Dear Parents,

The recent introduction of the minimum Victorian Child Safe Standards into law provides an opportunity to strengthen existing practices and increase consistency across Catholic school communities. By 1st August 2016, all Victorian schools were expected to show that they have strategies, procedures, policies and systems in place that comply with the seven new standards and three principles in line with the Ministerial Order 870.

Our school has been working to ensure we were compliant with these standards by August 1. Between now and the end of the year we will continue to work on ensuring we have policies and procedures in place to ensure the safety and protection of all children in our care. Over the remainder of the year we will also include updated information to the School Education Board and to the wider community through the school newsletter.

On Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop), Australia’s first saint. Mary MacKillop was certainly a remarkable woman, leader and teacher and contributed greatly to establishing Catholic schools in our great country. Let us pray that we continue to be driven by her mission and vision in our school at Christ Our Holy Redeemer.

I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow evening at the Trivia Night.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week,

Brendan Welsford
Principal

Mary MacKillop Prayer

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary Mackillop
to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

2016 ART SHOW
The COHR Art Show is fast approaching. The official opening will be held on Tuesday, 13th September at 7pm but the Hall and corridors will be open from 6pm. The Art Show will also be open on Wednesday and Thursday from 9-4:40pm.
This year, each class will have an art piece which will be raffled, so all families will have the opportunity to purchase a ticket/tickets and be in the draw. Tickets are $2 each or 3 for $5. These will be on sale in the week leading up to the Art Show. The class art pieces will be on display in the foyer during this time.
More information will follow regarding family tickets ($10 per family).

SCHOOL CROSSING
Please be vigilant by watching for students while exiting the school driveway onto Ferntree Gully Road.
LIBRARY NEWS
Book Fair
THANK YOU to all parents, students and families that supported our annual Book Fair. Carnival Books was the company we went with again and we were very pleased with the variety of books that were on display. Once again it was a huge success and the commission we received will go towards purchasing over 70 new picture and fiction books for our Library which our students will borrow and enjoy reading.

Book Week
Tuesday August 23rd is our annual Book Week Dress-Up Day at school. This year the theme for Book Week is ‘Australia - Story Country’. Students, teachers, pre-schoolers and parents are asked to dress-up as a book character - it could be a favourite character or one from any book that you have read. We will begin the day with a parade at 8.55am in the courtyard and classes will complete some book activities with their buddy classes. We have started reading some of the short-listed books in our Library sessions. Please visit the library if you would like to view these books or get some inspiration for a dress up idea.
Thank You
Karen Wakeling

FUTE NEWS

FETE HELPERS NEEDED
FACE PAINT/CRAZY HAIR STALL
We have had some response to our call for helpers for the Face Paint/Crazy Hair stall. Many thanks to those ex students. If any families have older children/past students) who would be interested in assisting with these stalls for a part of the time on Friday November 18th, it would be greatly appreciated.

RSA
If there is anyone in our school community with an RSA licence or who is willing to obtain one before the fete, please let Gary Iverson (0414 429 871) or Mariela Ilopart (0408 394 416) know. It would be great if we could assist the Brewer family on the night.

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

WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
We are 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 Ilopart on 0408 394 416
  (mariela@ilopart.net)

VEGETABLE STALL
We will be selling Kale tomorrow morning, before assembly. $2 a bunch.

MOVIE NIGHT
Thank you for supporting the movie night / guess the jelly bean competition which raised $318.10. Tomorrow at assembly we will announce the winner of the jelly bean competition. Well done to Stephanie, Natasha and Michelle who organised this fundraiser.

TRIVIA NIGHT
FRIDAY AUGUST 5th
On Friday August 5th, there will be a parent social night. It will be an Olympic Trivia Night. Please see attached flyer.

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

CONFIRMATION BBQ / FAMILY WORKSHOP
Help is required to setup and operate the BBQ's from 5.00pm - 7.00pm at COHR on Thursday August 18th.
Anyone other than Grade 6 parents who can help, please contact the office.

TERM THREE DATES
Term 3
July
August 5 Trivia Night
August 11 Maths Family Night
August 17 Fete Meeting
August 18 Confirmation Workshop (6-8pm)
August 23 Reflective Garden
The 2016 Schools Writing Competition is NOW OPEN! Write4fun encourages students to read and write through these FUN competitions that are EASY to enter!

You can enter online at www.write4fun.net

There is NO THEME! Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild and get their creative juices flowing to write on ANY TOPIC and in ANY STYLE. Students from ALL GRADES are welcome to enter.

Entry is FREE and the closing date is Wednesday 31st August 2016.

**Poetry Prizes**
1st $1,000 CASH and YOUR CHOICE of a:
* $500 Rebel Sport Gift Card  * Apple iPad Air 32GB  * Xbox One  * Playstation 4
2nd $250 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack  3rd $150 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack  15 x Finalists Write4fun Gift Pack

**Short Story Prizes**
1st $1,000 CASH and YOUR CHOICE of a:
* $500 Rebel Sport Gift Card  * Apple iPad Air 32GB  * Xbox One  * Playstation 4
2nd $250 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack  3rd $150 CASH + Write4fun Gift Pack  15 x Finalists Write4fun Gift Pack

One talented writer in each division (poetry & short story) will receive $1,000 as First Prize (with $500 going to the winning school and $500 to the student) PLUS the choice of either a $500 Rebel Sport Gift card OR an Apple iPad Air 32GB OR a Xbox One OR a Playstation 4.
We will also be awarding one Second Prize in each division of $250 and one Third Prize of $150 and 15 Finalists will receive a Write4fun Gift Pack.
Throughout the month of July, the students of COHR celebrated families in many different ways. We thank all families for their participation!

FAMILY BLOGGING COMPETITION
A huge thanks to all families who participated in our Family Blogging Competition. Every comment posted by a family member earned a raffle ticket. A raffle was drawn in each class. Here are the winners:

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FAMILY PRAYER PACKS
During Family Week, we officially launched Family Prayer Packs in each class. We hope that this helps to support families to pray together and grow in faith. Throughout the remainder of the year, all families will have an opportunity to take the Prayer Pack home for a week. We invite families to write a prayer. These are displayed in the foyer.
MATHS WEEK 2016

COHR Mathlympics

NEXT WEEK!

MATHS WEEK will take place in Week 5, Term 3.

During Maths Week the school hall will be transformed into the COHR Mathlympic Stadium!

From Monday - Wednesday the hall will be set up with Maths games, activities and investigations for each class to participate in.

- Monday – Year 5/6
- Tuesday – Prep - Year 2
- Wednesday – Year 3/4

Children are then invited to explore these games and activities with their families at the Family Maths Night.

JOIN US FOR THE MAIN EVENT...
At a family, fun-filled, Maths night in the COHR Olympic Stadium!

When: Thursday 11th August
Time: 4 - 5pm OR 6 - 7pm
Where: COHR Hall

Come along for fun, a challenge and prizes!

Come on Mathletes, let’s see if we can win gold for Maths!