

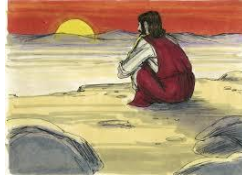


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Dear Parents,

Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the Church's season of Lent. Lent is a time that we can explore the times when we have turned away to God and see where we need to get back on track. In Sunday's Gospel we are told that Jesus was tempted in the wilderness for 40 days. Numbers are never randomly used in the Bible. 1, 3, 7, 12 and 40 all have specific meanings. 40 indicates a time of formation. Luke tells us that Jesus confronts evil head-on and is tempted in every way that we are.



We often feel alone when faced with difficult choices and temptations, but, especially at these moments, we turn to God and to each other for comfort, guidance and support. That's what Lent is always about – a yearly season where we are encouraged to keep embracing life and live it to the full. It is a time for us to enter actively into the mysteries of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and there to marvel at what God has done for us. It has been traditional that during the time of Lent Christian people renew their efforts in prayer, fasting and almsgiving. *'Lent is not a season of punishment so much as one of healing.'* All Shall Be Well: Readings for Lent and Easter

PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Over the past week we have enjoyed seeing parents come together, in social contexts and in learning situations. Last week many families enjoyed a catch up on the oval for our annual Fish 'n' Chip evening. Throughout this week we have welcomed many parents into the classroom for the 1/2 and 5/6 information nights with the 3/4 level this evening and the Prep level next Tuesday night. This has been an opportunity to learn more about the expectations and processes set within your child's class. So far, we have received very positive feedback from parents who have attended the information sessions.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Yesterday we joined parishioners for the Ash Wednesday Mass. The Prep students participated in a liturgy this morning during which they were administered the ashes.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday 29th February. All students are to wear full summer school uniform on this day. (NO sports uniforms). Sibling packs can be obtained from the office.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS – Thurs 10th & Fri 11th March

This year we are undertaking a school review as part of a cyclical cycle of school improvement and accountability. During these two school closure days the staff will be working on the Report that will be tabled to the reviewer early next term.

RECONCILIATION

The Sacramental program will commence for Year 3 students preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There is a meeting for Yr 3 students and their parents at Sacred Heart on Thursday 25th February at 7pm and a Reconciliation Commitment Mass on Saturday 27th February. Students and their families may attend either Mass at Sacred Heart at 5:30pm or at COHR at 7pm.

SPORT

Inter School Sport

The 5/6 students will take part in Interschool sports games tomorrow morning. Basketball and Rounders will be played at COHR and Softball and Cricket will be played at Amsleigh Primary School.

SWIMMING TRIALS

20 students participated in the swimming trials this morning.

Congratulations to Liana Montibeller, Olivia Hunt and James McLaughlin who won their races and are now through to the Division Swimming Finals and to Harry Chetwin who came 2nd in two events.



RUNNING CLUB – Years 3-6

Running Club begins tomorrow morning 8am in preparation for Cross Country which will be held on the 29th April.

FETE MEETING – Monday 15th February 7:30pm.

As mentioned 2016 is a Fete year and as such an important event on the school's calendar. Fetes are held every second year and provide not only valuable funds for the school, but it is a wonderful community event. The meeting is looking for parents who may wish to provide ideas, offer to organize a stall or take on a role of co-ordinating this special event. I'm hoping to see many parents at the meeting.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION – Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting of the Parents' Association will be held on Wednesday 24th February at 7:30pm in the Hall. The PA assists in organizing or co-ordinating social activities (e.g. welcome morning tea, assisting during Open day, or running a major fundraiser – Trivia Night) and also works in with the Fete Committee) and fundraising activities. All parents are welcomed and can be general members – assisting when able. The membership of the PA Executive consists of the School Principal, a representative of the teaching staff and elected parents. Parent representatives hold the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Class representatives provide a valuable and important link between the PA and Fete Committee.

We need an active and vibrant committee to continue to build on our wonderful sense of community.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

The scheduled Education Board meeting has been transferred to Wednesday 2nd March due to the unavailability of some members. The meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting of the Board. As well as the AGM, the Board will undertake an activity related to the school Review, as well as looking at proposal about the format of the school's Mid and End of year Reports.

The Education Board acts as a forum for discussion on matters concerning education in the community. It brings together, in a spirit of co-operation, Parish Priest, Principal, representative of parents, teachers, and other groups involved with education in the community so that responsible, informed advice can be given to the Parish Priest and Principal.

The Education Board deals with:

- ❖ broad policy development
- ❖ clarification of educational needs
- ❖ pastoral care of students, parents and staff
- ❖ maintenance and finance

The members of the Education Board collaborate, cooperate and support decisions within their scope of influence in conjunction with the school staff rather than directing them.

Parents wishing to join the Education Board are asked to put their nominations in writing to me by Friday 26th February.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Applications for Yr 7 enrolments for Catholic Secondary schools close on Friday 26th February. Many of our local Secondary schools are running tours and information sessions – contact the college/s if you are interested in gaining a better insight into the school you may be considering. Enrolments for Government Secondary schools occur later in the year, around May.

ART INCURSION

Over the next two Mondays – 15th and 22nd the students will be working with cartoonist and author/illustrator Richard Galbraith. Next week the 1/2 and 3/4 levels will have the opportunity of drawing with him. This incursion has been organized by Jo Hunt. There is a display of Richard's books outside the Library.

