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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another term – T3. This term promises to be another busy term with many things to be excited – of course the concert at the end of term will be a highlight, but we also have Book Week, Fathers' day, Parent/Teacher/Student conferences, Grandparents day, Prep (2016) interviews, Parent Social night and Confirmation.

The Gospel reading for Sunday recognises the need to take time out of our busy lives to be prayerful and reflective. And that's what Jesus wants for his disciples in this week's Gospel. They've just come back from doing his work. They could keep working; there were plenty of people who needed help. But Jesus says, "Come away ... and rest." In other words, take time to chill out. Authentic discipleship requires downtime for prayer, laughs, naps and talk about life. Our society seems to get busier and busier. We seem to have more responsibilities and less time to relax. But life gets more complicated, more painful, less rewarding and less Christian when it gets too busy. Life is about building relationships, not completing tasks. Given the pressure in our society to stay busy, you might even have to schedule downtime. Then take it. God wants it for you.

EDUCATION BOARD

Our Education Board will meet tonight at 7:30pm in the Staffroom.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent/Teacher interviews and Student led conference will take place next week – on Wednesday 22nd July and Thursday 23rd July. Please note that the children will be dismissed at 2:30 on Wednesday to enable the interviews to commence at 3pm. Registration for interviews times via the PTO site will close at 3pm tomorrow, Friday 17th July.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparents day will be celebrated on Wednesday 29th July. Mass will be at 11am and following Mass, grandparents will be invited into the classrooms for a brief activity before being invited into the Hall for morning tea.

CHESS CLUB

Our lunch time chess club will commence next Monday.

CONCERT NEWS

Preparations and planning are underway for our concert to be held on Thursday, September 17th at Sacred Heart Girls College. Information regarding costumes and props will be sent to parents shortly. 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!** 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 came across some during the holidays, please let us know and any additions would be greatly appreciated.

CONDOLENCES

Please keep the Amedeo family (Michael 5/6PT and Steven 1/2CP) in your prayers on the death of their grandmother last week.

TERM THREE DATES

<u>July</u>	
Thursday 16 th	Education Board
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent/Teacher interviews (3pm – 6:30pm) <u>Children dismissed at 2:30pm</u>
Thursday 23 rd	Parent/Teacher interviews (4pm – 6:30pm)
Monday 27 th	Building a Better Playground program continues Foundation interviews commence
Tuesday 28 th	Yr 3 – 6 Athletic trials (Davey Reserve)
Wednesday 29 th	Grandparents Day (Mass at 11:00am) Parents' Association meeting
<u>August</u>	
Tuesday 4 th	COHR BlogLaunch 9am-10am, 7pm – 8pm
Thursday 6 th	Education Board
Friday 7 th	Parents' Association Social Night
Wednesday 12 th	Confirmation Reflection Day
Thursday 13 th	Confirmation Workshop 7pm
Saturday 15 th	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Thursday 20 th	Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates 9:30am
Friday 21 st	Confirmation 7pm
Sat & Sun 22/23 rd	Confirmation certificates distributed at Masses
Monday 24 th	Book Week <i>Books Light Up Our World</i>
Tuesday 25 th	Book Character parade
Wednesday 26 th	Parents' Association
Thursday 27 th	Reconciliation Family information 7pm
Saturday 29 th	Reconciliation Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) or 7pm (COHR)
<u>September</u>	
Thursday 3 rd	Fathers' Day Stall
Sunday 6 th	Fathers' day
Thursday 17 th	CONCERT
Friday 18 th	End of term – children dismissed 2:30pm.
<u>October</u>	
Monday 5 th	Term 4 commences

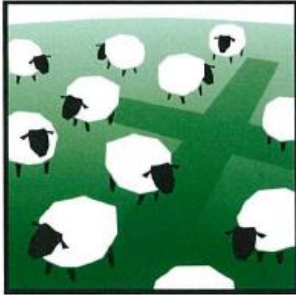
With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

RE @ COHR

*Catholic family life is an opportunity to recognise the grace of God in our daily lives.
You are invited to nurture your family's faith with the readings, reflections and activities below...
For more resources, check out our COHR Religion Blog – <http://recohr.global2.vic.edu.au>*

THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL



Year B – Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Mark 6:30-34

They were a sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat.

So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them.

So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Family demands can make us feel like Jesus and the twelve apostles. We wish for times of relaxation and renewal, but there are errands to do, household chores to keep up with, volunteer commitments to keep. These are all good things, but we can be left feeling drained and tired as we try to keep up.

Perhaps we might take the opportunity this week to give ourselves permission to find the rest and relaxation that Jesus seeks for his disciples in this Sunday's Gospel. One of the gifts we can give to one another in our family life is assistance in finding the time and space to renew ourselves through prayer.

When you gather together as a family this week, bring your family calendar. Together review your family calendar and spend some time reflecting on your family activities. In particular, ask if your family has an appropriate amount of time for rest and relaxation. If not, discuss ways in which this time for renewal might be included in the week ahead.

Read together this Sunday's Gospel. Notice how Jesus tried to find time and space for his disciples to rest and relax after they returned from their mission. Conclude in prayer together, asking God to help us find time to renew ourselves so that we might be better disciples of Jesus. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

GRANDPARENTS DAY MASS

*We warmly invite all grandparents to join us
to celebrate Grandparents Day at COHR
on Wednesday 29th July.*

Mass in the Church @ 11am

*After Mass, grandparents are invited
to visit our classrooms where
students will share their learning.*

*Followed by a luncheon in the School Hall
provided by the Parents Association.*

*To be a grandparent
is to experience the joy
of unconditional love.*





Our school is about to launch a Book Fair on Monday 20th July until Friday 24th 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 21st, Wednesday 22nd , Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th

Afternoons: 3.00pm – 3.45pm Tuesday 21st, Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th July

Also during Parent-Teacher Interviews the Book Fair will be open.

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 24th 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 2015 Book Fair to help us celebrate reading with our students and the school community.

Karen Wakeling & Lorraine Hill
Librarian & Library Aide

*Ladies find some taffeta
Men grab those bow ties & cummerbunds*
FOR THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR

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**BAD TASTE
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FRIDAY 7th AUGUST

7.30 - MIDNIGHT

IN THE SCHOOL HALL

BYO Drinks & a Plate of Food to Share

Tickets \$20 per person

**DJ
PHOTO BOOTH
PROM KING & QUEEN**

**GAMES
RAFFLES
SILENT AUCTION**

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Name: _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return with Payment to the office by Friday 7th August