in Yrs 3 – 6 will be invited to join a lunchtime Chess club, and (most likely) an intra –school Chess Tournament.

OVAL FOOTBALL
As we have done for the past two years, to ensure childrens safety, we will continue to play Australian Rules in terms 2 & 3 and Soccer in terms 1 & 4. Children are to use school equipment only. Balls are not to be brought from home.

WALK-A-THON
Our Annual Walk-a-Thon will be held on Wednesday 6th May. Information and forms were sent home last week. Please remember to return your permission forms as soon as possible. Sponsor forms and money do not need to be returned until after the walk-a-thon. Hot Dog order forms will be sent home next week.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING
The next meeting of the PA will be on Wednesday 29th April at 7:30pm in the Staffroom.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETING Thursday 30th April 7:30pm
The next meeting of our Education Board will be the Annual General Meeting. There are two retiring members and the Board is seeking parent nominations. In the event of more than two nominations, a simple ballot will be held to elect new members. Nominations close on Monday 27th at 5pm.
All parents are welcome to attend.

FAMILY FAITH NIGHTS
We are holding ‘Family Faith’ nights for our Prep and 1/2 children and parents. The Prep night is on Tuesday 12th May, and the 1/2 on Wednesday 13th May. Both evenings commence at 7pm and will conclude around 8pm.

LUNCH ORDERS
From this week, lunches may be ordered from ‘Kitchen Cuisine’ on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

TERM TWO CALENDAR
April
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
Thursday 30th Education Board AGM

May
Monday 4th Family week commences
Wednesday 6th Walk-a-Thon
Thursday 7th Family Week Mass
Sunday 10th Mothers’ day stall
Tuesday 12th NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5); Family Faith Night - Prep
Wednesday 13th NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5); Family Faith Night –Yrs 1/2
Thursday 14th NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5) Reconciliation for Yr 4’s
Sunday 17th Ascension Sunday
Wednesday 20th First Eucharist Reflection day

June
Friday 5th School closure day – First Aid staff training
Monday 8th Queen’s Birthday holiday
Tuesday 9th Maths Week commences
Friday 12th Feast of Sacred Heart
Sat/Sun 13th & 14th Eucharist Certificates distributed at any weekend Mass

Thursday 18th Confirmation Parent night 7pm
Friday 19th Disco (5 – 8pm)
Saturday 20th Confirmation Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) or 7pm (COHR)
Wednesday 24th Parents’ Association
Friday 26th End term 2 – children dismissed at 2:30
tiqbiz
We’re pleased to inform you that we have just launched a school app. The school will be using the app to send out the school newsletter, general updates, reminders, events and much, much more! The app is called tiqbiz and is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone devices. If you don’t have a mobile device, there is also an app available for computer, both Mac and PC.

We kindly ask that you download tiqbiz to one of these devices, register a free account then find and tick the school. When you are ticking the school boxes, please make sure you tick on “Whole School” and the specific grades/years that apply to your family.

You’ll receive all the information with a push notification — much like a text message directly to your device. Any last minute changes or reminders, we’ll be able to reach you to keep you completely informed and up-to-date. The app has some great features that will allow us to get information through easily and quickly, you’ll be reminded about important calendar dates 24 hours before, and everything we post can be translated into one of 81 languages! You will also be able to submit student absence via the app now, authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger!
We hope you will enjoy using this great communication tool.
We hope you have been enjoying the games and activities shared through the ‘Maths Matters’ newsletter during Term 1. This term there will be lots more fun activities you can try at home with your family to practise what is being learnt at school.

Below is a list of Maths topics each level will be covering during Term 2.

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These conversation starters have been included to assist you when discussing Maths games and learning with your child.

**Conversation Starters**

I can see you have been learning about _______ in Maths this week. Tell me about it....

What did you learn about _______ today?

Can you teach me a game or strategy you have learnt this week in Maths?

What are some new words you have learnt in Maths?

What was confusing or challenging this week in Maths? Can I help you?

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**Maths Week @ COHR**

**Term 2, Week 9, 2015**

Maths Week @ COHR is just around the corner! Commencing on Tuesday 9th June, 2015, Maths Week is an opportunity to celebrate our learning in Maths across the whole school. The aim of Maths Week is for students to:

- See Maths as a big part of our world.
- Enjoy Maths and feel good about doing Maths.
- Use Maths skills and strategies in real life.

During Maths week we will have a special guest, Professor Maths, who will help us to practise some of our Maths skills, challenge ourselves and most importantly...have fun! Take a sneak peak by visiting his website: [http://www.professormaths.com/](http://www.professormaths.com/)

Stay tuned, more MATHS WEEK news is still to come!
Catholic family life is an opportunity to recognise the grace of God in our daily lives. You are invited to nurture your family’s faith with the readings, reflections and activities below...
For more resources, check out our COHR Religion Blog – http://recohr.global2.vic.edu.au

THIS SUNDAY’S GOSPEL

Year B – 4th Sunday of Easter
John 10:11 – 18

The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep.

Jesus said:
'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.
I am the good shepherd;
I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.
And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well.
They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd.
The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.
No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

FAMILY CONNECTION

The Good Shepherd makes sacrifices for the sheep not because it is required, but because it is a choice.

That sounds a lot like parenting and the dynamics of a healthy family life. Parents choose to make sacrifices for their children out of love, not obligation. Christian parents model and invite their children to choose to make sacrifices for other family members and for other people, acting out of love rather than obligation.

When you gather as a family, invite each family member to consider the attitude that permeates their participation in family life. As a family, reflect on the following questions:

- Do we do family chores cheerfully and without having to be asked multiple times?
- Do we gladly share with others?
- Do we willingly contribute to the family good when asked?

Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, John 10:11-18. Discuss together how the example of the Good Shepherd might inspire your family life. Invite each family member to make a renewed commitment to one action/attitude to focus on in the upcoming week that show that we will choose to follow the example of the Good Shepherd. Pray together that we will be able to honour our commitment.

During the month of May, we will be CELEBRATING FAMILIES AT COHR!

Some important dates:
Thursday 7th May – Whole School Family Mass
(All families welcome to attend)
Tuesday 12th May – Prep Family Faith Night
Wednesday 13th May – Grade 1/2 Family Faith Night

Throughout the month, students will be involved in a number of activities celebrating our families.

More information to come in next week’s School Newsletter.