Dear Parents,

Last Friday evening we celebrated the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish. Bishop Peter Elliott confirmed the children and presided over the ceremony.

I would like to thank and congratulate all the Confirmation candidates for their conscientious preparation to receive the Holy Spirit – they practised with great enthusiasm, clearly understanding and appreciating the nature of the Sacrament and its meaning for them as young Catholics. Most importantly, the children were well prepared by you, as parents, and by our dedicated 5/6 teachers Phil Solari, Michella Pradel, Sue Tobin and Tanya Weston, and most I am sure, understood the significance of the occasion in their journey of faith. I also acknowledge the work of Jill Palermo, our Religious Education Leader, who supported the children and teachers through the preparation of this sacrament.

Special thanks also to our staff who assisted in so many ways to ensure the mass itself ran smoothly.

Let us pray that this group of children will be able to keep the Spirit alive within by calling on the gifts and fruits of the Spirit when the need arises in their lives. We all must endeavour to be open to the Spirit to deal with the challenges we face in the world today.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Many thanks to all families for taking great care to ensure children are dressed in correct school uniform. As the season is changing and we are heading into the warmer weather the children are beginning to take off their jacket through the day. Could I please ask families to check that uniform items are clearly named. This will help to ensure that the item is returned if misplaced. It is also the time to dig out the school hats and we would certainly encourage children to begin wearing them. It is certainly an expectation that hats are worn during Term 4.

REMINDER - School Improvement Surveys

Recently we sent home 60 surveys to randomly selected families in our school community to gain feedback about the performance of our school. These surveys are due back before the end of term.

SCHOOL BANKING ASSISTANCE

We are looking for more parent helpers due to the success of the school banking program. If you are free on a Tuesday morning and interested, please leave your name at the office.

HELP REQUIRED….

BUNNINGS BBQ 24th September

Thank you to those parents who helped at the Masters BBQ last Saturday. We raised $1800 which will go towards the rides at the fete. We are holding another BBQ – this time at Bunnings, South Oakleigh on the 24th September. A roster is in the school foyer for parents to choose allocated times to help on the day. Thank you for your assistance again.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week,

Brendan Welsford
Principal

Prayer

God of compassion and peace,
We give you thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus,
who has taught us how to live justly and in true peace.
As we remember the suffering
and poor in our world,
and in our own country,
open our hearts to be kind and
compassionate as Jesus was,
so that we too may be peace makers in our world.
We make this prayer in the name of your loving Son Jesus.
Amen

ART SHOW

The official opening of the COHR Art Show will be held on Tuesday, 13th September at 7pm. Thank you to those families who have already returned their forms and money. Please purchase your family ticket by Friday 9th September. The class pieces are on display in the foyer. You are welcome to purchase raffle tickets in the morning and afternoon during this week.

Entry to the Art show is through the office foyer and then through the classroom corridors finishing in the hall. You may like to download a QR code reader app on your smart phone as there will be barcodes to scan with additional information and photos relating to each art piece.
Term 3

SEPTEMBER
Friday 9th  Student Portfolios sent home
Tuesday 13th  Art Show
Thursday 15th  Parent Movie Night
Friday 16th  Footy Colours Day
Saturday 24th  Bunnings BBQ South Oakleigh

OCTOBER
Monday 3rd  Term 4 Begins

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
On Friday 16th September (the last day of term) we will have a Footy Colours Day. Children will be permitted to wear footy jumpers or casual clothes in their favourite teams’ colours. Children will also have the option to purchase a special lunch day treat and this order form was distributed to families last week.

GOLD COIN DONATION: money raised goes towards the fete.

ROCK STAR CARPARK
Silent Auction for term 4 carpark will begin on Monday 12th September. The auction forms can be found in the office foyer. The winner will be announced at Friday assembly.

SAVE THE DATE
Thursday 13th October the Parents Association have organised an evening at Carribbean Rollerama. It will run from 5.30 – 7.30pm. More details to follow next week.

GIRLS NIGHT OUT
Please see attached flier regarding A Girls Night Out to see Bridget Jones’s Baby on Thursday 15th September at 8pm.

REMININDERS
Please remember to return email address information forms and returning to COHR in 2017 forms.

SCHOOL PICKUP ARRANGEMENTS
We are receiving an ever increasing number of calls at the end of the day requesting children be notified about pickup arrangements. We are aware that situations arise during the day where alternate arrangements need to be made, but we would ask that you could please discuss with your child before school as to how they will be collected at the end of the day, especially on wet days. This is to avoid the constant disruptions to the class and the risk of not being able to inform the child due to them being in other rooms or specialist classes. Thank you for your support in this.

Cyber Safety @ COHR this week.
Children are the greatest beneficiaries of the digital era and are learning to navigate the online world at a younger and younger age. We need to ensure our communities are equipped to teach children, and the whole community, how to benefit from online technology whilst being savvy and prepared for the pitfalls - cyber bullying, scams, fraud, exposure to predators and inappropriate content. We want to create an Australia that is free from cyber bullying, with digital citizens who know how to embrace the best that technology can offer, whilst being smart, safe and responsible online.

National eSmart Week is an initiative developed by the Alannah & Madeline Foundation, in partnership with Telstra Foundation. All classes in Library this week have participated in an activity to highlight the importance of being smart, safe and responsible users of technology.

- Personal and private information and what to give out.
- Usernames and not full names
- Discussions about stopping and thinking before posting comments or images online, especially of others. Do they need permission?
- Sending of emails and what/how to include information.
- Passwords and not using/sharing friends devices - protocols and consequences of this.

PARENTS - Please have a look at this!
A new website connected with the government may be of interest and help answer questions posed to you by your child/ren or even just clarify some points that you are unsure of.

Where parents can learn about the digital environment and keep updated on their children’s technology use.

Also just to make you aware that we have a number of students using the app Musical.ly - please be aware that this is recommended for 13+ or even 15+ on some suggested parent forums. We ask that you know what and when your child/ren is on this and that their privacy settings are set correctly so as they are only communicating with people they know.

Musical.ly is a social media platform for creating, sharing and discovering short music videos. The app allows you to record and edit a 15 second music clip and share it with other users.

http://musicallyapp.tumblr.com/parents
Mystery Jars

Loved by all children the very popular Lucky Dip Mystery Jar stall is back at this years fete!
If you’re looking for an activity to do over the school holidays we would love for you to start filling jars with goodies.
Please place in the classroom boxes on your return to school.

Rules:
- Please ensure your jar is odourless. Jars that have had garlic, pasta sauce or other strong odours should not be used.
- Remove labels from jars. Please don’t wrap the jars.
- If you are feeling generous and a little time poor, a $5 note in a jar is always very popular with the kids. Lots of cheap, fun items can be found at Kmart, Big W and $2 shops.

Ideas:
- Wrapped, lollies, Chocolates, Packets of Sour Straps
- Marbles, Balloons, Skipping Rope, Yo Yo's
- Bouncy Balls
- Arts & Crafts, gel pens
- Hair Stuff, Jewellery
- Stationary
Spread the Word, the More the Merrier

By Monday 12th Sept
Payments to the Office

Includes Glass of Wine & Nibbles

$20 per Ticket

8pm in the Fore
Pinewood Shopping Centre
Waverley Cinema

Thursday September 15

Bridget Jones's Baby Fundraiser

Night Out Girls