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Dear Parents,

Tomorrow evening our Year 6 students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation, in part, is *confirming* the gift of the Holy Spirit at Baptism. There are frequent references in the Gospels to Jesus being 'filled with the Spirit'. It is this Spirit with which he was filled that he breathed upon his disciples; it is that same Spirit that the students will receive sacramentally in Confirmation tonight. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the Gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church. It is the same mission that we, as confirmed Christians are expected to accept. We are challenged to utilise the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live our lives in the way of Jesus. It is this challenge that the students will accept tomorrow night.



Please keep them in your prayers and thoughts that they may have the courage to continue the mission that Jesus has entrusted us with: to spread the Good News of Jesus and continue to realise his message in the world.

#### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

As mentioned, tomorrow evening we come together to support children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. During the weekend masses, they will also be presented to the Parish community as they accept their certificates. Next Thursday evening, there will be a Reconciliation Family Information Evening in the school hall beginning at 7pm. The commitment Masses for Reconciliation will be during the following weekend – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August.

#### CHRIST OUR HOLY REDEEMER PASTORAL VISIT

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

#### NAPLAN 2016

The NAPLAN results for the Years 3 and 5 students will be sent home tomorrow. Please take some time to review the results with your child. Naturally if there are any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to speak with your child's teacher.

#### FETE 2016

A meeting for anyone interested in joining the 2016 Fete Committee will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Aug at 7pm in the staffroom. All most welcome.

#### BOOK WEEK

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

#### CONCERT

Please read the attached information regarding the Concert. A reminder that costumes need to be organized by Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

#### TERM THREE DATES

##### August

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Confirmation 7pm  
 Sat & Sun 22/23 Confirmation certificates distributed at Masses  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Parents' Association  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Reconciliation Family Information 7pm (COHR)  
 Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> Reconciliation Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) or 7pm (COHR)  
 Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Book Week *Books Light Up Our World*

##### September

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

##### October

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Term 4 commences

With best wishes,

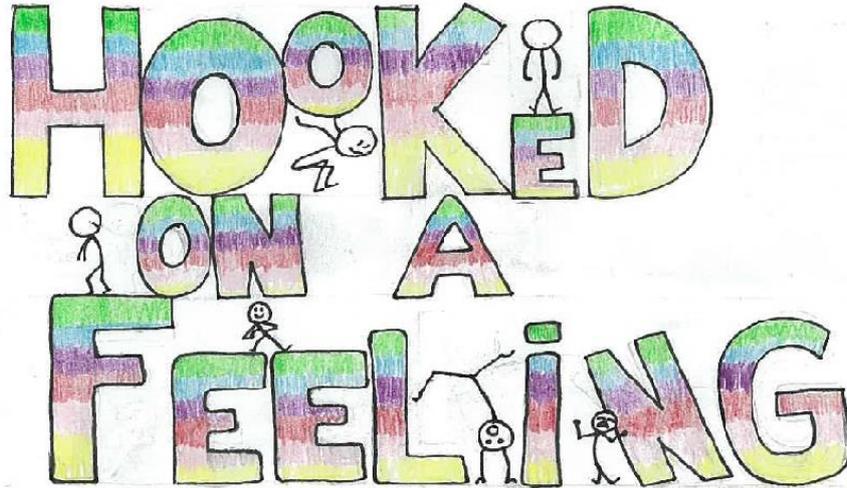
Thomas Coghlan

**PRINCIPAL**

#### FATHERS DAY STALL

The Fathers Day stall will be held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Gifts will range in price from \$1 - \$8. Raffle tickets will be 50c each. A notice will be sent home next week looking for assistance in setting up on the Wednesday, serving and packing up on Thursday.

# CONCERT UPDATE



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

**Tickets Order forms** will be sent home today. 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 16<sup>th</sup> September 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 17<sup>th</sup> Sept** Buses will ferry the children to and from Sacred Heart College on the day.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOKS**

Scholastic Book issue 6 will be sent home today. Orders are to be returned by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

We are currently looking for a new coordinator to collate our Scholastic Book orders. If you are interested please contact the office for more information. A very big thank you to Jacinta Chetwin who has been our coordinator for the past few years. Jacinta is happy to work with the new coordinator until the end of the year.

# MATHS Matters $\times \div =$

In Prep!

In Prep Maths we have been learning about...

## SUBTRACTION

### VOCABULARY

Count back  
Take away  
Less than  
Difference between

### DEFINITION

Count back - a method of learning subtraction by counting backwards from the first number in the problem to get the answer.

### BLOGS

Want to know more?  
Visit our class blogs and see some of our learning in Maths.

<http://nharink.global2.vic.edu.au>  
<http://sdaly.global2.vic.edu.au>

## BACKWARDS ROLL

This game will focus on the following skills:

- Counting back
- Calculator skills
- Subitising

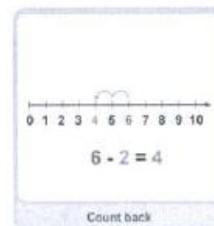
Players: 2 or more

You will need: one dice, two calculators

How to Play:

1. Each player begins with the number 20 on the calculator screen.
2. Player A rolls the dice and counts back by the number shown using their fingers, a number line etc.
3. Player A then enters this amount into their calculator to check their prediction.
4. Player B then completes their turn.
5. The first player to reach zero is the winner.

Variation: Players can start with a higher number on the calculator screen, e.g. 50.



## EXPLORING MATHS @ HOME

Try some of these activities to engaging your child in everyday Maths at home.

### Counting, counting, counting (P-2)

- Count the food items as they are placed in the trolley or unpacked at home.
- Count each toss of the ball as you play a game.
- Count the steps to the letterbox, front door, clothes line.
- Collect and count objects such as toys, shells, and flowers from the garden.
- Count days on a calendar. Count days down to a special event.
- Investigate the counting patterns seen on street numbers.
- Read books that involve counting.
- Explore counting sequences in familiar poems and rhymes such as:
  - Five Little Ducks
  - Ten in the Bed
  - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Once I Caught a Fish Alive
  - Ten Green Bottles
  - Five Little Monkeys
  - 1, 2, Buckle My Shoe

