Dear Parents,

ANZAC DAY AT COHR 2016 – 100 YEARS
We will hold an Anzac Day Ceremony tomorrow at school, 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

MONASH ANZAC SERVICE
On Tuesday, seven students chosen from each of the 3/ 4 and 5/ 6 classes represented our school at the service held at the Cenotaph in Central Reserve, Glen Waverley. A wreath was laid on behalf of our school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Winter uniform is to be worn from week 3 onwards.

2nd HAND SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE
Second hand items are available for sale tomorrow morning (Friday 22nd April) from 8.35am onwards, under the shelter outside the 1/2 classrooms. $2 per item.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION
Unfortunately due to personal commitments, Tracey Simos has stepped down as President of the Parents Association. The PA would like to thank Tracey for all her time and effort as President over the past 12 months. Tracey will stay on as a general member. At the PA meeting last night the positions of President and Vice President were opened for nominations. Grace Leslie and Rosey Stamatekos have accepted the positions of Co-President. Anna Saraullo has accepted the position of Vice President. Thank you ladies for taking on these jobs.

WALKATHON
Our annual Walkathon will take place on Wednesday 27th April. Information and forms were sent home last week. A reminder to return permission forms by tomorrow. Sponsor forms and money do not need to be returned until after the Walkathon. Parents are needed to be stationed around the Walkathon track. The walkathon commences shortly after 9am and concludes around 10:30am. If you are able to assist on the day as a Crossing Supervisor or can help with preparing the hot dog lunch, please speak to the office.

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.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST EUCHARIST
Our Sacramental program for First Eucharist will formally commence on Tuesday 26th April with the Walk-Through Mass. This will commence at 7pm at the Church. Further information was sent to our Grade 4 students this week. If you have any questions, please speak to Jill Palermo.

REFLECTIVE GARDEN CREW - HELP WANTED!!
Volunteers are needed to assist in the maintenance of Christ Our Holy Redeemer Reflective Garden. If you can spare a little bit of time on Monday 2nd May straight after assembly, it would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to speak to Grace Leslie or the office.

ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
A reminder that Monday 25th April is a Public Holiday.

CONDOLESCENCES
Our thoughts and prayers are with Antonietta Corp and her family, on the passing of her brother on Monday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Our Year 3 students will be undertaking the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) this evening at 7pm in the Church.

OVAL MAINTENANCE
A continued thanks to all our families for your flexibility during this time of oval renovation. A special thanks to Gary Iverson, John Bernardo and Ron Palermo for spreading and compacting the crushed rock on Saturday.
ENROLMENTS
Although enrolments for current families will close on Friday 27th May, we ask that you indicate what you plan to do by the end of next week. This is simply to gauge our enrolment intake to date. Enrolments for new families close on June 17th.

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. Please inform the office to express your interest.

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.

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

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.

TERM TWO DATES
Term 2
April
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
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)
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

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