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Dear Parents,

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS AND CARERS



*Loving God,
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless all women,
that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.*

Thank you to all parents who helped with the Mother's Day stall. The children were able to choose from a huge array of gifts for their mums, grandmas and friends. It was very successful, raising over \$1700 profit for the Parents' Association.

PARKING/DRIVE-THROUGH TRAFFIC

Just a reminder that we do ask that parents/grandparents continue to show patience and good manners when using the drive through. We strongly encourage you not to park on Ferntree Gully Rd near the school exit as it blocks the view of exiting cars. We also ask that pedestrians allow cars to exit when there is a break in traffic. This helps alleviate congestion.

Please read attached letter regarding parking on oval.

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

It has been pleasing to receive positive feedback from some parents about the process we have in place at the moment to try to eradicate the use of inappropriate language and gestures at Christ Our Holy Redeemer School. It is important that notes are to be returned to school the next day with a parent signature.

NEW ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND EXPECTATIONS

The construction of our new playground has been completed and each class has now had an opportunity to see the new play areas and listen to and understand why we have allocated certain levels to use different parts of the playground.

EUCHARIST FIRST COMMITMENT MASSES

Children receiving the Sacrament of the Eucharist are asked to attend one of the following masses on Saturday 7th May. Sacred Heart at 5:30 pm or Christ Our Holy Redeemer at 7:00pm

REFLECTIVE GARDEN CREW



On Monday, Grace, Rina and Christina got started on tidying up a section of the Reflective Garden. We look forward to others helping out in a few weeks time.

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, Jo Hunt or Franca Paduano to express your interest.

CAMP

All arrived safely at Briar's Camp and are currently enjoying the outdoor activities planned. Buses are due to return between 2:30 and 3:00. If your child is being collected at 3:30 because of siblings, they will remain in the foyer till then. A tiqbiz message will be sent when the buses are leaving.

CAMP BLOG

Parents can access class blogs to see photos from camp.
tweston.global2.vic.edu.au
psolari.global2.vic.edu.au
mpradel.global2.vic.edu.au

WALKATHON

We want to remind you that money raised for the Walkathon needs to be sent to school as soon as possible. Thank you

PARENT'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

There will be a meeting in the staffroom at 7:30pm next Wednesday 11th May. All welcome.

**ACTING PRINCIPAL
ANTONIETTA CORP**

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CROSS COUNTRY WINNERS

9/10 Boys	9/10 girls	11 boys	11 Girls	12 Boys	12 Girls
Max Schroder	Yasmin Gravanis	Jack Iverson	Tia Gakis	Jonah Guergues	Stephanie Girolami
Samuel Iverson	Lily Firth	Archie Callander	Olivia Hunt	Nicholas Caccamo	Matilda McKenzie
Alex Makrogiannidis	Alyssa Florio	Harry Chetwin	Claudia Heil	Peter Makrogiannidis	

BE A PART OF OUR FABULOUS FETE!!!

Inviting all members of the school community to consider becoming involved in this year's Fete committee and to consider ways in which you are able to contribute for 2016.

As a major fundraiser for the school bi-annually, it is essential the entire school gets behind this fun event. Not only will our children have a day to remember but the rewards of your efforts will be seen long after the Fete has passed.

The committee meets once a month, with the next meeting scheduled for Monday 9th May at 7.30pm in the school staff room. If you cannot attend but would like to be involved, have ideas to contribute or perhaps are able to sponsor a stall or make donations for the event, please contact Gary Iverson on 0414 429 871 or email eastbentleigh@bakersdelight.net

In particular, we are currently looking for a family to run the International Cuisine Stall.

Let's make the 2016 fete, a fete to remember!

TERM TWO DATES

Term 2

May

Thursday 6	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)
Saturday 14	Collection of Reconciliation certificates
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 Biggest Morning Tea 9:30(church hall)
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

PROPOSED PERMANENT CLOSURE OF OVAL FOR PARKING

5-05-16

Dear Parents,

As you are aware, the oval has been closed to school and parish traffic due to repairing the oval which had deteriorated and become unsafe for the children to use. Thank you for your cooperation in this. You would agree the results are outstanding. A considerable amount of money has been spent to address this problem. Quotes for a permanent irrigation system are also currently been obtained.

Thank you to all parents who have found alternate parking during this time. It has been noted that all drive through traffic has left the school grounds by 3:45pm, no different to before the change. Last week when the weather was extremely inclement, all children being picked up at the gate were allowed to leave the classroom a few minutes earlier so that the traffic could begin to clear. Two staff were in attendance. Again, the traffic was cleared soon after 3:45pm.

A great number of parents have specifically asked that the oval be kept closed to cars as they see the oval as the school's greatest physical asset. Christ Our Holy Redeemer is very fortunate to have this asset, as many surrounding schools either share an asphalt area for playing or walk to a local oval if they wish to use the facility and then only if other users have not already booked it.

Very few, if any schools in the zone, have parking for all parents, the majority using surrounding streets. Some schools have twice the amount of students as ours with no school carpark. Many schools do not have any parking, with staff using street parking as well.

It is a concern that as winter approaches, with the likelihood of more rain, parking on the oval will significantly undo all this good work.

It is proposed that the oval remain closed to all traffic indefinitely. It is acknowledged that for some of you it has been necessary to slightly amend your pick-up and drop-off routines; however the benefits to your children of maintaining the oval in good condition are clear and again your support and understanding on this matter is greatly appreciated. Should you wish to provide comment or feedback, by all means put this in writing and address it to the office.

The Parish is very supportive of this proposal, as is the Education Board.

Yours sincerely,

Antonietta Corp
Acting Principal