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Dear Parents,

This week's Gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting.

The passage describes the unerring work of the kingdom. It is like the seed that almost magically transforms into a fully grown plant that may be harvested – apparently without any external forces. Of course, we know that plants need to be fed, watered, weeded and nurtured to ensure their proper growth. However, the kingdom of God works in our lives in a similar way – if we feed and nurture it, the kingdom will produce a great harvest. Even if we don't pay it attention, the kingdom is present and acting in our world.

We pray that here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer, we continue to feed and nurture the seeds we plant, with our Gospel values.



MATHS WEEK

This week we celebrate maths in our school and our world. Students have been involved in a range of activities.

Professor Maths incursion

Open classroom activities

Daily number challenges

Maths activities linking with other curriculum areas

Buddy activities

Thank you to all parents who have taken the time to visit their children's class and thank you to Emily Shannon for her organisation and preparation.

We will share some of our learning at Assembly tomorrow.

NATIONAL BETTER BUDDIES DAY

Friday 12th June is National Better Buddies Day.

At COHR we are celebrating the day doing fun activities with our buddies. Students, parents and teachers are asked to wear a "splash of purple" with our school uniform.

We ask for a gold coin donation to assist the Alannah and Madeleine Foundation in their work to reduce bullying and create friendly and caring school communities through Better Buddies Program.

FIRST EUCHARIST CERTIFICATES

Certificates for First Communion will be distributed at all of the Parish Masses over the weekend of Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June

CONFIRMATION

A reminder the Confirmation Parent night will be next Thursday, 18th June at 7pm in the Sacred Heart Hall. Children wishing to be confirmed are required to attend a Commitment Mass on Saturday 20th June at either the Sacred Heart Mass (5:30pm) or the Christ Our Holy Redeemer mass (7:00pm).

CYBER SAFETY @ COHR- PARENT TIPS!

Please take some time to read the attached information – today the information is regarding talking to your children about using social sites and about Minecraft.

VEGGIE PATCH

On Friday morning we will be selling kale, cauliflowers and capsicum before and after assembly.

COST: Gold coin donation

SCHOOL DISCO – Friday 19th June

Please return the permission form and payment no later than Wed 17th June.

Parent helpers are needed for set up of the hall. Please leave your details on the form if you can help.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

The VIP Rock Star Car Park is currently running in the foyer. Bidding ends at 5pm Friday 12th June. Money raised goes to purchase books for the library.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Thankyou to everyone who purchased books through the Scholastic Book club. The school earned \$96 in rewards which will be used to purchase books for the library. The order has been placed and will be delivered before the end of term.

TERM TWO CALENDAR

Friday 12 th	Feast of Sacred Heart
Sat/Sun 13 th & 14 th	Eucharist Certificates distributed at any weekend Mass
Thursday 18 th	Confirmation Parent night 7pm
Friday 19 th	Disco (5 – 8pm)
Saturday 20 th	Confirmation Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) or 7pm (COHR)
Wednesday 24 th	Parents' Association
Friday 26 th	End term 2 – children dismissed at 2:30

With best wishes

Thomas Coghlan
 Principal

Cyber Safety @ COHR- Parent Tips!

When should I start talking to my child about using social sites and apps responsibly?

As soon as your kids begin to go online, you'll want to explain that the Internet has rules that must be followed. Through the preschool years, you'll sit with your child as you visit sites or play apps together, and you'll gradually taper off into a more supervisory role. Here are some of the key rules for online interaction to discuss with your "newbies."

- **Be a good digital citizen.** A good rule of thumb: If they wouldn't do something in real life, they shouldn't do it online.
- **Visit the site's safety section together.** Sometimes you can find these sections under "About Us" or "Privacy Policy." Review the rules and find out how your child can report mean behavior or unkind content on their favorite sites.
- **Avoid strangers.** Tell your kids that people aren't always who they say they are online. Explain that if someone they don't know talks to them, they shouldn't respond and should let you know.
- **Keep some stuff private.** Your name, address, phone number, and how much money your parents make should stay private. But your hobbies, favorite ice cream flavor, or pet's name all can be fun stuff to share with like-minded folks online.

Minecraft is a construction game using virtual blocks. Players find raw materials like trees, stone, sand and coal and transform them into more refined materials, like sticks, a workbench, glass and tools.



Players can install Mods (modifications) to enable a variety of different functions in Minecraft such as the creation of new weapons, new construction tools, transport, and decorative themes. With many players developing Mods the options are endless. There are computer, pocket, Xbox and Play Station editions available.

- [Is my child old enough to play Minecraft?](#)
 - [What are the risks?](#)
 - [Should I be setting time limits?](#)
 - [Why is my child obsessed with Minecraft?](#)
 - [How do I reduce the time my child spends on Minecraft?](#)
- **Minecraft and Kik** have become very popular games for young children. Some students have reported increased requests for contact with strangers in these programs. Some primary children who are playing in Skype report that they are often asked to turn on their webcam while playing Minecraft. The recommended age for the use of Kik is 17+.
 - **Excessive gaming** – The impact of gaming into the late hours or throughout the night can mean young children struggling to concentrate or falling asleep at school. Some primary schools have indicated that this is now an issue in the early years, either from game playing or watching parents who are gamers.

This is an excellent website for parents:

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/parents.aspx>



COHR



WINTER WHITE DISCO



Prep - Grade 2

5:15pm-6:15pm



Grades 3 - 6

6:30pm-8:00pm

**Wear something white to
enjoy the special lights!**



With dance moves taught by:



\$5 per child



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

Permission forms and payment must be returned by no later than Wednesday 17th June

All children MUST be signed in at drop off.

Please note: For the safety and enjoyment of all COHR children, friends and siblings are not to attend.

I _____ (Parent / Guardian) give permission for the following
to attend the COHR School disco on Friday 20th June.

Name _____ Class _____

Name _____ Class _____

Name _____ Class _____

I am able to help with set up tick on the night tick Ph: _____

***National Better Buddies
Day***

Friday 12th June

Fun Activities with Buddies

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