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Dear Parents,

Sunday's Gospel – the Calming of the Storm – reminds us that no matter how treacherous situations may be that Jesus comes to call us to faith, to catch us when we think we're drowning, to accompany us back to safety and to bring calm to the troubled seas of our life. This is highlighted when Peter begins to doubt himself. At this moment he calls to Jesus for help. One of the enduring images of Jesus is as the one who saves – the Saviour. When the realisation eventually comes to each of us that we can't do it all alone, we need only call on the one who saves.

CONFIRMATION

Next week our regional Bishop, Bishop Elliott will visit the school on Wednesday and meet with the students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 22nd August. As part of the Confirmation program there is a Confirmation Workshop on Wednesday 13th August in the Hall commencing at 7pm. On Friday 15th the students will participate in a Confirmation Reflection day. They will travel to the city and visit the Mary MacKillop Centre and Caritas before attending Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, at which Fr John will concelebrate. We will be joined with students from Sacred Heart.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

A reminder of the school closure day on Friday 29th August. Staff have begun working on developing Scope & Sequences for some of the new Australian Curriculum. The day will enable the various curriculum teams to report to the staff about their work to ensure that all staff have a good understanding of the newer areas and the different focuses of the new curriculum.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR

THANK YOU, What a success our 2014 Book Fair has been. Thank you to all who visited and purchased from our Carnival Book Fair, you have contributed towards a very generous commission for our school and importantly our students. I have been in touch with Carnival re all the back-orders, and they were going to send them altogether. However I have asked if they could send what they have now. The 'Minecraft' books are on back, back order, so all those students awaiting 'Minecraft', you will have to continue to be patient. As soon as we receive the books we will deliver them to all students. This is our 7th year with Carnival and I have communicated with them my thoughts about the variety and depth of books this year. I have let them know that I was disappointed with the selection of picture books and books for our senior students. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to email me.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier's Reading Challenge is in its last month. We have over 30 students who have already completed the challenge. You have the rest of August to keep reading and add your books and we will continue to verify all books read. Well done to those students who have taken up the challenge.

BOOK WEEK

The 2014 Book Week theme is 'Connect With Reading'. This term the students are being exposed to a selection of the short-listed books in the Early Childhood, Picture Story, Young Readers and Information categories from the Children's Book Council of Australia.

Book Week is an EXCITING week at COHR. Apart from fun activities in the library and classrooms, we also hold our annual **Book Character Parade**. This year we are dressing-up on Tuesday 19th August and will start the day with our parade at 8.50am. After our parade all grades will participate in a buddy activity.

We encourage all children, pre-schoolers and even parents to present themselves as their favourite book character. It may be a character from the current short-listed books – Feel free to visit the library to view the short-listed books or for some assistance with ideas. No need to go and buy costumes or spend hours making them– just make use of bits and pieces at home as this is a fun day and the only prizes awarded are lots of applause, laughter and big smiles.

Looking forward to seeing you 'in character' on Tuesday 19th August, ready to join our parade.

Karen Wakeling

HELP PLEASE

We have decided to remove the goal posts from the Oval to enable better use of the Oval. If there are any parents who could assist me on Saturday morning 16th August please let me know. We have ordered portable goal posts so games will continue.

John Killeen (5/6K)

HOME TASK CLUB

Home task club has started up again on a Thursday morning 8:15 – 8:35am. Come along for some strategies to help you manage the Home Task Grid.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

It is not too late to purchase your Entertainment Book from the office, but we only have a few left.

TERM THREE DATES

August

Wednesday 13 th	Hot Donut day
Friday 15 th	Confirmation Family Workshop 7pm Feast of the Assumption
Monday 18 th	Confirmation Reflection day Book Week commences "Connect to Reading"
Tuesday 19 th	Book Parade at 8.50am
Friday 22 nd	Confirmation 7pm
Thursday 28 th	Education Board meeting
Friday 29 th	School closure day

September

Thursday 4 th	Fathers' day Stall
Saturday 6 th	BBQ at Masters

Sunday 7 th	Fathers' Day
Wednesday 10 th	Parents' Association meeting
Monday 15 th	District Athletics
Tuesday 16 th	Official opening of COHR Art Show
Wednesday 17 th	Footy colours/Hot dog day
Friday 19 th	End of Term Three - children dismissed at 2:30pm. Portfolios are sent home
Sunday 21 st	BBQ at Bunnings

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan

PRINCIPAL

INTERNATIONAL FOOD KITCHEN

There will be an International Food Kitchen held on Sunday 10th August at the Keysborough Parish of the Resurrection, 42 Corrigan Road Keysborough in the school hall.

SACRED HEART ASYLUM SEEKER CHARITY

To bring the community together in support of asylum seekers, the Sacred Heart Asylum Seeker Charity is holding a Halal BBQ lunch on Sunday 24th August from 12pm onwards at Sacred Heart Hall, 2 Mora Avenue, Oakleigh. Tickets are \$5 per person. Children under 5 are free. Ticket price includes BBQ lunch. To keep costs low we ask that you kindly bring a bowl of salad (for surnames from A-K) or a dessert (for surnames from L-Z) to be placed on the buffet table for all to share. BYO drinks. Coffee and tea will be provided. Bookings can be made through TryBooking at <http://tinyurl.com/kwx4v9a> or search on TryBooking under Halal BBQ lunch and the event date.



In Prep Maths we have been learning about....

ADDITION

VOCABULARY

Addition– add, plus, makes, count on, more, most, altogether, biggest, smallest.

Subtraction– take away, count back, count down, less, difference.

COUNT ON HIGH

This game will focus on the following skills:

- Counting on from the largest number
- Addition

Players: 2

You will need: Deck of playing cards (picture cards removed), ace is 1.

How to Play:

1. Each player turns over a card.
2. Player A identifies the larger number card, covers this card with his/her hand and says to Player B, 'Count on high'.
3. Player B counts on from the larger number to find the sum of the numbers shown on both cards.
4. Swap rolls and repeat.

Variation:

*follow the same procedure but this time count back to subtract