ASSESSMENT

Beginning this week and over the next few weeks, class teachers will have the opportunity to work individually with their students as they undertake assessments in Reading and Maths. The teachers will be replaced by relieving teachers.

LUNCH ORDERS

Classroom Cuisine will again provide our lunch order service on every day except Tuesday.

All orders must be placed on line before 8.30am. School have no access to the service and **will not** be able to place late orders. For information or to order, please visit: www.classroomcuisine.com.au A new menu is attached to today's Newsletter.

PORTFOLIOS

A reminder to return portfolios for Years 2, 4, 6 students

TIQBIZ

A reminder and encouragement to download the tiqbiz app. As mentioned this is a quick and easy way for parents to receive information regarding upcoming events, staff absences and our weekly newsletter. Class teachers will also use this app to inform families of classroom notices.

MOVIE NIGHT

Please see flier which comes home today. A family ticket covers parents, students and siblings of current school families. Please invite your friends to come along. Friends are not included in the family package price. Additional forms can be picked up from the office.

ICY POLES

Icy Poles will be available on Friday for the students at lunchtimes for 50c.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camp**s provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

CLOSING DATE

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by **Monday 29th February**

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

SCHOOL BANKING

Could parents please update your child's class on the front of their bank books.

COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

We will complete painting the pots for our towers of respect on Wed 17th Feb from 2 – 3.30pm.

Come join in the fun with your children. With thanks Michelle Seel.

SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic book orders are to be returned by next Tuesday 16th February.

DRIVEWAY SAFETY

Please ensure that when exiting the carpark or oval you exit via Ferntree Gully Road only. Please ensure that any family members picking or dropping off your child are aware of this.

First Sunday of



TERM ONE DATES

February

Thursday 11	Yr 3 & 4 Information night 7pm
Friday 12	5/6 Basketball clinic
Sunday 14	First Sunday of Lent
Monday 15	Cartooning Workshop incursion
Wednesday 17	Yr 5/6 ANZAC experience excursion & Melbourne Museum Parish Council
Thursday 18	Education Board meeting 7:30pm
Monday 22	Cartooning Workshop incursion
Wednesday 24	No Foundation Parents' Association AGM 7:30pm
Thursday 25	Yr 3 Reconciliation Family night 7pm
Friday 26	Enrolments for Catholic Secondary school close
Saturday 27	Reconciliation Commitment Mass 5:30pm SH or 7pm COHR
Monday 29	School Photos

March

Wednesday 2	Foundation students at school
Friday 4	Twilight Movie Night
Wednesday 9	Parents Association meeting 7:30pm
Thur 10 & Fri 11	School Closure days
Monday 14	Labour day Holiday
Wednesday 16	OPEN Day Education Board AGM
Thursday 17	St Patrick's day – Sports day
Sunday 20	Palm Sunday
Wednesday 23	Combined schools Mass – Sacred Heart PS, Oakleigh
Thursday 24	Holy Thursday Children dismissed for Easter holidays

Term 2

April

Monday 11	Term 2 commences
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BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

OSHC PROGRAM

Our Out of School care program is up and running again. This is a wonderful program that provides quality before school (from 7am) and after school (until 6pm) care and activities for our students.

Welcome back to school for 2016! We look forward to seeing new and familiar faces as the term progresses. Please note that new booking forms for the new year need to be filled in and returned. These can be collected from the service or from the school office. Remember to give at least 24 hours notice for cancellations to avoid being charged for that session. If any of your or your child's details have changed over the Christmas break, do not forget to update them with us.

Sharni and Maddie are currently on their professional placement rounds, and will be absent from the service until Monday 15th February. We apologise for any inconvenience or confusion that this may cause, and thank you for your understanding. Matthew, Eva and Indra are leading the program until Sharni and Maddie return.

As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the team on **0412 958 605**, or pop in to see us. Alternatively, you can visit our website www.ylv.com.au for more information.

TENNIS COACHING

Enrol now for tennis lessons at Holy Redeemer Tennis Club.

When: Before school and Saturday mornings.

Who: All age groups and standards
New groups for beginners available.

Where: Holy Redeemer Tennis Club.

Phone: David McNamara (T.C.A.V Coach)

Mobile: 0413 058 876

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

MATHS Matters

Here is a list of Maths topics each level will be covering during Term 1. You might find this list useful when assisting your child with Maths activities at home, especially in involving them in real life Maths problems!

Prep	1/2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers 1-5 • Numbers 6-10 • Numbers to 10 • Ordinal Number • Data (Representation & Interpretation) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting & Place Value • Addition • Pattern • 2D Shape • Time • Data
3/4	5/6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counting & Place Value • Addition & Subtraction • Time (incl. reading clocks & interpreting timetables) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number Operations (incl. estimations) • Multiples & factors (incl. prime numbers) • Location • Time (reading a clock)

MATHS blog

The Maths @ COHR Blog will be updated throughout the term with useful games and information for kids related to the above Maths topics.

You might like to visit the Maths @ COHR Blog as part of your Home Task activities or to get a bit more practise at some of the topics you are learning at school.

Simply go to the following link to see resources for each year level.

<http://mathscohr.global2.vic.edu.au/maths-kids/>



Feel free to leave a comment about what activities you enjoyed or what you would like added to the blog!