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Dear Parents,

Sunday's Gospel continues with the 'Bread of Life' theme that has been a focus over the past few weeks. In a world that is obsessed with health and fitness and yet, ironically, also experiencing an ever-increasing overweight and obese population, what we eat has come under greater scrutiny than ever before. 'You are what you eat' has become a catchcry for healthy eating but Catholics have known the truth of this statement for centuries. When we participate in the Eucharist, we not only receive the body of Christ; we become the body of Christ. The people who make up the Church in the world are indeed the body of Christ. In the words of St Teresa, 'Christ has no body now but yours!'

On Saturday we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into heaven. The readings present Mary as a faith-filled person and one in whom her fidelity to Jesus sets a standard of our vocation as followers of Christ.



CONFIRMATION

Yesterday the children participated in the Reflection day, in conjunction with Sacred Heart and the parish-run program. They took part in three sessions allowing them to reflect on their faith in action. The sessions were conducted by artist Tara McCrea (with whom the parents and children will work with this evening), Margaret Fyffe from Caritas Australia and Kevin Meese from Catholic Missions Australia.

Unfortunately our expected visit from Bishop Elliott was postponed until Monday as the Bishop had a funeral to preside over.

The children and their parents will attend a Confirmation Workshop this evening at 7pm in the Hall.

BISHOP ELLIOTT PASTORAL VISIT

As part of his role as our Regional Bishop, Bishop Elliott will undertake a Pastoral visit of Christ Our Holy Redeemer next Friday, 21st August. As part of the visit, he will visit some of the classrooms and share morning tea with the staff.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER

Although small in numbers the Parents' Association last Friday night was an enjoyable night for those parents who attended. The night managed to raise \$3000 for the school.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

During the last week's meeting the Board viewed plans for additional Adventure play equipment adjoining the existing equipment. Funds raised by the Parents' Association will be used on the exciting project.

FETE 2016

A meeting for anyone interested in joining the 2016 Fete Committee will be held on Wednesday 26th Aug at 7pm.

BOOK WEEK

This year we will celebrate Book Week in the week commencing Monday 31st August. Our Book Parade will be on Tuesday 1st September. This year's theme is: "Books Light Up Our World"

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Perri family (Amelia 3/4JP, Carla 1/2CP) on the death of their Grandmother last Saturday.

TERM THREE DATES

August

Thursday 13 th	Confirmation Workshop 7pm
Saturday 15 th	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Thursday 20 th	Reconciliation for Confirmation candidates 9:30am
Friday 21 st	Confirmation 7pm
Sat & Sun 22/23	Confirmation certificates distributed at Masses
Wednesday 26 th	Parents' Association
Thursday 27 th	Reconciliation Family Information 7pm (COHR)
Saturday 29 th	Reconciliation Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) or 7pm (COHR)
Monday 31 st	Book Week <i>Books Light Up Our World</i>

September

Tuesday 1 st	Book Week Parade
Thursday 3 rd	Fathers' Day Stall
Sunday 6 th	Fathers' day
Thursday 17 th	CONCERT
Friday 18 th	End of term – children dismissed 2:30pm.

October

Monday 5 th	Term 4 commences
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With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jemma Ryan who has been selected to join the Under 13 Girls Victorian State Hockey Team. She will be competing in Sydney in the school holidays.

FOR STUDENTS OF CHRIST OUR HOLY REDEEMER

YOUNG WRITERS AWARD

The Young Writers' Award is about encouraging a love of reading and writing and to inspire children to commit their thoughts and ideas to paper. Every child has a story and every story is worth telling.

Redgum Book Club has launched the Young Writers Award to help children aged between 9 and 13 years of age, develop their writing skills and find their unique voice through storytelling. Children are great storytellers; they can create both entertaining written and 'oral' stories that, with a little assistance, can be turned into fabulous, character-filled books for others to enjoy.

The Young Writers Award recognises and encourages the writing talents of Australian children by providing them with the opportunity to have their stories published and distributed in Australia.

The Redgum Young Writers Award aims to inspire children to put their thoughts and ideas to paper and encourages a love of reading and writing.

This award is a great platform to help develop the next generation of great Australian writers!



