Dear Parents,

This morning we celebrated our Beginning of Year Mass. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to gather as a school community to thank God for his blessings and to ask Him to watch over us through the 2017 school year. Many thanks to those parents who joined us for this celebration. We are now into our second week of school and I am very impressed with the way the children have settled into the new year. The teachers have commenced literacy and numeracy assessments and the information taken from these assessments will inform teachers and assist them in setting goals and directions for their students.

**LABELLING OF SCHOOL CLOTHES**
Parents are reminded that all school clothing items should be clearly labelled with the child’s name or family name. We would ask that you check your child’s clothes regularly to ensure you have your own clothing items. If you find that you have another child’s hat, jumper etc, it would be appreciated if these could be returned to the school office.

**GARDEN CREW**
Tuesday 21st February from 9am-11am will be the next opportunity to tidy up the Reflective Garden. All parents are welcome to lend a hand and then enjoy a cuppa.

**PARENTS ASSOCIATION**
The first Parents Association meeting will be held on Wednesday 22nd February at 7.30pm. It will be held in the hall. All parents are welcome to attend. We certainly welcome any new parents to join us.

**CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS**
Applications for Year 7 enrolments for Catholic Secondary schools close on Friday 17th February. Many of our local Secondary schools are running tours and information sessions – contact the college/s if you are interested in gaining a better insight into the school you may be considering. Enrolments for Government Secondary schools occur later in the year, around May.

**MOBILE PHONES**
Presently a small number of children are bringing mobile phones to school. We do realise that some students require a mobile for the purposes of communicating with their family after school. It is important to note that the school does not encourage students bringing mobile phones to school, nor does the school accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones. However, if mobile phones are brought to school, they must be handed into the school office on arrival and must be collected by the student at the end of the day.

**JOHN AND MARIA LOSSINO**
John and Maria have been assisting Father John in the church for numerous years, opening the church, preparing the church for masses and locking the church each day. John and Maria have now retired from this work. On Sunday 12th February at 11.00 mass John and Maria will be acknowledged and this will be followed by a light meal in the hall. All families are invited to attend.

**SCHOOL HATS**
A reminder that children are required to have their school hats for recess, lunchtimes and PE. Please, please ensure hats are clearly named.

****FAMILY FISH’N’CHIP NIGHT – CANCELLED****
The Family Fish’n’Chip’ night has ben cancelled due to extreme heat.

**MEDICAL FORMS**
Could we please ask that all medical forms are returned to the school by tomorrow Friday 10th February. If you have a child with Asthma, Allergies or Anaphylaxis, please ensure you provide an updated Action Plan which is signed by a doctor.

**PARENT’S ASSOCIATION – MOVIE NIGHT**
SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY 17TH MARCH. Parents Association will be having a moonlight cinema evening. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

**SCHOOL FEES**
An amount of money was deposited into our school account from NAB on 25th Jan with no reference name. Please check your accounts and contact the office if this was yours.

2017 School fees were sent home last week. Our bank account details are on your fee account. If you are making payments into our account please ensure that your surname is listed as the reference so that we can allocate the payment to your fees.

**SCHOOL BANKING**
School banking will be every Tuesday morning. Please ensure you have updated your childs class on the banking cover. If you would like to open a school banking account, you just need to go to www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to register.

*Take care and enjoy the rest of the week.*

Brendan Welsford
Principal
LEVEL INFORMATION NIGHTS
These meetings will be a valuable opportunity to meet class teachers, hear more about class expectations and responsibilities of your children as well as hearing a little about the focus of the year.
Meetings will be held in your child’s classroom and commence at 7pm to conclude by 8pm:
Year 5/6: Monday 13th February
Year 3/4: Tuesday 14th February
Year 1/2: Wednesday 15th February
Foundation (Prep): Thursday 16th February

SALE SALE SALE
2017 COHR Calendars
$5 each
Available from the office

TIQBIZ
A reminder that we will be using the Tiqbiz app to contact parents regarding upcoming events, staff absences and our weekly newsletter. Class teachers will also use this app to inform families of classroom notices. The Tiqbiz app can be downloaded onto an android device, an IPhone or iPad or a windows phone. We are hoping that all parents will join so that we can improve our communication with you. For those of you who have already downloaded this app, please ensure you have updated to your child’s new class.
 ✓ Search in app store for ‘tiqbiz’
 ✓ Open and download
 ✓ Open the app and register with name, email and password
 ✓ Click the ‘Find Boxes’ and type in our school name
 ✓ Tick the grey boxes on the right hand side that apply to you (e.g. whole school, plus your child’s class, but not staff)
 ✓ Once you have ticked these, go back and click the menu button on the left hand corner. Click ‘Inbox’ and now you are ready to receive notifications

