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Dear Parents,

Congratulations to our students who have made such a calm and positive beginning to the school year. I also commended the staff for the way in which they had prepared and organised their respective classrooms. It's also evident that as parents you have supported your children in a way that enabled them to feel confident and happy about school. This week as mentioned in last week's Newsletter we are concentrating on the 5R's for belonging to our community:

- ✓ Showing Respect
- ✓ Being Responsible
- ✓ Being Reasonable
- ✓ Being Reflective
- ✓ Building Relationships in our community

Interestingly Sunday's Gospel relates the commencement of Jesus' ministry and of his hectic and busy beginning. In the midst of an extremely hectic 24 hours where Jesus effectively launches his public ministry, Jesus takes time to go aside to a lonely place and pray. Jesus, then, provides us with a model of using prayer to reflect on events and to prepare ourselves for the day ahead.

**BUILDING A BETTER SCHOOLYARD PROGRAM**

Kidsproof will be working with the school throughout the year, running a program entitled "Building a Better Schoolyard." They will also conduct a Parent Information evening on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm in the Hall. The focus of this meeting will be on building resilience in our children.

**FAMILY FISH'N'CHIP NIGHT - TONIGHT**

As a culmination of 'COHR' week we invite all families to our family Fish'n'Chips evening on this afternoon between 5:30 and 7pm on the Oval. The aim of the evening is to gather as a school community to begin the year. It is a BYO everything evening – it doesn't have to be fish and chips – just bring along some to eat and a picnic rug and or chairs and relax with other families of our school community.

**MORNING ARRIVAL PROCEDURES**

We are slightly altering our morning procedures. Children who arrive at school before 8:35am will be asked to wait in the Basketball court. Please note that early arrivers are not supervised until 8:35am. Between 8:35 and 8:45 children will be asked to wait on the Basketball court until 8:45 when the music will play and they may make their way into their classrooms.

8:35 – 8:45	Arrival at school – on Asphalt area
8:45	Music to prepare for school
8:50	Bell
8:55	Learning Session One commences
11:10 -11:20	Supervised eating
11:20 – 11:40	Recess
11:40 – 1:10	Learning Session Two

1:10 – 1:20      Supervised eating

1:20 – 2:00      Play

2:00 – 3:30      Learning Session Three

Children are not expected at school before 8:35 as they will not be supervised. They may move into class at 8:45, ready to begin the learning program at 8:55.

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:  
 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Our Parents' Association play an important role in the life of our school. Not only does the PA raise important funds for the school, but it also co-ordinates social activities, special lunch days (e.g. hot dog days), Friday icy poles, Mothers' & Fathers' day stalls, assisting with special school events, organising raffles, helping out on Open day and supporting families in our school are just some of the important roles undertaken by our Parents' Association. The AGM of the Parents' Association will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in the Hall. All parents are warmly invited. The PA is looking for parents to undertake a number of roles as well as looking for general members. Keep the dates free, and please consider lending your support. More information over the next few weeks.

**THANKS**

Thanks to the parents who assisted with the welcome morning tea last Friday. It was wonderful to so many parents enjoying a cuppa together, especially our new families.

**SCHOOL BANKING DAY**

School banking day will continue to be on a Tuesday.

**STAFF CHANGES**

Unfortunately Pru Barratt who joined us in 2012 has had to resign for family reasons. Pru worked in the Office and we acknowledge her enthusiasm and friendly welcome. Pru will be replaced by Rachel Bernardo on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**ICY POLES**

Icy poles will be available for 50c on Friday this term. Tomorrow – icy poles will be free!

**HALL KITCHEN**

Do you have a few hours to spare and love cleaning, organizing – then I have a job. I'm hoping that a few parents can assist with cleaning the Hall kitchen – in particular the pantry which needs cleaning, sorting and organizing and disposing of some items. Please let me know if you are able to help and I'll try to co-ordinate the day. Thanks in anticipation!

## MEDICAL DETAILS FORMS

Today we will be sending home your child's Medical/Contact Details page.

Please read through this form carefully and make any changes in RED pen, then sign the form and return to school by next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Every child's form must be returned.**

## CATHOLIC SECONDARY ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Catholic Secondary Schools close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015. Information regarding the various colleges will be displayed on the parent table in the foyer.

## SCHOOL FEES

Statements will be sent home today. We are in the process of setting up a Direct Debit option. This needs to be by CDF personnel. However we can still accept fees in the interim. More information on Direct Debit to follow.

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan

**PRINCIPAL**

## TERM DATES

### February

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Family Fish'n'Chip night
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	'Building a Better School yard' program commences
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	No Preps
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	District Swimming
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Information evening 7pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday (Mass at 11am)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	No Preps Parents' Association AGM
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Education Board
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee - 9am

### March

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Preps here
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Closure day - ICT
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day holiday
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Visual Arts Exhibition
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Patrick's Day First Eucharist 'Walk through
Mass' 7pm	
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Open day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bullying – No way day
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Eucharist Commitment Mass 5:30pm SH or 7pm COHR
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	The Annunciation of the Lord Combined Schools Mass (COHR)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Education Board (AGM)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	End term 1 – children dismissed at 2:30