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Dear Parents,

"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit" (1st Reading). On Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost – one of the most important feasts that the church celebrates. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. When the disciples realised that they had received the Holy Spirit, as promised to them by Jesus, they commenced their mission of spreading his message to the world. Pentecost also reminds us that we are also gifted with the Holy Spirit. So we, like the disciples, are called to live out our lives in a particular way, reflecting the words and actions of Jesus.

Let us pray for continuous Pentecosts in our midst and in the universal Church. There is no better way to do so than in the words of the ancient prayer:

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
 and enkindle in them the fire of your love.
 Send forth your Spirit and they will be created
 and you will renew the face of the earth.*

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY - TOMORROW

The staff will be participating in a professional learning day **tomorrow** Friday 6th June. We have engaged Christine Daicos to work with the staff on developing improved models of feedback.

HOLIDAY

Monday 9th June is the Queen's birthday holiday.

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to all children involved in the Cross Country events. Last week, a number of students from years 3-6 ran the course with ten children progressing into the District events this week. It has been wonderful to see such a high level of parent support on both days. All children represented our school with pride, determination and a wonderful level of team spirit. On Tuesday 10 runners progressed to compete in the Zone Cross Country and again acquitted themselves, family and school well. Congratulations.

EUCHARIST SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Thank-you to families who attended the Eucharist Workshop last Thursday evening, as it is important to show continuous support for our children in their preparations. First Eucharist ceremonies are on Sunday 15th June at 1 and 3pm. Hopefully all the calico pieces have been returned so that they can be sewn together.

SCHOOL DISCO

The School Disco will be held on Friday 20th June. It will again be conducted by the Footsteps Dance Company. Please see the attached flyer for details and times.

ALTAR SERVERS

Fr John is seeking to recruit and train some more Altar Servers. Students in Years 4 and 5, in particular, are invited to volunteer. If your child is interested, please let Mrs Palermo or Mrs Corp know of their intention by early next week. Thanks to those children who have already expressed an interest.

GROWING WITH GRACE PROGRAM

Thank-you to families for attending the parent-child workshops last night. It was great to observe the interactions and discussions within families. This concludes the formal programs led by Lisa Hughes for the middle and senior level students. Please return the evaluation forms early next week – thank you.

COMBINED SCHOOLS MASS

Together with Sacred Heart Primary we will be celebrating a combined Mass at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 25th June.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Thank you to all that placed an order from the last issue. We received \$120 in credit and we were able to purchase some new resources (books and building equipment) for our 3\4 level towards their Science unit.

Scholastic Book-club Issue 4 has arrived. This time we have given each family a selection of all the age group flyers. Look over the flyer with your children, select the books you want, mark them on the order form on the back of the flyer, and **return the order form to school by Tuesday 10th June with payment**. The books will usually arrive around two weeks after we send the final school order to Scholastic.

Sincerely,

Karen Wakeling & Jacinta Chetwin

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Sebastian Mamotte's family (5/6CS) on the arrival of their baby girl 'Lauren Mercedes'.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Grinter family (Isabelle 5/6CS) who have very sadly lost both grandfathers in the past week.

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
 PRINCIPAL



TERM TWO DATES

June

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

CRAFT CATCH UP

Thursday 12th June there will be a regroup for anyone involved in the craft making for the fete. 8.45am in the Board room.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

New entertainment books are available at the office for a cost of \$65. There are also digital copies available. There are \$20,000 worth of offers in this year's books. For more information contact Christine Kell on 0432 502 108.

R (Relationship) Day

CatholicCare Marriage Enrichment Program

Saturday 14 June

Relax, Renew, Recall, Romance, Revisit, Revitalize, Rejuvenate and Rejoice! This one day workshop for couples is based on the 7 Principles of a Sound Relationship House developed by relationship expert Dr John Gottman. During the workshop you will explore ideas for deepening connection, friendship and intimacy in your relationship. Educators from CatholicCare's Marriage and Relationship Education Team will run the workshop.

Contact: 92875516 or email relationships@ccam.org.au

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.

2014 weekend dates: 13-15 June, 15-17 August and 21-23 November in Melbourne.

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

Information/Bookings: PH: Marianne & Marcel
(03)97330997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au



SchoolPix our School Photography company have asked us to assist them with their customer satisfaction survey by including information on the survey in our newsletter.

SchoolPix is committed to providing consistently high quality service and products to parents. By completing this questionnaire you will assist them in their continual review and improvement of their services to you.

