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Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another term, it's a great opportunity to look back over another busy yet productive term. Some of the highlights are as follows:-

Religious Education

We commenced the term with an Easter prayer service, celebrating families during Family week and Family Week Mass, high participation in the Prep and Year 1/2 Family Faith Nights, the First Eucharist program and especially the First Eucharist celebrations, and the John Burland Concert.

Learning & Teaching

The term started with P/T interviews in the first week, the beginning of the 3/4 Chess program. One of the highlights was the 5/6 Canberra experience in which our senior students deepened their learnings about Australian democracy and the history of our nation: our participation in NAPLAN, staff on-going professional development, especially updating our First Aid, and of course Maths Week.

School Community

ANZAC service through Monash Council, ANZAC service at COHR, high levels of parental assistance – Family Week, Mothers' Day stall, Inter-school sport, Walk-a-Thon and Hot Dog day, National Better Buddies day, attendance at school assemblies, the increasing use of the tiqbiz app, parents undertaking the Catholic Identity survey, and the coffee cart.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS & STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Included in the envelope that went home last Friday was the parent's user name and password to access the PTO booking service for the Parent/Teacher interviews on Wednesday 22nd July (3pm to 6:30pm ... children dismissed at 2:30pm) and Thursday 23rd July (4pm until 6:30pm).

Interviews will be **10 minutes each**. If you require extra time a mutually agreeable time may be arranged with your child's teacher.

Bookings can be made on PTO Online, as follows:

- Go to the COHR website, www.cohroakeast.catholic.edu.au
- Click on the PTO icon (located on the homepage under the Annual Report button).
- Enter your Surname/Login and PIN, which will be in the Report envelope.

Full instructions are provided once you log in.

If you encounter any problems using PTO please notify the school office, via phone or email at office@cohroakeast.catholic.edu.au

"BAD TASTE PROM"- FRIDAY 19TH AUGUST

Parents and friends are invited to a fun night at COHR Hall. BYO drinks and nibbles. Music supplied. Games to play. Plenty of dance time or simply catching up! Any donations of services/goods for Silent Auction items would be greatly appreciated. Please see John Bernardo or Sarah Arnott if

you can assist with items. More information to come next term. Keep the date free.

CONCERT NEWS

Preparations and planning are underway for our concert to be held on Thursday, September 17th at Sacred Heart Girls College. At this stage teachers are finalising concert items in order to begin practices early next term. Information regarding costumes and props will be sent to parents at the beginning of term 3. Class representatives will no doubt be looking for volunteers to assist class teachers with all of this.

We do ask that all **students wear long black pants and a black t-shirt (long or short sleeved). No Logos please!** The forthcoming holidays might be a good time to get this organised as often these basic items are hard to find when you need them. Thank you

POP – UP PLAY REQUEST

Sue Tobin has been providing a play session in the hall each Tuesday at lunchtime for our students from P-2. Whilst we have some play equipment, we are in need of items such as picnic rugs, children's tea sets, dolls, dress ups, table and chairs (children), lego and board games suitable for our juniors. If you have any of these or come across some during the holidays, please let us know and any additions would be greatly appreciated.

EUCCHARIST CERTIFICATES

If there are any Year 4 children who have not yet received their Eucharist Certificate, these can now be collected from the Parish office (from Tuesday to Friday between 9:30 and 3:30) Thank you

STUDENT PORTFOLIOS

Please return the portfolios by tomorrow.

GALA DAY

Last Friday our senior students participated in the District Inter School Sport 'Gala Day.' Our students participated with great sportsmanship and enjoyed the opportunity to play against other schools in Volley Stars, Netball, Football and Soccer. Many thanks to our parents who came to support us and those who stayed all day to coach and umpire.

The first Friday next term, 17th July, our AFL Girls and Boys teams will be representing our district at Princes Highway Reserve.

END OF TERM 2

Term 2 will finish at 2:30pm tomorrow. An End of Term Liturgy will be held in the Hall at 2pm. All parents are most welcome.

Term Three will commence on Monday 13th July.

CONDOLENCES

Please keep the Ford family (Ruby 5/6PT) in your prayers as her grandfather passed away this morning.

Cyber Safety @ COHR- Parent Tips!

Over the last month we have provided some information on social media apps/sites as well as encouraging you to visit the ACMA (Australian Communications Media Association) website for further information and current updates.

Visit: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx>

Another useful website is Common Sense Media which has areas for Parents, Teachers and Students. There are many resources and videos that give current advice on staying safe in the digital world.

Visit: <https://www.common Sense Media.org/>

Digital Citizenship Advice

A series of three videos on Common Sense Media by parents and children offering advice on ethical use and keeping safe online

Privacy and Internet Safety

A series of four videos on Common Sense Media offering privacy and internet Safety advice

PARENTS

Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. Within this context we are challenged, in the first instance, to make sure that our children understand the various threats to personal safety, human dignity, and relationships with others and with God that exist within the digitally connected world.

Catholic Schools and Catholic School Systems in Australia understand their responsibilities in terms of the Education Act and other mandated curriculum requirements. Parents need to know and understand that the provision of educational programs around cyber-bullying, digital citizenship and on-line protective behaviours are not substitutes for positive and proactive Catholic parenting. A range of resources and information are available for parents to access. This information will support parents in their role as the prime educators of their children.

Over the holidays why not take the time to visit one or both of these informative websites!

LIBRARY NEWS

It's BOOK FAIR Time!!

Christ Our Holy Redeemer School will be hosting a *Carnival Book's Book Fair* in Week 2 of Term 3. A Book Fair is an opportunity to purchase quality literature for your children or friends. All students will have preview times with their class on Monday 20th July. Students will bring home a wish list to discuss with you about them purchasing one or more of their selected books. Parents are also invited to preview the books from Tuesday 21st July before or after school, during parent/teacher interviews and maybe make a start on Christmas shopping!

Please note there is no obligation to buy but our school does receive a generous commission in the form of books to add to our library.

Thank you

Karen Wakeling

TERM THREE DATES

July

Monday 13th Term 3 commences
Thursday 16th Education Board
Wednesday 22nd Parent/Teacher interviews (3pm – 6:30pm)

Children dismissed at 2:30pm

Thursday 23rd Parent/Teacher interviews (4pm – 6:30pm)

Monday 27th Building a Better Playground program continues

Foundation interviews commence

Tuesday 28th Yr 3 – 6 Athletic trials (Davey Reserve)

Wednesday 29th Grandparents Day (Mass at 11:00am)
Parents' Association meeting

August

Tuesday 4th COHR Blog Launch 9am – 10am or 7pm – 8pm

Thursday 6th Education Board

Friday 7th Parents' Association Social Night

Wednesday 12th Confirmation Reflection Day

Thursday 13th Confirmation Workshop 7pm

Saturday 15th Feast of the Assumption of Mary

Thursday 20th Reconciliation for Confirmation

candidates 9:30am

Friday 21st Confirmation 7pm

Saturday & Sunday 22/23rd Confirmation certificates distributed at Masses

Monday 24th Book Week *Books Light Up Our World*

Tuesday 25th Book Character parade

Wednesday 26th Parents' Association

Thursday 27th Reconciliation meeting family information 7pm

Saturday 29th Reconciliation Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) or 7pm (COHR)

September

Thursday 3rd Fathers' Day Stall

Sunday 6th Fathers' day

Thursday 17th CONCERT

Friday 18th End of term – children dismissed 2:30pm.

October

Monday 5th Term 4 commences