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Dear Parents,

This week's Gospel provides a fascinating illustration of Jesus' response to those in need. Jesus has travelled to the area of Tyre and Sidon – part of modern day Lebanon. He was physically removing himself from the place of his very active ministry and taking a break. When the Canaanite woman approaches Jesus and his disciples, she is an interruption; a nuisance. Jesus is very abrupt with her. The woman is persistent and again asks Jesus to help her. Jesus is even more abrupt.

The woman's persistence and faith pay off. Jesus is moved by her faith and through that faith heals the woman's daughter. Despite his initial abruptness and reluctance, Jesus responds with compassion to the woman's request. It is as though she needed to demonstrate that she was really serious and that she did in fact believe that Jesus could make a difference in her life and the life of her daughter. This is an important story in Matthew's Gospel. This Gospel was written predominantly for Jewish Christians but this story reveals that the ministry of Jesus and the reign of God is open to anyone who believes.

Today, we pray that we too can act with compassion towards others; that we can make a difference in their lives.

SR PATRICIA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

On September 8th Sister Patricia will celebrate her Golden Jubilee, 50 years as a Sister of The Lady of the Missions. Sister Patricia has been at Christ Our Holy Redeemer since the start of the school year in 2006, working with our children and our families in the school community. On Monday, September 8th at 10.30am, the students will help Patricia celebrate with a paraliturgy and small assembly in the hall to which all parents are invited. Afterwards our parent community will enjoy a morning tea with Patricia.

The Parents Association will be asking for volunteers to help set up/provide a plate of food. More details to follow.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

A reminder of the school closure day on Friday 29th August.

BOOK WEEK

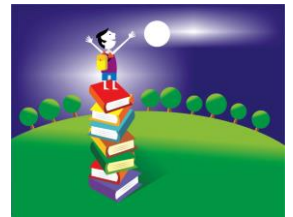
The 2014 Book Week theme is 'Connect With Reading'. This term the students are being exposed to a selection of the short-listed books in the Early Childhood, Picture Story, Young Readers and Information categories from the Children's Book Council of Australia.

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



HOT DONUTS

Thank you to all parents who assisted in organising the hot donut day ~ the children certainly enjoyed them Along with some staff!

CONFIRMATION

The Confirmation candidates were visited by Bishop Elliott yesterday. It was an opportunity to discuss their understanding of significance this Sacrament. The family workshop was held in the evening and was well attended. The children will attend the Confirmation reflection day tomorrow. They visit Caritas Australia, the Mary MacKillop centre and St. Patrick's Cathedral for Mass.

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)

BETTER BUDDIES GAMES AFTERNOON

Join us on **Wednesday 3rd September @2.40** and join in the fun as all students from Prep to Year 6 get together with their buddies to play indoor games.

TERM THREE DATES

August

Friday 15 th	Feast of the Assumption
	Confirmation Reflection day
Monday 18 th	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

TUTORING

If you or anyone you now are interested in being tutored, please call the number below.

Tutoring for Years 6 – 12

Qualifications: DipEd Secondary, Phd Biochemistry

Tutoring subjects: maths, science, chemistry, biology

Contact: Dr Nihal Ramsis (a mother at COHR)

Mob: 0413 185 324 or email: nramsis2010@hotmail.com

CLAYTON PIRANHAS SWIMMING CLUB

Come and try!!

Experience the fun of racing with friendly club.

Every Friday night during the school terms

Clayton Pool (Cooke St)

7.00pm – 8.00pm

To participate you need to be abler to swim 25 metres in two different strokes.

For further information contact Clayton Aquatic Staff or call Colin Maguire 9570 5575 or Piera Montibeller 0412 585 582



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In Year 5/6 Maths we have been learning about....

DECIMAL NUMBERS

VOCABULARY

whole number
decimal
units
tenths
hundredths
thousandths
place value
equivalence
round
compare
order

BLOGS

Want to know more?

Visit our class blogs and see some of our learning in Maths.

<http://jkilleen.global2.vic.edu.au/>

<http://js01.global2.vic.edu.au/>

<http://mpradel.global2.vic.edu.au/>

DECIMAL PICK IT AND PLACE IT

This game will focus on the following skills:

- To read decimal numbers
- To compare decimal numbers
- To recognise the value of digits within a number

Players: 2 or more

You will need: A deck of cards A-9, jokers (represent 0)

How to Play:

Create a table on your page:

UNITS	•	TENTHS	HUNDREDTHS	THOUSANDTHS

1. Agree on whether you are aiming for the highest or the lowest number.
2. Place the cards in a pile and turn the top card over – this is the value of the units and all players write this in their table.
3. Taking turns, each player turns the top card and writes that digit (value) in one of the columns in order to make a number to three decimal places.
4. When all players have a number, compare to find who has the highest (or lowest) number.
5. Start a new round.