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Dear Parents,

The fourth Sunday of Easter is sometimes known as Good Shepherd Sunday.

Our understanding of this whole image and the scene that is set in Sunday's passage is very dependent upon a contextual understanding of the times. Whilst shepherds were generally regarded as being little better than criminals, they often put their lives in danger to tend to their flocks.

When Jesus described himself as the gate of the sheepfold, his audience would have immediately understood the analogy. For a shepherd to become the gate to the sheepfold of a night was to risk his life for not only his own sheep but all the sheep in the fold overnight. It took courage and demonstrated utter commitment.

This weekend we also remember, and pray for all mothers in our community and around the world. This is significant in ending our Family Week celebrations. We celebrated this week with a whole school prayer service. Thank you also to people who assisted with the Mother's Day stall. We wish all mothers a wonderful day on Sunday.

*Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.*

*Grant this through Christ our Lord.*

#### RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to all the children who have received the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I would like to acknowledge the support parents and families have shown towards their children, as well as the support of their teachers.

#### WALK-A-THON

Our Walk-a-thon was held yesterday with all children enjoying the event, even with the inclement weather. Thank you to all parents who assisted. We would like to remind families to return fundraiser forms to the Office. The funds raised will be combined with the Fete profits to improve the Oval.

Thankyou also to people who helped prepare the hot dog lunches.

#### EUCCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS

The Eucharist Commitment Mass for Year 4 students intending to receive their First Communion will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May at 11am.

#### NAPLAN

Next week year 3 and 5 students will take part in the NAPLAN assessments.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Language Conventions & Writing

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Reading

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Numeracy

#### EDUCATION BOARD

At the AGM of the Education Board last week the Board accepted the nominations of Michael Girolami and Kerry Brewer onto the Education Board. Nicole Firth accepted nomination as Chairperson, Angela Stopajnik is our new secretary. I would also like to acknowledge our outgoing members, Justin Duckett and Francesca Conti, both of whom had made a significant contribution to our school community.

#### FAMILY FAITH NIGHT

As part of our Family Week focus we are hosting a Family Faith night for our Prep families (Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May or Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May) and for our Years 1/2 families on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

#### EARLY ARRIVALS

I am noticing that children are being dropped at school – sometimes around 8am. I wish to remind parents that the children are not supervised until 8:35. We do, however, run a before school program for children who need to be dropped at school earlier than 8:35.

#### ENROLMENTS

A reminder that enrolments for next year's Prep for current families close on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan  
 PRINCIPAL

#### EXCELSIS FUNDRAISING CONCERTS

Excelsis, the choir that sings for the 11am Mass at COHR on the first Sunday of each month and for the 9.45am Mass at Sacred Heart on the fifth Sunday of each month, will be giving two fundraising concerts in May. Highlights will include Vivaldi's Gloria, Duruflé's Ubi Caritas, traditional pieces of African chant, a number of Welsh favourites and many contemporary arrangements of well-known hymns.

Please support the choir and the great work they do. For tickets please book online.

Concerts and booking details are:

7.30pm, Saturday 17 May Christ Church, South Yarra

<http://www.trybooking.com/ESVN>

2.30pm, Sunday 18 May Sacred Heart, Oakleigh

<http://www.trybooking.com/ESVK>

## The CATS study: The Childhood to Adolescence Transition Study

The CATS study recently visited Christ Our Holy Redeemer School!

We hope your child enjoyed taking part. If your child was away we may contact you soon to organise another way to catch up with your child.

Look out for the parent questionnaire in your email inbox or in the post!

If you have any questions about the study please contact the study team on (03) 9345 6732 or email [cats@mcri.edu.au](mailto:cats@mcri.edu.au).

Thank you for participating in CATS!

