Dear Parents,

Have you ever thought what it really means when Jesus commands us to love one another? At first, it seems like a simple commandment: I can love my family; my friends; I can even feel love for some people I’ve never met. There was a condition that Jesus placed on the command: love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love? Without restriction and without seeking something in return. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. I think that it’s also a mother’s love – one that is unconditional. As we celebrate Mothers’ day this weekend, let us celebrate the love that our mother’s are so ready to pour out and share. : "Mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength.” ---January 7, 2015

Pope Francis

NAPLAN

Next week our years 3 and 5 students will be undertaking the NAPLAN tests. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy is an annual national assessment scheme for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these levels undertake tests in reading, Writing, Language conventions (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The timetable is as follows:

- Tuesday 12th May: Language Conventions (Yr 3 & Yr 5 – 40 minutes)
- Wednesday 13th May: Reading (Yr 3-45 minutes & Yr 5 – 50 minutes)
- Thursday 14th May: Numeracy (Yr 3 – 45 minutes & Yr 5 – 50 minutes)

THANKS

In this busy week once again I have been gratified by the many parents who have assisted with the many events of the week .... with the Walk-a-Thon, organizing and cooking the Hot Dogs, and of course with the Mothers’ day stall. We are certainly blessed with such a fantastic and generous parent body at COHR. THANKS for your support.

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.

BRICKS FOR FOYER DISPLAY

Families are reminded to return their “Family Brick” so that we can complete our display in the Foyer.

WALK-A-THON

Please return the money for the Walk-a-Thon by Friday 15th May.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

At our Annual General Meeting last week we welcomed two new parents to the Board – Anthony Longano (grace 3/4EP and Claudia 1/2SP) and Tim Ruyg (Alannah 3/4B and Poppy 1/2CP), and farewelled and thanked our outgoing members Marg Ford and Maria Tod, both of whom had made significant contributions to the Education Board.

NEW FRONT DOOR

We have installed a new front door that automatically locks once closed. This mean that parents and visitors who come outside drop off and pick up times will be required to buzz the office so that we can open the door – similar to the system with the gate. This will enable us to monitor people coming into the school more readily.

ENROLMENTS

A reminder that enrolments for prep 2016 for current families close on 15th May. At this stage there are 15 families with siblings who have enrolled and only 17 new families. Enrolments packs can be collected from the office. Enrolments for new families will close on Friday 19th June.

COHR CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Today, some of the 3/4s and the 5/6s ran a course in the district cross country at Norton’s Park. The 3/4s ran 2km and the 5/6s ran 3km. The course was very difficult, but still fun. Everyone competed really well and everyone should have been really proud of themselves for completing the course. A special thanks goes to Ms Tobin for training all of the participants and to our parent helpers Rachel Bernardo, Jacinta Chetwin and Carmel Montano.

The Under 10s winners were:

- Boys 1st Jack Iverson
- 2nd Oliver Arnot
- 3rd Nick Caccamo
- Girls 1st Yasmin Gravanis
- 2nd Charlotte Brewer
- 3rd Olivia Hunt

The Under 12s winners were

- Boys 1st Will Iverson
- 2nd Kheimon Gravanis
- 3rd Theo Makriogianidis
- Girls 1st Emily Heverin
- 2nd Ruby Ford
- 3rd Tiffany Carlson
STAFF PARKING
The parking bays along the side fence (next to the hall) are reserved for staff parking and the rock star carpark, (which has been auctioned and paid for as part of a fundraiser). Please do not park in these car spaces.

TERM TWO CALENDAR

Friday 8th
Coffee Cart for parents

Sunday 10th
Mothers’ day

Tuesday 12th
NAPLAN Language Conventions & Writing (Yrs 3 & 5); Family Faith Night - Prep

Wednesday 13th
NAPLAN Reading (Yrs 3 & 5); Family Faith Night – Yrs 1/2

Thursday 14th
NAPLAN Numeracy (Yrs 3 & 5); Reconciliation for Yr 4’s

Sunday 17th
Ascension Sunday

Wednesday 20th
First Eucharist Reflection day
Eucharist Family Workshop 7pm

Thursday 21st
District Cross Country, Education Board

Sunday 24th
Pentecost Sunday: First Eucharist 2pm & 4pm

Monday 25th
Our Lady Help of Christians (Patron of Australia)

Wednesday 27th
Parents’ Association

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
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

With best wishes

Thomas Coghlan
Principal

VEGETABLE SALE
The environmental captains will be selling vegetables before and after assembly tomorrow morning. Vegetables for sale include kale, cabbage, lettuce and capsicum. The cost is a gold coin donation.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS
Entertainment Books are available from the school office at a cost of $65.

FREE Q & A Panel Event @ The Royal Children’s Hospital
The Asthma Foundation of Victoria, in partnership with The Royal Children’s Hospital and Royal Melbourne Hospital, is very excited to announce that once again it will be holding a FREE Q&A Panel Event in June 2015. This year’s event will be focused on ‘Managing Asthma and Allergy’. An Expert Panel, consisting of respiratory and allergy specialists, will address key questions and concerns you may have in regards to asthma and allergies. The event is open to all ages, those recently diagnosed or with life-long struggles in managing their asthma and allergies. The panelists will be available to answer all of your questions.

