Dear Parents,

The Gospel reading on Sunday challenges us on a number of fronts. The theme of being present and being absent is very strong in this Gospel. Thomas asks, ‘we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus answers by saying, ‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.’ Our challenge then is to find a way in our world to follow the path that Jesus showed. This isn’t easy in a secular world. When John wrote this Gospel – around 70 years after the ascension of Jesus – changes had already commenced. The ‘good news’ of Jesus has spread amazingly without Jesus. The penny dropped for the disciples and they began to act and teach in the manner Jesus had taught them. Our aim, as Christian people, is to be one with God, not only by sharing in the resurrection but also in the way we live. Jesus makes clear that the way to be with God is by following his example.

FAMILY FAITH NIGHT
The final ‘Family Faith Night’ for our Prep children and their parents is at 7pm in the Prep classrooms.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
Thanks you to all who were involved in making the Mothers’ day stall such a great success - the children love the opportunity to purchase some treasures for their mum.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING
The next Parents Association’s meeting is on Wednesday 21st May in the staffroom – all welcome.

PREP ENROLMENTS
A reminder that enrolments for siblings for next year’s Prep are due by Friday 30th May – so far only 8 current families have submitted an enrolment form for 2015.

FIRST EUCHARIST
Next Thursday Fr John will lead Yr 4 children and their parents who are preparing for First Communion in a special mass at 7pm. On the following week – Thursday 29th May there will be a Workshop for children and their parents at 7pm in the Hall. This follows a Reflection day for the children on Wednesday 28th May.

LICE
Lice have been detected in some students’ hair and have been treated. It is important that you regularly check your child’s hair, and treat their hair with products that are readily available from your pharmacy or supermarket.

GROWING WITH GRACE
The Yr 5/6 final session with Lisa Hughes will be next Monday. Lisa will work with the 3/4 Level on Monday 26th May. Each of these levels will then have a follow up Parent/Child workshop – for the 5/6 level these will be either Monday 26th or Wednesday 28th May and for the Year 3/4’s the workshop will be on Wednesday 4th June.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT
The 5/6 students will be playing sport against Oakleigh Primary School tomorrow. We will be the ‘home’ team with Netball and Volleyball here, Soccer at Scotchmans Reserve and Football at Brickmakers Park. We welcome parents to assist with the teams, and of course your support is most welcome.

Students who are competing in the District Cross Country on Thursday 29th May will be running the ‘Walk-a-Thon’ course tomorrow morning. We will set off at 8am, and our aim is to run all the way, giving the children a sense of the distance that they will be running during the Cross Country.

With thanks,
Thomas Coghlan
Principal

TERM TWO DATES

May
Thursday 15th NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 – Mathematics
Prep Growing in Faith 7pm
Monday 19th Conclusion of Yr 5/6 Growing with Grace program
Tuesday 20th Parish Council
Wednesday 21st Parents’ Association meeting
Thursday 22nd Yr 4 Eucharist ‘Walk through Mass’ 7pm
Friday 23rd Biggest Morning Tea
Monday 26th Yr 3/4 Growing with Grace program
Yr 5/6 Workshop – Growing with Grace 7pm
Tuesday 27th Fete meeting
Wednesday 28th Yr 4 Eucharist Reflection day
Yr 5/6 Workshop – Growing with Grace 7pm
Thursday 29th Yr4 Eucharist Family Workshop

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

Put this date in your diary now and secure your baby sitters for our annual parents’ social night. These are always fun nights and a great way to get know other parents; our new COHR parents particularly welcome!

Our theme for the night is Friday 13th so come dressed in black

Friday 13th May
7pm
$25 per head
COHR Hall

This is a trivia night with a difference! Answers are multiple-choice (great for those of us who know the answers but can’t recall the answers!) and responses are entered electronically. Points are weighted for quicker response times but points are also lost for incorrect answers! Great prizes up for grabs and what’s a parents’ social night without a DJ to finish off the night.

Add your names to the table lists posted in the office foyer and make your payment at the office. Contact Brigid Boyce 0407 323 805 if you don’t have a table but would like to join one; all welcome!