George Patton (Project Director), Lisa Mundy (Project Manager) and the CATS team

## TERM TWO DATES

### May

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| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Mothers' day stall<br>Prep Growing in Faith 7pm                               |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>    | Eucharist Commitment Mass<br>Mothers' day                                     |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>   | NALPAN Yrs 3 & 5 – Writing & Language conventions                             |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> | NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 – Reading  |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>  | NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 – Mathematics<br>Prep Growing in Faith 7pm                   |
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>    | Conclusion of Yr 5/6 Growing with Grace program                               |
| Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>   | Parish Council  |
| Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> | Parents' Association meeting  |
| Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | Yr 4 Eucharist 'Walk through Mass' 7pm  |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | Biggest Morning Tea   |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>    | Yr 3/4 Growing with Grace program<br>Yr 5/6 Workshop – Growing with Grace 7pm |
| Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>   | Fete meeting  |
| Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> | Yr 4 Eucharist Reflection day<br>Yr 5/6 Workshop – Growing with Grace 7pm     |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>  | Yr4 Eucharist Family Workshop   |

### June

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| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Yr 3/4 Parent/child workshop: Growing with Grace 6pm & 7:30pm             |
| Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>     | School closure day  |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>     | Queen's birthday holiday  |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>    | Trivia Night  |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>    | First Eucharist 1pm & 3pm   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> | Parents' Association meeting & Parish Council                             |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Education Board   |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>    | Mid-Year reports sent home<br>Yr 5/6 Inter School Sport Gala day<br>Disco |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> | Combined schools Mass (COHR & Sacred Heart) 11am at Sacred Heart          |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>    | Children dismissed at 2:30pm for holidays                                 |

## CRAFT INFORMATION FOR FETE

I would like to invite any parents who are interested in helping with the craft stall to attend a quick meeting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> or Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in the staff boardroom.

These two days are for gathering ideas and allocating projects to do at home for anyone willing to help.

If anyone has ribbons, trims, buttons, scraps of fabric etc. to donate to the stall it would be greatly appreciated.

They can be left with Virginia or Pru in the office.

If you cannot attend these days, but would like to help out in any way, please contact Cinzia on 0416 085 102.

Looking forward to seeing you

Cinzia Dell'Arciprete

## BULLYING: Prevention and coping skills for children and their parents

Examination of 23 prevention skills and 10 coping skills to empower you and your children

### Wednesday 4 June at 7.30pm – 9.00pm

**Location:** Rosstrevor Hall, Brighton Grammar Old Middle School, entrance off Allee St, opposite the new Middle School and the Girrawheen Chapel

**Presenter:** Melissa Anderson – Director of SHINE Academy for Girls and LONGFORD & FRASER for boys, resilience coach, counsellor, pharmacist

**Cost:** Nil. A gold coin donation to a selected charity is warmly welcomed

**Bookings:** 9592 4948

## EMPOWA COMMUNITY'S FUNDRAISING BARN DANCE

You are invited to Empowa Community's Fundraising Barn Dance to be held in the Sacred Heart Hall, Oakleigh on Saturday 24 May from 7pm to 11.30pm. The evening will raise much needed funds for orphanages in Thailand, Bosnia, Kenya and indigenous communities in WA. Lots of fun, great auction items, a mechanical bull, learn how to square dance! BYO food - buy drinks on the night. Dress in your country best. Tickets \$39 -

[www.trybooking.com/79508](http://www.trybooking.com/79508)

### BE ALLERGY AWARE

FOOD ALLERGY WEEK 12 - 18 MAY

**Food Allergy Awareness Week Ambassador and Member for Chisholm Anna Burke invites parents, carers and educators to learn about how to better manage children's food allergies at home, kinder and in our community**

9:45am Monday 12th May

Oakleigh Primary School & Kindergarten  
Logie Street, Oakleigh

**With Professor Katie Allen**

**Paediatric Gastroenterologist and Allergist**

**at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute**

Hear from Paediatric Allergist Immunologist and Immunopathologist Professor Mimi Tang from the Royal Children's Hospital about how we can better manage children's food allergies at home, kinder, school and in our community.

RSVP (for catering purposes) to Anna Burke's office

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**Prof Katie Allen**