Date: Sunday 28 June 2015
Time: 4pm to 6pm
Venue: Ella Latham Auditorium, Royal Children’s Hospital, Parkville
Cost: FREE
To register visit asthma-and-allergy.eventbrite.com.au or contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on advice@asthma.org.au or 03 9326 7088.

MIDDLE EASTERN MEZZA
What a memorable experience! The 5/6 level enjoyed a wonderful camp to Canberra. We visited many places and learnt a lot of things. We got to vote in an election, sit in parliament seats, take part in role plays and participate in various activities. Also, we created and built our friendships. There was a lot of respect on camp and plenty of laughter. Thanks to everyone for organising and allowing this experience to happen.

**Australian Institute of Sport**

During our camp in Canberra a place we went to was the Australian Institute of Sport. The AIS is for people who train and compete in upcoming events or maybe in the Olympics. A gymnast who was 10 years old broke a record for climbing up a rope 15 metres high in under ten seconds using just her hands and no legs! That proves that nothing is impossible. We also learnt new things like in the swimming pools, it is water without chlorine and underneath the pools, there are rooms with glass walls under water where the coaches can see how the athletes are swimming. There were interactive games like kick the footy, kick the soccer ball, cycling, basketball, sprint reaction time measurement and much more which made the experience at the AIS even better! *Nicholas and Christian*

**War Memorial**

When the grade 5/6 level went to the Australian War Memorial, it was a fantastic experience for not just the students but for the teachers as well! Some of the amazing things to see at the War Memorial are the War of Remembrance display, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Edward Dunlop statute and not to mention the Roll of Honour. The War Memorial is a place where people remember those who have died or are forgotten in war. The trip to the War Memorial was surely something that the 5/6 level and the teachers will remember forever. *Daniel*

**Questacon**

On camp we went to Questacon. There were all different exhibits to try! One area was just for the earth and weather and another area was based around having fun! There were lots of scientific concepts like the lighting bolt, earthquakes, gravity games and much more. There was a big slide called the Drop Slide - when everyone saw it they wanted to do it straight away. Miss Pradel did it and Miss Weston also did it - she had the biggest scream of all. There also was a cross air hockey table. There were 4 players and the air hockey table was shaped in a cross - that was really tricky. Our favourite part was the Drop Slide. The best gift shop came from Questacon. Even Father John came to have fun at Questacon - what a great surprise! *Luca and Kristian*
CAMP
On day two we went to Parliament House and visited the Senate and the House of Representatives. I learnt that the exit sign is red in the Senate and that you will never ever find a red exit sign anywhere else in Australia.
On day three we went to the National Museum of Australia. We got to see Phar Lap’s heart which was bigger than my head. I noticed that if there wasn’t any glass in front of a display but there was a laser.
On day four we went to the AIS were we learnt about the facilities that are only for athletes and requirements to make it on the volleyball team. We also went to Questacon. I learnt that if you try to put a small water balloon in a small hot glass it won’t work unless the glass is cold.

Bridgett
RE @ COHR

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 – 6th Sunday of Easter
John 15:9 – 17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:
‘As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants anymore, because a servant does not know his master’s business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.’

FAMILY CONNECTION

In family life, we have many opportunities to show love in action. Each time we postpone a task to tend to the needs of another, we show ourselves to be on the path to following the example of love shown to us by Jesus. Sometimes the sacrifices we are called upon to make for others are small. But these small choices to love and to serve others prepare us for the larger choices and sacrifices that we may be called upon to make. If we are people who have practiced showing our love for others with generosity, we will also be people who are willing to lay down our lives for those we love.

As you gather as a family, talk about the meaning of the word generosity. Ask each family member to describe an action that shows generosity. To be generous is to give freely to others without counting the cost. Recall that generosity is one of the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Introduce this Sunday's Gospel reading by saying that Jesus taught us to be generous in showing our love for one another. Read the Gospel together. What examples did Jesus give to us that show this kind of love? (washing his disciples' feet; accepting death on the cross) Jesus helps us to show this kind of love to others.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus promised that God will give us whatever we ask for. One of the things we can ask for from God is a generous spirit so that we can love others as Jesus did.
In Prep Maths we have been learning about.....

**DOUBLES**

**VOCABULARY**

COUNT ON: counting on from the biggest number or in the case of doubles counting on from one recognised amount on the die rather than counting all.

**DOUBLES TOTAL**

**BLOGS**

Want to know more? Visit the class blog of Prep H and see some of our learning In Maths.

http://nharink.global2.vic.edu.au

**DICE DOUBLES**

This game will focus on the following skills:
- Automatic recognition of dots 1-6 (subitising)
- Recognising a double
- Counting on to find the total of the dice

Players: 2

You will need: 2 dice, pegs

How to Play:
1. Players take turns to roll the dice.
2. If a player rolls a double they say the total and take a peg.
3. Play continues until one player has 5 pegs and is declared the winner.

Variation: play with 10 sided die to expand doubles knowledge up to 20

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**Domino Maths!**

Have you been collecting the Woolworths Dominoes? Did you know that you can practise lots of maths skills when you play with dominoes? Try these out...

**Domino Chain**

Use all the dominoes to form a chain. Each link in the chain is formed by joining two dominoes with the same number. Can you join the chain all the way around to the starting domino?

**Domino Detective**

Use the clues to find the secret domino.
1. I have one even side and one odd side.
2. My dots have a difference of three.
3. The total of my dots is an odd number
4. Which domino am I?