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 is forever

FAMILY WEEK 2017

Dear Parents,

Celebrating families in all their diversity means that we acknowledge and rejoice in all aspects of family life. We know that families differ in many aspects of life. We will also find that at the essence of family life, no matter what shape or form it takes, no matter what culture we come from; there are basic similarities that unite all families. Our faith in God unites us as a school community, as does our relationship to one another. It is in this diversity and unity that families are able to succeed. They are able to reach out to others, enabling themselves and others to live life to the full.

As a faith community at Christ Our Holy Redeemer we share in the joy of celebrating the diversity of family life and the Christian values it embodies.



Yesterday morning's early drizzle didn't stop our keen students heading off on this year's walk-a-thon. It was a great opportunity to get some extra exercise, have fun and enjoy a conversation with friends as they walked. Following the walk the children enjoyed a drink and donut. A special thanks to those parents who helped with the supervision around the streets, those who walked with the children and those who helped with the food and drink for the day. Your help was greatly appreciated.

The Family Faith Nights, held for the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students and their families, was another wonderful opportunity for families to spend some special time together. It was lovely to see the children talking with their parents about their faith, prayer and what is important to them as a family. I would like to thank Jill Palermo for presenting both of these sessions and to our junior teachers for their attendance and support.

A special thanks to the Iverson family for baking delicious scones last week for our Mother's Day morning tea in addition to supplying rolls for hot dog lunch yesterday. Thanks also to Antoinetta Tartaro for organising the Mother's day morning tea.

Government Funding for Catholic Schools

Over the past few weeks, there has been a lot of information in the media about the Turnbull Government's *Quality Schools* funding package and its impact on Catholic school fees.

The package proposed by the Government is a 10-year funding model, which will see significant changes to how Catholic schools are funded in the future.

Like the majority of Catholic schools, our school aims to be open and accessible to all families seeking a Catholic education. That means we aim to be affordable as well.

One of the big impacts of the Turnbull Government's funding package is that Catholic school fees will have to rise. This won't happen tomorrow, but over the next 10 years, cuts to school funding will mean fees will gradually increase.

Catholic education leaders across Australia have been working hard to make sure the Government and the Opposition understand that our students will be disadvantaged by the funding model.

Everything is being done to make sure the Turnbull Government's funding package does not become law.

That's where our school community comes in. In the coming weeks, please keep an eye out in the school newsletter (or at the bottom of school bags) for information about how you can add your voice to help prevent unreasonable fee increases.

We need to step up. Unreasonable fee increases are only a possibility at this stage – not a certainty. Parents in nearly 500 other Catholic schools in Victorian have also been asked to get ready and join the campaign.

With your help, we can make sure our politicians in Canberra are listening to Catholic schools.

PSW SCHOOL BAGS

After speaking with the Account Manager, we are told parents who need to replace bags (due to fraying at the seams of the shoulder handles) can do so from Friday this week. You can visit the Mount Waverely store to have the bag replaced without any charge. We are grateful for your patience and consideration in dealing with this matter.

Mt Waverely Location: 288-290 Stephenson's Road, Mount Waverely 3149

Trading Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00-5:00pm and Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm

SCHOOL NURSE PROGRAM

Prep parents are asked to return questionnaires by **TOMORROW** at the absolute latest.

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.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all students who participated in today's District Cross Country. The following students have made it through to the finals: Milla Nadji, Max Schroder, Yasmin Gravanis, Lily Firth, Jack Iverson, Alex Makrogiannidis, Talia Casale.

SAFETY COMING TO SCHOOL

A reminder that it is compulsory for children to wear a helmet when riding or scooting to school.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week.

Brendan Welsford
Principal

PREP ENROLMENTS 2018 – NOW OPEN

TERM TWO DATES

MAY

Wednesday 24th PA meeting 7.30 Staffroom
Friday 26th Biggest Morning Tea

JUNE

Saturday 3rd Confirmation Commitment Mass
Wednesday 7th Parent Information Night –
Confirmation SH 7.00pm
Friday 9th School Closure day
Monday 12th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
Friday 23rd School Disco
Thursday 29th Reports to go home
Friday 30th End of Term –students finish at 2.30



WHOLE SCHOOL INCURSION - MONDAY 22ND MAY

MESSENGER DOGS - Tales of WW1

Meet the fourth division 'Messenger Dogs' **Nell, Trick and Bullet** and see WWI through their eyes. Their tales are of courage, determination, endurance and mateship on the frontline working alongside the Australian Imperial Force. Responsible for carrying messages from the front line back to headquarters their stories sometimes go unrecognised – but to those who served over a hundred years ago, and even those who serve today, dogs play an important role and not just as loyal companions.

COHR students will view this puppet and actor theatrical performance next Monday in our school hall. Classes have been timetabled for the 45 minutes production.

This is a free incursion that is brought to us by the Victorian Government as part of the Anzac Centenary and produced by Cultural Infusion.

1919 Children's Peace Medal

Every student attending a performance will receive a special commemorative 1919 Children's Peace Medal. In 1919 Australian children aged 16 and under received a silver coated medallion. For such a small object, it carried a large responsibility – to remind a generation of the service and sacrifice of Australians throughout the First World War.

More information at

<http://anzaccentenary.vic.gov.au/messenger-dogs-wwi/>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Invest in your most precious asset..... Your Marriage!

Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. Recharge your relationship batteries and explore the precious nature of your marriage, allowing you both to share your feelings, hopes and dreams with each other in ways that normal, daily living tends to inhibit.

There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

2017 Melbourne weekend dates : 28-30 July, 17-19

November, 2017

Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au





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and courage*

OPEN DAY

Saturday 27th May

10 am – 1pm

**26 Abbeygate
street**

Oakleigh



*Spend time with our wonderful
teachers to hear about our learn
through play program, feel the
sense of safety and community,
and see for yourselves why our
families love*

Emmanuel Anglican Kindergarten