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Dear Parents,

On Tuesday I accompanied our Year 6 students to the Confirmation Reflection Day at Lysterfield, along with students and staff from Sacred Heart. The day was led by Phil Solari, Father John, Sr Margaret Mary and staff from Sacred Heart. The children rotated through four activities; Actioning Our Faith, Saints, Art - Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit and Scripture Lectio Divina. Given the beautiful weather on Tuesday the children were able to get outside during the breaks to enjoy some exercise and share in a game or two. This component of the program was contemplative and a wonderful opportunity for our children to reflect on the purpose and significance of receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. These candidates will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 18th August. I would ask that you keep these children in your prayers over the coming weeks.



SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD

Last night we held our fourth School Education Board Meeting for the year. Karen Wakeling, our librarian and ICT (Information Communications and Technology) Leader presented the Board with an overview of the resources we have in each of the levels, including iPads, touch screen desktops, chrome books, interactive whiteboards and touch screen televisions. We are certainly well resourced and we will continue to ensure our resources are updated on a cyclical basis. Karen also presented the platforms used within the school to communicate with families; including Blogs, Dojos and Class Story. We discussed the safety and privacy aspects of software used within the school as well as the different platforms used by different class levels. As well as Karen's presentation the Board also discussed issues relating to our new school vision statement, the progress of our building plans, the sign-in procedures for all parents and visitors, the car park 'drop-off' process in the mornings and the upcoming school sports.

SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Following on from last night's School Board Meeting it was decided that we would offer the parent community another week to comment on the three possible vision statements currently on display in the school foyer and also attached below. These three statements are all in draft form only. Feedback from parents and staff will help to shape one final statement that will reflect what it is we aspire for the students, staff and parents at Christ Our Holy Redeemer. Feedback can be received via email to principal@cohroakeast.catholic.edu.au or in hard copy using the feedback forms in the foyer.

Inspired by the Spirit, we are a strong community supporting and leading learners in a safe and inclusive environment.

We are a safe community of passionate learners who build positive relationships in the likeness of Christ.

Inspired by faith we grow;
as learners,
to build relationships,
and have a positive impact on our world.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to those parents who took up the invitation to meet with classroom teachers at last night's interviews. We have another two hours of interviews tonight from 4.00pm - 6.00pm. Classroom teachers certainly value this time to meet with parents and it is hoped that all families take up this opportunity. If you were unable to make a time this week I would strongly encourage you to make a mutually convenient time in the next couple of weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Pinto family (Amelie 3/4KS & Mason 1/2IC) on the safe arrival of their baby brother Zander.



Congratulations also to our Prep teacher Mrs Russell and her husband Matt who announced the news that they are expecting a baby in the new year.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Natoli family on the passing of their grandmother Adelina Natoli. The funeral will be held at COHR at 11.30 Friday. Rosary will be on Thursday 7.30pm.

CHILD SAFETY STANDARDS

On August 1st 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

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>



"Are your kids safe on their iPod, iPhone or iPad?"
Join iTandCoffee to find out!
Tue 8th August, 9-10 am
Don't forget to bring along any relevant i-Devices – this is a 'hands-on' workshop

Relax, we'll help you get iT

BREAKFAST CLUB

Athletics breakfast club is on tomorrow morning at 8.00am

EUCARIST COMMITMENT MASS Change of date

As Father John will now be away there has been a change of date for the Eucharist Commitment Mass. The mass, originally planned for September 2nd, will now take place on Saturday 26th August.

CHURCH CHOIR

There will be **NO** Church Choir until further notice.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

Please ensure you have a current Working with Children Check, when you are volunteering for any school activities, for example, Breakfast Club, Sports Day activities, classroom helpers, excursions etc.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week

Brendan Welsford
Principal

TERM THREE DATES

AUGUST

Friday 11 th	School Sports Day
Friday 18 th	Confirmation Ceremony 7pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Book "Dress Up" Day
Wednesday 23 rd	PA Meeting at 7.30pm
Thursday 31 st	Fathers' Day Stall

SEPTEMBER

Monday 4 th	School Closure Day
Wednesday 6 th	Ed Board Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 13 th	School Concert
Friday 15 th	Parent Trivia Night
Tuesday 19 th	Footy Colours Day
	Pie / Sausage Roll Day
Friday 22 nd	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

WORLD OF MATHS ROADSHOW

Literacy and Numeracy
Week 2017



As part of National Literacy and Numeracy Week, the **World of Maths Roadshow** will be visiting our school. The World of Maths Roadshow is an ideal opportunity for students to see how maths is applied to some real life situations in a fun and engaging way!

Students will gain insight into problem solving, working in teams, and also apply a number of maths skills learnt in class.

It is a highly engaging session which will show the children that Maths can be fun!

All students in Year P-6 will be involved in the Roadshow. *Parents are welcome to attend the sessions* to assist students and engage in maths learning with their children.

Details of the Roadshow Visit

Prep – Year 2: Monday 14th August

Year 3 – 6: Friday 25th August

Please Note: Times for each class will be sent home in next week's newsletter.

Stay tuned for more information next week!



“Love, grief and
everything in between.”

*Dates: August 7th, 14th,
21st and 28th*

*Time: 4 sessions of 1.5
hours each. Daytime
and evening times
available*

Reasonable cost

*Call, text or email for
further details*

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