There are more details on the website including: Prizes, Categories, Eligibility, Submissions

Some of the important dates

Entries open: Monday 13 July 2015

Entries close: Friday 11 December 2015

Short list announced: Monday 22 February 2016

The website address is: <http://www.youngwritersaward.com.au/>

CONFIRMATION REFLECTION DAY

We learned that God is love...so we are love. I enjoyed creating sculptures with Tara and how we could create something that has our name all over it.

I had a lot of fun seeing my friends from Sacred Heart and meeting new people too.

I found it interesting to learn about how Catholic Missions volunteers help people in countries in need or in poverty, like the work Kevin does.

Also, Margaret taught us about Caritas and all the work that they do. She taught us that we are luckier than we think. She also said that social justice is important in our world.

Overall, learning about our Confirmation was amazing. We reflected and it was worth it.

Isabella

We went up to Lysterfield for a retreat day to think about Confirmation. We were lucky enough to have Tara, Margaret and Kevin teach us in some ways to show the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit. Lysterfield is a peaceful, calm, quiet place and it was good to reflect about nature and God's creation. We were also accompanied by Sacred Heart.

Antony

We went to Don Bosco Retreat Centre in Lysterfield. When we first arrived, I felt very reflective, even though we still had to begin any activities!

When Kevin spoke to us about Catholic Missions and the work they did, he told us about some issues in Burma and Nepal they are helping to solve. The situations that were told, made me feel more aware and lucky for what I have.

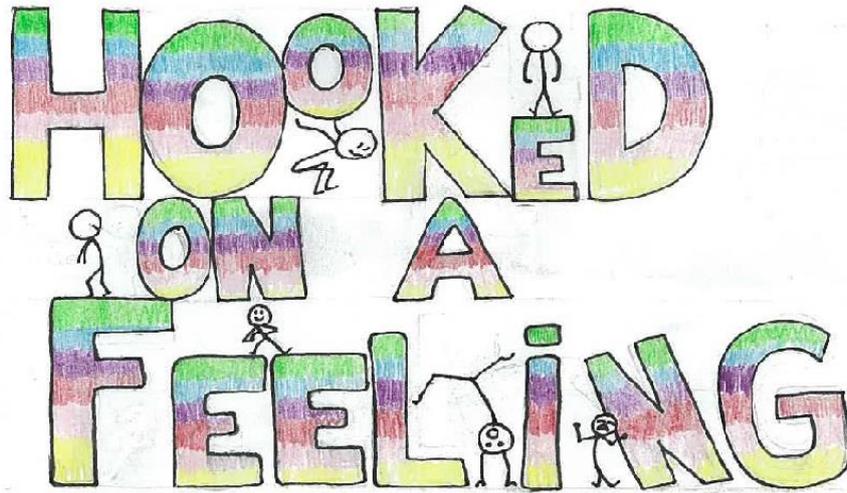
Margaret focussed on Caritas – what it means and how they help. She also taught us about how the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit can help us live our lives better.

Tara helped us find out that God loves us and to show everyone that we love them. She finished with letting us shape our clay into love.

We finished the day with reflective prayer. Overall, the day was enjoyable.

Jessica

CONCERT UPDATE



“HOOKED ON A FEELING”-Thursday 17th September at 7pm at Sacred Heart College. Students are expected at the hall at 6:30pm, dressed and ready to be seated.

Tickets will go on sale on Thursday of week 6 (next Thursday) Tickets are available to parents and siblings not at the school. There will be no designated seats. This ensures that each family will be represented as there are limited seats in the hall.

Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday 16th August at 1:30pm in the COHR hall. This is an opportunity for any family members/friends, especially grandparents who will not be attending on the night of the concert.

Rehearsal Day: Thurs 17th Sept Buses will ferry the children to and from Sacred Heart College on the day.

Thank you to all who contributed to the ticket design competition.
Congratulations to Nicki Hill who had the winning design.

LIBRARY NEWS

BOOK FAIR

THANK YOU, What a HUGE success our 2015 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. We are only waiting on 3 back orders at this stage and I have spoken to those patient students. This is our 8^h year with Carnival and our Book Fair certainly worked in well with parent/teacher interviews as many more parents were able to pop in and visit. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to email me.

BOOK WEEK

The 2015 Book Week theme is 'Books Light Up Our World'. This term the students are being exposed to a selection of the short-listed books in the Early Childhood, Picture Story, and Young Readers 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 1st September 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 1st September.

Many Thanks
Karen Wakeling