Dear Parents,

A big welcome back to you all as we commence Term 3! I hope your children enjoyed the break from the school routines and managed to recharge the batteries for the term ahead.

Thank you for the warm welcome I have received during my first few days here at this wonderful school. I feel incredibly privileged to be part of such an inclusive and vibrant learning community. On Monday morning I managed to walk around to each of the classes to say ‘hello’. Not only did I get a terrific feel about the school but I also saw happy and engaged learners and passionate and enthusiastic staff. I am really looking forward to working alongside you all in the years ahead. I thank you for the welcome and I hope to meet with many of you over the coming weeks and throughout the remainder of the year.

On Tuesday afternoon the staff and school education board were presented with a summarised report of this year’s school review report. Rhonda Geary, the school reviewer, highlighted the many achievements of the school in each of the spheres of learning; Education in Faith, Teaching and Learning, Leadership and Management, Student Wellbeing and School Community. Overall the findings of the report were incredibly positive, reinforcing the amazing work that is achieved here at Holy Redeemer. As with all reports there are areas to work on in each of the spheres. Over the coming term we will work with staff from Catholic Education Melbourne and use suggestions from this report to assist us in developing a new school improvement plan for the next four years 2017-2020.

I look forward to meeting a number of you during our Family Week celebrations next week. Please don’t forget to pass on the invitation to our grandparents about the special mass next Wednesday at 11.00am!

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week

Brendan Welsford
Principal

CONDOLENCES
Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Jackson and Sophie Dias, on the passing of their grandmother during the school holidays.

BOOK DRIVE
Thank you to all our families who have contributed so many books to the Book Drive. We plan to sell these second hand books next Wednesday, throughout the day. Each class will have a time in which they can visit the stall and purchase books.

Grandparents and friends will also be able to buy books if they wish. Sr Patricia will buy a complete set of books with the money raised, to help the children with their reading in English. Please pray for these people as they are feeling the effects of crop failure.

SCHOOL VISITS
Sr Patricia has completed her visitation of the new families in the school. Any families, including grandparents, who would like a visit from Sister Patricia, please leave your name at the school office and she will get back to you.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY – WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY
We welcome grandparents / special friends to celebrate with us next Wednesday. There will be a school Mass at 11.00am followed by an activity in the classroom. Following this we invite you to the hall for a cup of tea/coffee / light lunch and meet with others. Attached is a flyer from the Parents’ Association asking for parent assistance on the day. Could we please ask that you remind grandparents to allow sufficient time for parking.

COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT RESPECT TOWERS
You will have noticed our Respect Towers that were placed in the Reflective Garden during the holidays. Many thanks to Michelle Seel and the parents who carefully filled each ceramic pot, then placed them onto the poles.

UPDATE TIQBIZ - URGENT
Please ensure you have updated your Tiqbiz app to receive future notifications. You will not receive them without performing the update through your app store.
GARDEN CREW
Next Tuesday, July 19th from 9-11 will be our next opportunity to tidy up the Reflective Garden again. All welcome to lend a hand and then enjoy morning tea.

SCHOOL FETE: Friday 18th November
"Like" the COHR 2016 Fete Facebook page to keep up with all the excitement of our forthcoming fete.

The next fete meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th July at 7.30pm. All welcome.

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
Beginning first week of term 3, we will be collecting items for the White Elephant Stall at the fete. We are looking for household items, books, CDs, DVDs, toys, sporting goods etc. Collection times will be Tuesday and Wednesday mornings and afternoons. For larger item collection or any enquiries call Gabrielle Dunn on 0422577607

If you can help in any way, please let us know!
Contact:
- Gary Iverson on 0414 429 871 (eastbentleigh@bakersdelight.net) or
- Mariela Llopart on 0408 394 416 (mariela@llopart.net)

GROWING WITH GRACE PROGRAMS
Prior to the classroom sessions, on Thursday 21st July, there will be a Parent Information Workshop led by Lisa Hughes. All parents, regardless of which level your child is in, are welcome. Please see attached information sheet.

SAVE THE DATE!! FRIDAY AUGUST 5th
On Friday August 5th, there will be a parent social night. It will be an Olympic Trivia Night. The previous trivia night was fantastic so note the date as it promises to be another fun evening.

MICHAEL GROSE
Last term Michael Grose presented an entertaining information session about helping our children become more resilient. We have now subscribed to Parentingideas and as such will provide parents with regular articles(newletter/school’s website). Parentingideas is an Australian-based organisation that helps school teams work more effectively with their parent communities.

