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Dear Parents,

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Year 5/6 camp to Canberra. It was an incredible experience for our children to visit the many interesting sites in Canberra that relate to our Australian history, government and democracy as well as visiting some of the fascinating museums and attractions. Visiting these places certainly reinforced some of the learning that had taken place in the lead up to the camp. The children also got to experience being away from home for four nights, eating food that wasn't prepared by mum or dad, sharing a room with 4-5 other students, taking responsibility for their belongings and a whole list of other social and emotional experiences. These experiences certainly assist them in dealing with life's challenges as they grow and develop into young adults.

The children are to be commended on their behaviour throughout the entire camp. They were absolutely wonderful. I would also like to acknowledge and thank our camp staff who supported, supervised and cared for our children. They are amazing people and the weekend was exactly what was required after all their tireless work. A special thanks to Michella Pradel and Tanya Weston who did a large amount of the preparation and organisation.

Our next Canberra camp will take place with our Year 5 and 6 students in 2019.

I found going to Canberra the best trip ever! The drive to Canberra was better than I expected, and the Sundown Motel had a very friendly atmosphere. The places we went to were amazing and I loved how nice the staff were. I think my favourite places were either the Art Gallery, Royal Australian Mint or Qwestacon. Overall, I loved Canberra! Thank you to the bus drivers, the staff at Sundown Motel and, of course, the staff and students at COHR for making it a great camp!

Teresa 5/6W

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the children who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation last week. It was a reflective, beautiful ceremony and it was wonderful to have families present to support children in this special Sacrament.

Thank you staff who were also present in support of the children's faith journey. A special mention to the 3-4 teachers and Jill Palermo for their dedicated efforts in preparing and ensuring a memorable ceremony.



WALK-A-THON – WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY

Our annual Walk-a-thon will be held NEXT Wednesday 17th May. Please ensure that permission forms are returned promptly. Sponsor forms and money do not need to be returned until after the Walk-a-thon.

Parent helpers for Walk-a-thon will be required between 9.00am -11.30am. If you're able to help, please notify the Office.

NO RUNNING CLUB

There will be NO running club tomorrow.

HOT DOG DAY – WEDNESDAY 17TH MAY

A Hot Dog day will coincide with our Walk-a-Thon day on Wednesday 17th May. Please ensure order forms are returned to the office by next Tuesday. Thanks

MOTHERS DAY MORNING TEA – FRIDAY 12TH MAY

Come and celebrate Mother's Day ...

A morning tea will be held following the morning assembly tomorrow. Scones, jam and cream, tea and coffee will be served for all mums able to attend.

PREP 2018 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are currently being accepted for Prep 2018. It is important for families to have their enrolment forms in as soon as possible. We are aware there are a number of families who have siblings at the school and have a child commencing next year and we ask that you submit your enrolment forms as soon as possible. Thank you.

FAMILY FAITH NIGHTS

In celebration of Family Week at COHR (15th May to 19th May), we will be holding Family Faith Nights for our Prep and Grade 1/2 children and parents.

The Prep Family Faith Night will be focussed on Prayer and will take place on Tuesday 16th May.

The Grade 1/2 Family Faith Night will be focussed on Family Communities and will take place on Wednesday 17th May.

Both evenings will commence at 7pm and will conclude around 8pm.

LUNCH ORDERS

There will be **NO** lunch orders on Friday June 23rd.

BOK CHOY for sale

We will be selling Bok Choy tomorrow morning before and after assembly.

FLEXIBUZZ (FORMERLY KNOWN AS TIQBIZ)

You may have seen the name "FlexiBuzz" and noticed a change in logo when you visit your Tiqbiz app or desktop site. This is the result of the recent purchase of Tiqbiz by InLoop Pty Ltd, an Australian tech company with leading brands including Flexischools.

We will be continuing to use the app to communicate with you and FlexiBuzz will retain all of the features that were available with Tiqbiz.

To ensure you have the most up-to-date version of the app we would recommend running the app update as soon as possible.

If you are using the desktop site, you will now go to web.flexibuzz.com

Family Reflection

May we as family believe in a compassionate and loving God who walks with us.

May we as family live and celebrate, knowing we are people of faith bringing about the kingdom of God who walks with us.



May we as family ensure that the word of God is nurtured and lived out through the love and support of our family.

May we as family sense the movement of the Holy Spirit directing, challenging and affirming our life, encouraging us to live in wholeness by dwelling in God's presence.

May we as family search for and create a place where safety and security of home is found and made sacred.

May we as family invite and reach out to others, acknowledging that they hold the presence of God within.

May we as family nourish each other with love and respect, developing in each other a sense of self worth and dignity.

Lord,
Grant peace and blessings to your people.

May we as family grieve and grow through times of pain and suffering, knowing that the love of God is always there.

May we as family nourish each other with love and respect and help us to live life to the full with our sisters and brothers of God's family.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week.

I wish all our mums a very Happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM

Prep parents are asked to return questionnaires by TOMORROW.

Please be advised that even if you do not wish to consent to the program you must complete page 3 of the questionnaire, tick the appropriate box, sign and return as per the standard process.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH CHOIR

Children's Church Choir practice take place on Thursdays straight after school. Lucy Rogers will pick the children up from the school foyer and take them to the church. All children are welcome to join the choir and parents are needed to help with the children.

They will be singing for the Mother's Day [11.00am](#) Mass.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2018 – NOW OPEN

TERM TWO DATES

MAY

Tuesday 16th

Wednesday 17th

Thursday 18th

Friday 26th

Prep Family Faith Night @ 7pm

Walk-a-thon & Hot Dog Day

1/2 Family Faith Night @ 7pm

District Cross Country

Biggest Morning Tea

JUNE

Saturday 3rd

Wednesday 7th

Friday 9th

Monday 12th

Friday 23rd

Thursday 29th

Friday 30th

Confirmation Commitment Mass

Parent Information Night –

Confirmation SH 7.00pm

School Closure day

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

School Disco

Reports to go home

End of Term –students finish at 2.30pm

Hello everyone!

We are already in week 4 of this term!

We've had another Open Day where quite a few families came in and saw all of our great learning.

We had the ANZAC day ceremony to remember those who have defended and worked for our country. Thanks to Mrs Wakeling for organising this and helping us to make the slouch hats.

Parent-teacher interviews/Student-led conferences have helped us to focus on our learning for the second term.

The senior level, along with ten staff members, were fortunate to visit Canberra last week - and what an exciting time it was! There was plenty of learning, lots of laughter and we even got some sleep! Zzzz

This term we've had the grade 3s and the grade 5s had Naplan assessments this week. We wish you all the best and hope you went well. We also realise this is only one way amongst the many ways we continue to show our learning - portfolios, reports, our school work, home tasks, blogs, Assembly presentations and our reflections.

The Prep and 1/2 students have been learning about their local community. They have been enjoying Art classes with Mrs Solari and Mrs Hunt.

The 3/4s have been having Chess lessons to help them learn skills and strategies for playing the game. Also, we congratulate the grade 3 students who received their First sacrament of Reconciliation in week 3.

The 5/6s have been involved in a few things: Gala Day - this was a lot of fun and wish the boys cricket team all the best in division finals. We also had 2 players from the Richmond football club to teach the 5/6s a few skills.

Today we had a Mother's Day stall. Thankyou to everyone who made it very successful and we wish all a very special day on Sunday. Happy Mother's Day!



We look forward to celebrating Family Week next week including our School Walkathon on Wednesday - wear your runners!

*From your School Captains,
Jack and Claudia*