LUNCH ORDERS
Classroom Cuisine will again provide our lunch order service on every day except Tuesday.
All orders must be placed online before 8.30am. School have no access to the service and will not be able to place late orders. For information or to order, please visit: on our website.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
The Parents Association will be having a second hand uniform stall shortly. If anyone would like to donate any uniforms, please could you leave with them at the office.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS
The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
$125 for primary school students
$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

TERM ONE DATES
FEBRUARY
Thursday 9th Fish n chip night (CANCELLED)
Monday 13th 5/6 Information Night
Tuesday 14th 3/4 Information Night
Wednesday 15th 1/2 Information Night
No Preps
Thursday 16th District Swimming (6.30 – 8.00am)
Prep Information Night
Wednesday 22nd No Preps
Thursday 23rd School Photos
Saturday 25th Reconciliation Commitment Mass
MARCH
Wednesday 1st Ash Wednesday Mass 10.30am COHR
Thursday 2nd Reconciliation Family Night 7.00pm
Thursday 16th COHR Open Day
Friday 17th Combined Schools Mass 11.00am COHR
PA’s Twilight Movie Night
Wednesday 22 5/6 Canberra Camp Information Night
Friday 31st Term 1 finishes. Students dismissed at 2.30pm

Library News
Scholastic Book Club 2017
The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.
COHR is again participating in Scholastic Book Clubs. Twice a term during the school year we will send home a Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. Issue 1 is out now and it contains all levels in one flyer! It is easy to order. Just look over the flyer with your child and select the books you want. You can order online or complete the form at the back of the flyer. The books will usually arrive around two weeks after school return date when we send the final school order to Scholastic.
We are very grateful to Anna Saraullo (mother of Anthony 5\6JK, Julia 1\2PM & Liana PL) for taking on the responsibility of collating all orders. If you are able to assist Anna with an hour or two a term, please let us know.
Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school COHR, however there is never any obligation to order.
In 2016 we received over $750 worth of credit which we spent on a selection of picture story and chapter books for all levels as well as some teacher resources.
We know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.
Sincerely,
Karen Wakeling

Issue 1 is due back no later than Thursday 23rd February.
Developing Resilience in Girls Seminar
We all want to see our girls reach their best outcomes and mature into healthy, strong resilient girls. Resilience involves the ability to 'bounce back' or recover when things go wrong or negative experiences impact us. By giving our girls key strategies to develop resilience, we prepare them for life.
During this 2 hour presentation (including time for discussion and questions), Author, Educator and Media Commentator, Sharon Witt, will provide key skills and strategies our girls need in order to be resilient, strong and capable young women.

Key topics include:
• Developing Emotional Intelligence
• Navigating difficult relationships
• Conflict management skills
• The personal values and attitudes we want to foster in our girls
• Developing positive relationships
• Strategies for coping in traumatic or difficult situations
• How to foster optimistic thinking and self-talk
• Coping with Academic Stress
• Developing a positive body image in the current climate that seems to be body obsessed

Tuesday March 21st, 2017
The Bentleigh Club
33 Yawla St, Bentleigh
$20 per person (at the door) No EFTPOS

How to Book
Email rick@criticalagendas.com.au
Include your name, number of tickets required and date attending.
Collect and pay for ticket/s on the night.
No EFTPOS Enquiries: Ph. 0433 616 771 (Rick)
‘O’ Week @COHR

‘O’ Week is about taking time to get to know
- our classmates
- our teachers
- our Buddies
- class and school routines

‘O’ Week is about having fun

‘O’ Week is about building relationships

‘O’ Week is about creating a safe and engaging learning environment.

Bring an Attitude of Gratitude

We have also been focusing on What Went Well (WWW) and GRATITUDE. Looking for the positives is important for our wellbeing. Please add WWW for you or what you are Grateful for, to our ‘Bring an Attitude of Gratitude’ wall in the foyer. Ask your child/children WWW and ask if they know why.
‘O’ Week @COHR

Our Incursion with the Life Skills Group provided opportunities for us to learn and practise skills of cooperation, teamwork and friendship.

And then they were still!!

Michelle Seel - Wellbeing Leader