Founded by NSAA 2013 Educator of Excellence Award Winner Michael Grose, Parentingideas produces high quality resources, conducts information-rich professional development and provides inspiring presentations to help schools build strong family-school partnerships. Please find attached an article for your interest.

TERM THREE DATES
Term 3
July
Thurs 14 Parent Teacher Interviews
Friday 15 Running Club/Breakfast Club
Saturday 16 Bunnings BBQ, 5th Oakleigh
Tuesday 19 Reflective Garden Crew
Wednesday 20 Grandparents Day Mass at 11
Fete meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 19 Reflective Garden Crew
Wed 20 Grandparents Day 11am Mass
Thursday 21 Growing with Grace Parent Night
Saturday 23 Confirmation Commitment Mass 7pm

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
SAVE THE DATE
Friday 29th July

Hi! Our names are Natasha, Stephanie and Michelle. For our genius hour project we have decided to donate the money we make to Cancer Council because this is a cause close to our hearts.
So on Friday 29th July, there is going to be a family movie night where families can come. You can bring your own snacks and anything else that you might need to make yourself comfy. We would prefer if you didn’t bring chairs. You will receive your ticket once you have paid. All the money we raise, will be donated to the Cancer Council.
We will give the tickets to the eldest child in the family.
Please note there are limited family tickets (approx 60) so get in early!!
Cost: $5 for 1 Parent/Guardian and 1or2 children.
$1 for each extra person.
Movie: Minions.
Time: 5:00 to 6:30
Date: Friday 29 July
Place: The school hall at Christ Our Holy Redeemer

FLYER SENT OUT EARLY NEXT TERM!

SACRED HEART GIRLS’ COLLEGE
Applications for Enrolment in 2018 will close on Friday 17th February 2017.

AVILA COLLEGE OPEN DAY
2016 Open Mornings @9.00am on:
Wednesday 10th August and Thursday 20th October.
GRANDPARENTS DAY

We warmly invite all grandparents and special friends to join us to celebrate Grandparents Day on Wednesday 20th July.

Mass in the Church @ 11am

Open Classrooms after Mass
Come and see the children's wonderful learning!

Grandparents – We'd love to learn about your school days! If possible, feel free to bring along a photo of your school days/childhood to share.

Parents Association will be hosting a Light Lunch for Grandparents and Special Visitors in the Hall from 12:30pm onwards
FAMILY WEEK

Next week is Family Week at COHR. We’ll be celebrating families in lots of different ways.

Here’s a snapshot of the events taking place next week:

Coffee Cart for Parents
Monday 18th July from 8:35am onwards (in the Asphalt Area)

Grandparents Day - Wednesday 20th July
- Mass @ 11am
- Open Classrooms @ 12pm
- Parents Association Light Lunch for Grandparents and Special Visitors in the Hall from 12:30pm onwards

Book Sale
Books from our Book Drive will be on sale all day on Wednesday 20th July.
All money raised will help Sr. Patricia to buy much needed resources for our partner school in the Philippines, in particular books to help learn English.

Home Task Grid
Look out for special family themed activities in your child’s Home Task Grid next week.

Family Prayer Packs
Beginning on Monday, families will be able to take home a Family Prayer Pack for a week. More information to come.
Our school is about to launch a Book Fair on Monday 25th July until Friday 29th July. We would love to see you there.

We are hosting a CARNIVAL BOOK FAIR. Each grade in the school will be invited to preview the books during a class session next Monday. The preview sessions are an ideal opportunity for children to share and discuss the books with their teachers and peers. Students will bring home a wish list to discuss with you.

The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors and illustrators. Our school benefits by receiving generous commission in the form of books to add to the library resources.

Parents are also welcome to come and view the books before or after school on the following days.

Parent viewing will begin from the Tuesday morning, so that ALL children have had a look and a discussion at home first! The following are times for parents to come and view. Please note there is NO selling of books at previews, orders have to be placed.

**Other Parent Viewing Times**

Mornings: 8.30am – 9.15am  Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th & Friday 29th

Afternoons: 3.00pm – 3.45pm  Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th, Thursday 28th & Friday 29th July

It may be a good opportunity to purchase some Christmas presents!!

