Dear Parents,

This weekend’s Gospel follows the story of the Feeding of the 5000 last week. We hear Jesus speak the words ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.’ Jesus insists that he is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realise that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment we will still hunger. Faith in Jesus can satisfy our hungers, living together with his presence in our lives. Christ is present in the Eucharist in many forms: in the people gathered; in the celebrating priest; in the Word proclaimed; and in the consecrated bread and wine – the Body and Blood of Christ. In relation to receiving Christ through the reception of communion, St Augustine wrote, ‘Be what you see, and receive what you are.’ We receive the Body of Christ through Eucharist and we are called to be the Body of Christ because of what we have received. We receive the Body of Christ because we are already part of the Body of Christ. We pray that here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer, we can represent the presence of Jesus every day through our words and our actions.

GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
Our community came together yesterday in honour of our grandparents. We celebrated a special Mass together followed by activities in the classroom. It was a precious time to observe with children and grandparents sharing recounts of special times together. Following this, they were invited into the hall for a cuppa and chat. We saw and heard many smiles, hugs, giggles, conversations and these were precious moments in the day.
I would especially like to acknowledge and thank the parents who provided food, and who assisted with setting up the Hall, serving food and of course, cleaning up. Thank you to parents for assisting with the afternoon tea in the Hall and Jill Palermo for her organisation of the day.
Dear God,
We give thanks and praise for the rich heritage we receive from our elders and grandparents.
For their heritage of unconditional love,
For their heritage of faith and wisdom,
For their heritage of strength and courage,
For their heritage of story and history,
For their heritage of good works and kindness,
For their heritage of joy and laughter.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.
Amen.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETING
Our Education Board will meet next Thursday, 6th August at 7:30pm in the staffroom.

BUILDING A BETTER SCHOOLYARD
Your children have taken part in a session from the Building a Better Schoolyard program regarding strategies they can adopt if they feel they might be moving closer towards the red zone (feeling angry, mad etc). Such strategies including Balloon breathing (taking three long deep breaths), Sticky hands or Breathe and count. You might like to discuss these further with your children.

BLOG LAUNCH
We will hold two sessions next Tuesday (4th August) to share information with parents about class blogs. There will be a session from 9-10am and 7-8pm. Please read the attached flier.

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FETE 2016
A meeting for anyone interested in joining 2016 Fete committee, will be held on Wed 26th Aug at 7pm.

TERM THREE DATES
August
Tuesday 4th COHR Blog Launch 9am-10am, 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
Sat & Sun 22/23 Confirmation certificates distributed at Masses
Monday 24th Book Week Books Light Up Our World
Wednesday 26th Parents’ Association
Thursday 27th Reconciliation 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

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL
We’re officially launching our COHR Class Blogs!

Parents – join us on

**Tuesday 4th August**

in the School Hall

Choose from two sessions:

9am – 10am OR 7pm – 8pm

Come along and find out about:

- The purpose of our Class Blogs
- How to use and navigate our Class Blogs
- Online behaviours for our Class Blogs

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I / We are able to attend the COHR Blog Launch. Tuesday AM or Tuesday PM. (Please circle which timeslot)

Name:
In 1/2 Maths we have been learning about....

MULTIPLICATION

**VOCABULARY**

Lots of
Groups of
Times
Times tables
Multiply
Multiplied
Product
Even groups

**BLOGS**

Want to know more? Visit our class blogs to see our learning in Maths.
http://12shannon.global2.vic.edu.au
http://cetrola.global2.vic.edu.au/

**Groups of...**

This game will focus on the following skills:
- Creating equal groups
- Counting groups of objects
- Turning around number sentences (e.g. $2 \times 3 = 3 \times 2$)

**Players:** 2 or more

**You will need:** 2 dice, collection of small objects for counting (e.g. counters, beans, blocks).

**How to Play:**
1. Each player takes turns to roll the two dice.
2. They create a multiplication problem using the two numbers (e.g. if a 2 and a 3 are rolled they can make $2 \times 3$ or $3 \times 2$).
3. Players make these groups with their counting objects.
4. After their groups have been checked by the other players, they can collect these items.
5. The next player then has a turn.
6. The player with the most items at the end of 3 rounds is the winner.

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**EXPLORING MATHS @ HOME**

There are many different real life experiences you can involve your child in that will assist their learning in Maths. This term, the Maths Matters Newsletter will include some ways you can explore Maths at home.

**MOVING WITH MATHS (P-2)**

These ideas use movement of the body, hearing sounds, using eyes and feeling with hands to experience counting.
- How many throws can we do without dropping the ball?
- How many jumps does it take to get to...?
- How many times can you tap the balloon before it touches the ground?
- How long does it take you to skip to...?

**SPORTS SCORES (3-6)**

- How does your favourite sport tally the score? What maths is presented on the tally?
- What maths do you use to find the total of the scores?
- Are there other ways to record the score?
- How long do your favourite sport games go for in minutes and seconds?
- Are they divided into halves, quarters or something else?
- What are the shapes of different playing fields and courts? Talk about edges and angles.
- How can you estimate the perimeter and area of a playing field?

Adapted from 2011 Literacy and Maths Tips to Help Your Child, DEECD, 2011
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://recohrglobal2.vic.edu.au

**THIS SUNDAY’S GOSPEL**
Year B – Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time
*John 6:24-35*
*Jesus is the Bread of Life*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’

Jesus answered: ‘I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.’

Then they said to him, ‘What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?’ Jesus gave them this answer, ‘This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.’ So they said, ‘What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’

Jesus answered: ‘I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’

‘Sir,’ they said ‘give us that bread always.’

Jesus answered: ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.’

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**Liiving the gospel**

**The Body of Christ**

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**Historical context**

**Bread**

For thousands of years, bread has been a staple part of the human diet in many cultures. It is no accident that the image of Jesus as bread makes such a significant appearance in the gospel of John. For the Jews, like other Ancient Near Eastern cultures, bread was a vital mainstay of their diet. In the Bible, the word ‘bread’ often simply means all food – it was that important! For many, regular access to bread did equate to life. Bread also played a crucial role in religious practices, especially the Passover meal.

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**Scriptural context**

**Bread that endures**

Jesus says, ‘Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life. The reference to food that cannot last relates to today’s first reading about manna. In the full account of Exodus 16 you will see that the manna that fell on the first five days had become rotten by the next day and could not be eaten. However, the manna that fell on the sixth day was ‘food that endures’ so that it could be eaten the next day – the Sabbath day, when the work of gathering the manna was not allowed.’
Thank you to our grandparents, special friends and family members who joined us yesterday for Mass and our activities. What a great celebration of love in our community!

GRANDPARENTS DAY
Dressing up is optional. Come along and have some fun with friends.

COHR
BAD TASTE PROM
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

NAME: ____________________________
Number of Tickets: ________________
Amount Enclosed: $ ________________

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