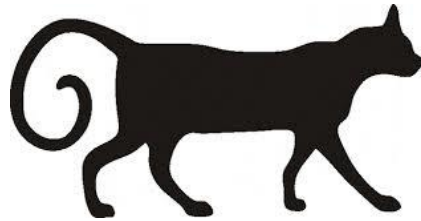
They value your feedback and would appreciate you taking 5 minutes to answer a few questions about your recent photography experience.

Please go to the following link to complete the survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/schoolpixparentsurvey>

All responses received by 30/6/14 will go into a draw to win a Premier Plus Pack valued at \$59 for 2015.

SchoolPix thank you in advance for your time and cooperation in completing this survey.

FRIDAY 13TH COHR PARENTS QUIZ NIGHT ONE WEEK TO GO!



Put this date in your diary now and secure your baby sitters for our annual parents' social night. These are always fun nights and are 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.

7pm

\$25 per head

COHR Hall

BYO Nibbles and drinks

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! And what's a parents' social night without a DJ to finish off the night.

This year we are using a secure online ticket purchasing system; it's really easy! Simply enter the follows link into your browser and select 'Continue Booking'. Payments can be made via credit card for a transaction fee of 30 cents per ticket and seats can be selected at specific tables.

<http://www.trybooking.com/87994>

The focus of this night is a social event rather than a fundraising event. However, there will be one or two very optional activities if you are so inclined, including the silent auction of our 'rock star' car park outside the hall. So be sure to attend or send a proxy to bid on your behalf 😊

Parent Helpers for School Disco- 20th June

Parents helpers are wanted to assist on the night of the Disco. If you are able to help please complete the following form and return to the office.



I am able to help at the school disco at the following time.

5pm-6:30pm

6pm-8:15pm

Name: _____

Contact: _____

Sr Patricia's Talk on Prayer

Sister Patricia made me think about how I pray and how she prays. Sister Patricia made me think about my prayer journey and how it can change. Sister Patricia also made me think that prayer is one of the best things you can do. Theo

When Sister Patricia talked to us, I thought how different it is now compared to when she was a child. When I go to church, we usually have to go as soon as Mass has ended, but when Sister Patricia was younger, it was a real social time. When my family doesn't have things on, we do stay and talk with friends and family. It made me think differently and how lucky we are because I can take church for

Sister Patricia made me think about when she was young. There was no TV, mobile phones or ipods. It was hard to contact family. She spoke about praying when she went for a walk and often prayed the Rosary. Also when she was little they would go to the woods and she would write her own prayers. It was nice that Sister Patricia told this to everyone. Claudia

Sister Patricia's talk made me think that living your life as Jesus asked is prayer. Antony

Sister Patricia's talk changed my mind about prayer. I never thought about the different ways I can pray. Sister Patricia taught me that even sometimes when I don't think I'm praying, I actually am. Gizelle

Something Sister Patricia made me think about is that prayer is one of the most important things in everyday life. Sr Patricia also said that prayer does not just have to be when you're kneeling. It can be just somewhere quiet like when you are walking. Sister Patricia also noticed that people socialised more after mass when she was young. All this made me think that sometimes I should be more prayerful towards others. Maddie

Sister Patricia made me think about how people these days don't always think about prayer. Sister Patricia made me think about how I should act more often. Peter

Sister Patricia made an impact on me with her love of praying. She made me think of talking to God more often. I connected with her story of being baptised. She changed my thinking of how my journey can change. Francis

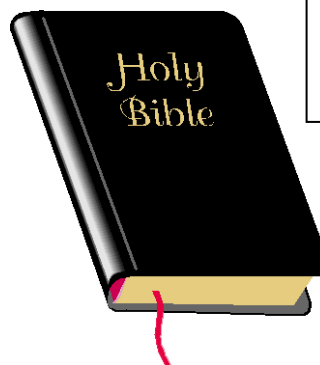
Sister Patricia made me want to change the way I pray and made me want to pray more often. Domenic



Sister Patricia's talk about prayer made me think about incorporating more into my daily life. Sebastien

Sister Patricia's talk made me feel special because she prays for us every day. Eric

Some responses from our senior students after listening to Sister Patricia speak about her prayer life and prayer experiences.





COHR SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 20th June



Presented by



Dance Company

Prep-Grade 2

Grades 3-6

5:15pm-6:15pm

Glow Sticks

6:30pm-8:00pm

available on the night

Bracelets 3 for \$1 and Lanyards \$2 each

\$5 per child or \$10 per family

Biscuit snack provided. All children are to bring a drink bottle.

Permission forms and payment must be returned by no later than Wed 18th June
All children MUST be signed in at drop off.

I _____ give permission for the following to attend
the COHR School disco on Friday 20th June.

Names _____ Class _____

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Names _____ Class _____

Cost: \$5 per child or \$10 per family

Total Amount: \$ _____