Please note there is no obligation on parents to purchase books but if you would like to place an order it must be sent by the morning of Friday 29th July. Payment by cash, cheque (made out to COHR) or credit card facilities are available with a minimum purchase of $20. Orders can be placed in an envelope and put in the class bucket, please allow 1 – 2 days for order to be processed.

We hope you can join us at our 2016 Book Fair to help us celebrate reading with our students and the school community.

Karen Wakeling & Lorraine Hill  
Librarian & Library Aide
Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child’s success

Kids who accept differences in others are setting themselves up for success in the world of diversity that they will enter.

Want your child to be successful way past the confines of the school gate?

Then you need to make sure your child is tolerant of individual differences and accepting of children and adults who look and act differently to them.

There’s no doubt that success in today’s world depends on the ability to understand, appreciate and work with others. The child who is open to differences is likely to have more opportunities in school, in business and in life in general.

Schools are diverse places

Walk into any school ground in Australia and you’ll witness diversity firsthand. You’re likely to see children from many different cultural, racial and family backgrounds. You’ll also see kids with different needs and diverse ways of expressing themselves. Some kids will wear their hearts on their sleeves, while others will be taciturn and quiet. Tolerant kids are accepting of these differences.

They make friends with children and young people who may look and act differently to them.

Intolerance breeds bullying

Intolerance, or prejudice, is at the heart of a great deal of the bullying that occurs among children and young people. Kids who look and act differently or who are more isolated often experience bullying for no apparent reason other than the fact that they are ‘different’. Whole-hearted acceptance and even appreciation: Tolerance: a vital ingredient for your child’s success of differences is a preventative bullying measure that we can all support.

Tolerance starts at home

Kids learn attitudes such as tolerance from those around them. Children in primary school usually reflect the attitudes of their parents. While adolescents are strongly influenced by their peers, parental attitudes still have a significant impact on their attitudes to other people. In short, if you want your child to be accepting of differences – whether they are racial, cultural, behavioural or in sexual orientation – then make tolerance a family trait.

Here’s how:

Help your child feel accepted, respected, and valued. When your child feels good about himself, he is more able to treat others respectfully.

Model acceptance. Kids learn what they live so make sure you welcome differences in others, and be sensitive to cultural or racial stereotypes. It also helps on a practical level to discuss prejudice and stereotypes when they occur in the media.

Challenge prejudice or narrow-minded views. Sometimes kids, knowingly or unknowingly, can say the cruelest things about others. As a parent respectfully remind your child or young person about the impact that a narrow view can have on his or her own behaviour as well as on those it may be directed towards. Intolerance of diversity is an attitude that parents should make a stand against.

Answer kids’ questions about differences honestly and respectfully. Teach your kids that it is acceptable to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done with respect.

Respect individual differences within your own family. Your ability to accept your children’s differing abilities, interests and styles will go a long way towards establishing an attitude of tolerance in the children themselves. By valuing the uniqueness of each member of your family you are teaching your kids to value the strengths in others, no matter how diverse.

Modern Australia is such a wonderful culturally-rich place. This diversity is part of its magic. One way to make sure our children fully appreciate this richness is to fully embrace tolerance in everything we do.
GRANDPARENTS
AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY

11 AM MASS FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS
IN THE COHR HALL

PARENTS, CAN YOU BRING A PLATE TO SHARE?
& ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO HELP ON THE DAY?
PLEASE LEAVE DETAILS AT THE OFFICE OR COMPLETE THE
ATTACHED SLIP IF YOU CAN ASSIST

GRANDPARENTS & SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY

I ___________________________ CAN HELP ON THE DAY

TO SET UP FROM 10AM __
TO SERVE FROM 12NOON __

I WILL BRING A PLATE OF ___________________________ TO SHARE
Next Thursday, 21st July, all parents are invited to an information session, where Lisa facilitates an adult conversation regarding Christian human sexuality. Lisa will go through the program offered to your child(ren) in years 3-6, specifically what is covered in the program, parental involvement in the program and what to expect in the workshops.

The second part of the evening, Lisa’s presentation will focus on how to raise sexually healthy children. Lisa’s work is fully endorsed by the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

This evening is for all parents in the school. Please indicate on the form below if you can attend. The form needs to be returned by next Monday 18th July.

Thank you,
Brendan Welsford

I/We are able/unable to attend the information session on July 21st at Christ Our Holy Redeemer School Hall.

Family Name: .............................................
Signed: ......................................................
Date: ........................................................