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Dear Parents,

Yesterday was a beautiful celebration of family as we welcomed Grandparents and Special Friends to our school. It was lovely to hear that grandparents were coming from near and far to be with their grandchildren for the day. The mass, classroom visits (although brief!) and lunch, were enjoyed by many.

A special thanks to the band of parent helpers who assisted on the day and to the many families who assisted by contributing a plate of food for the lunch. Once again, a tremendous community event.

#### SCHOOL VISION

On Monday our staff participated in a professional learning day centred on renewing our school's vision statement. The day was led by Ingrid Green from Catholic Education Melbourne. All staff were given the opportunity to contribute to the day with plenty of conversation, debate and sharing. At the conclusion of the day we arrived at three possible vision statements that reflect, in a very concise manner, what it is we want for our children here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer. At this point we will reflect on these statements, adding comment and perhaps changing a word here or there. These three statements will also be placed on display in the foyer. If you have any feedback regarding these statements we would be more than happy to receive your thoughts or suggestions.

#### CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

On August 1<sup>st</sup> new legislation regarding Child Safe Standards comes into place. Our school's policies have been update in line with these new regulations and it is timely to remind parents about practices now in place at our school.

- Other than at drop-off and pick-up times, all parents, visitors and volunteers must sign in and out through the office.
- When children arrive late or leave early they must be signed in or out through the office.
- All visitors and parent volunteers must have a current Working With Children Check and this information is to be recorded with the school

#### CONFIRMATION

Next Tuesday there will be a Confirmation Reflection Day for our Year 6 students. This will be held at the

Salesian Retreat Centre at Lysterfield. This will be a valuable day for our candidates as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

#### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

These will take place next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August. If you are yet to make an appointment we would ask that you do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced your login details you can contact the office for assistance. **Please remember that school finishes at 2.30pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>** to allow sufficient time to get through the interviews.

#### CONFIRMATION FAMILY WORKSHOP

This will be held next Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July at Sacred Heart School commencing at 6.30pm. Information was sent home to parents this week.

Upcoming Dates:

1<sup>st</sup> August          Confirmations Reflection Day  
18<sup>th</sup> August        Sacrament of Confirmation



#### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mary-Marcella (3/4 RS) who recently won a silver medal in the 2017 Joseph D'Onofrio challenge under 9 mixed foil (fencing). This is an outstanding achievement for such a young competitor. Well done Mary- Marcella!

#### SHIPPING CONTAINER – Help required

We are currently in the process of getting quotes to relocate the shipping container, which currently sits beside the exit driveway, to another location on the school site. We would be interested to hear from any family who may be able to help with this move or someone who may have a contact in this field. Any support would be greatly appreciated.



### 100 days of school

Tomorrow our Prep children celebrate their first 100 days at school! They have been working incredibly hard this first half of the year and it has been wonderful to observe the growth in learning and social development in the six months they have been at

Christ Our Holy Redeemer. I understand there will be a little celebration in the Prep rooms tomorrow. Congratulations to you all!!

### THE TOYBOX

Preparations and planning are underway for our concert to be held on **Wednesday, September 13th 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. There is no need to wear shoes on stage. Thank you.

### KEEPING YOUR KIDS SAFE ON THEIR APPLE IPOD TOUCHES, IPADS AND IPHONES

Do you know if your children are safely using their iPod Touch, iPad or iPhone? Do they perhaps have access to websites, features and content that is not appropriate to their age group?

Come along to this free one-hour session, where Lynette Coulston from **iTandCoffee** will present essential information about how to ensure your child's safe use of these powerful devices.

Register at:  
<https://www.itandcoffee.com.au/holy-redeemer-ps.html>



### BREAKFAST CLUB

Athletics breakfast club is on tomorrow morning at 8.00am

### CHURCH CHOIR

There will be NO Church Choir until further notice.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week

Brendan Welsford  
Principal

### TERM THREE DATES

#### AUGUST

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> –Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent / Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Confirmation Reflection Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Education Board Meeting
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	School Sports Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Night
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Book "Dress Up" Day
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	PA Meeting at 7.30pm
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	Fathers' Day Stall

#### SEPTEMBER

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	School Closure Day
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Education Board Meeting
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	School Concert
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Trivia Night
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Footy Colours Day
	Pie / Sausage Roll Day
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	End of Term finish @ 2.30pm

### SCHOOL SPORTS

With our school sports coming up next Friday the 11th, it is time to make sure that we have everything ready.

With such a large occasion, we really need some volunteers to help out with the events in the morning, for which there is a roster up in the foyer for you to place your name.

We would also appreciate some help for the setup at Davies Reserve between 8am and 8:30am.

Finally, a reminder for all the Prep to 2 families to return the Sports Day form so classroom teachers know whether or not the students will be attending school that morning.

Looking forward to seeing you all there on the day.  
John Killeen and Sue Tobin

### BOOK FAIR

A reminder that the Book Fair finishes tomorrow.



## PRAYER FOR GRANDPARENTS

Lord Jesus,  
you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.  
Look with love on grandparents the world over.  
Protect them! They are a source of enrichment  
for families, for the Church and for all of society.  
Support them! As they grow older,  
may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith,  
guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasuries of sound religious traditions.  
Make them teachers of wisdom and courage,  
that they may pass on to future generations the fruits  
of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus,  
help families and society  
to value the presence and role of grandparents.  
May they never be ignored or excluded,  
but always encounter respect and love.  
Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed  
in all the years of life which you give them.  
Mary, Mother of all the living,  
keep grandparents constantly in your care,  
accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage,  
and by your prayers, grant that all families  
may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland,  
where you await all humanity  
for the great embrace of life without end. Amen!

*Benedictus II in*

