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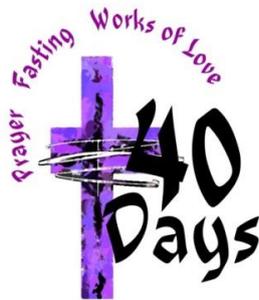
Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> February marks the beginning of the season of Lent. We are called during this time of Lent to live the Gospel. With hearts open to the love of God and neighbour we review our life in the light of the teachings of the Gospel. By works of love we seek to bring justice to our world. Sunday's Gospel of Jesus curing the leper is a reminder that we, as Christians, are called to reach out to those in need. Lent is a time when we can re-focus our efforts of living out the Gospel.

Next Wednesday Mass will be at 11am. During Mass the ashes will be distributed.

There will be a special prayer service for the Prep children the following Thursday.

The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday – Shrove Tuesday, is also known as 'Pancake Tuesday.' Our parents will be cooking pancakes and delivering them to the students next Tuesday at around recess time.



#### FAMILY FISH'N'CHIP NIGHT

Thanks to the families who attended the family night last Thursday – it was a great beginning to the school year.

#### PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Next Tuesday at 7:30pm in the Hall we are offering an opportunity for parents to explore the ways in which they can assist their children, particularly in the area of resilience. So far, only 25 parents have indicated their intention to attend – I'm hopeful that many more will take the opportunity.

#### PARENTS ASSOCIATION – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Our Parents' Association play an important role in the life of our school. Not only does the PA raise important funds for the school, but it also co-ordinates social activities, special lunch days (e.g. hot dog days), Friday icy poles, Mothers' & Fathers' day stalls, assisting with special school events, organising raffles, helping out on Open day and supporting families in our school are just some of the important roles undertaken by our Parents' Association. The AGM of the Parents' Association will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7:30pm in the Hall. All parents are warmly invited. The PA is looking for parents to undertake a number of roles as well as looking for general members. Keep the date free, and please consider lending your support.

#### SCHOOL BANKING DAY

School banking day will continue to be on a Tuesday.

#### ICY POLES

Icy poles will be available for 50c on Friday this term.

#### HALL KITCHEN

Do you have a few hours to spare and love cleaning, organizing – then I have a job. I'm hoping that a few parents can assist with cleaning the Hall kitchen – in particular the pantry which needs cleaning, sorting and organizing and disposing of some items. Please let me know if you are able to help and I'll try to co-ordinate the day. We have two new parents to the school who have offered to assist so far. Thanks in anticipation!

#### INTER SCHOOL SPORT

Inter School sport for our Yr 5/6 students commences tomorrow – we play Amsleigh Primary. COHR will host the girls cricket and the basketball. Amsleigh Park will host the boys cricket and rounders. The softball will be played at Scotchmans Run. Games are played between 9am and 10:30am – all parents most welcome.

#### EDUCATION BOARD

The first Education Board meeting of the year will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm.

#### MEDICAL DETAILS FORMS

Last week we sent home your child's Medical/Contact Details page. Please read through this form carefully and make any changes in RED pen, then sign the form and return to school by **tomorrow, Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**. **Every child's form must be returned.**

#### WORKING BEE

A Working Bee has been organized for Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February between 8am and 10:30am.

#### CATHOLIC SECONDARY ENROLMENTS

Enrolments for Catholic Secondary Schools close on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015. Information regarding the various colleges will be displayed on the parent table in the foyer.

#### SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

School photo day is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. You will have received your envelopes on Tuesday. Orders can be made online. If you do not wish to book online please return the completed order to the school. Sibling photo packs are also available at the office.

## TERM DATES

### February

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Parent Information evening  
7pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday (Mass at  
11am)  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> No Preps  
Parents' Association AGM  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Education Board  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Working Bee - 8am

### March

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Preps here  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> School Closure day - ICT  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Labour Day holiday  
Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Visual Arts Exhibition  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day  
First Eucharist 'Walk through  
Mass' 7pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Open day  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Sports Day  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Bullying – No way day  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Commitment Mass  
5:30pm SH or 7pm COHR  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> The Annunciation of the Lord  
Combined Schools Mass  
(COHR)  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Education Board (AGM)  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> End term 1 – children dismissed  
at 2:30

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan  
**PRINCIPAL**

## FROM THE PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Hi everyone and welcome back to the school year!

While our AGM is not too far away (Wednesday 25th February) we do have a PA activity we need to organise before the new committee takes over - Pancake Day next Tuesday.

Just asking for anyone who has some spare time to give us a hand:

Monday afternoon from about 2.00pm: to make the mixture (please bring along any 2 and 3L empty milk bottles you may collect between now and then to put the mixture in)

Tuesday morning from 10am: to cook and serve pancakes. We aim to have the pancakes ready to go for morning tea i.e. about 11am

Also a reminder to have a think about a committee positions for this year

Thanks for your help

Carolyn Heil

**OAKLEIGH TENNIS CLUB** invites all students, staff, families and friends to our Open Day this Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00pm – 4:00pm. There will be FREE tennis, games, giveaways and coaching, plus a very special membership offer for everyone who attends. For more details, please contact David McNamara on 0413 058 876 or Scott McNamara on 0421 116 279.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Club 2015

The best gift any parent can give a child is the love of good books and the joy and benefits of good reading. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.

COHR is again participating in Scholastic Book Clubs. Twice a term during the school year we will send home a Club flyer with a different selection of books offered. Issue 1 is now out!

It is easy to order. Just look over the flyer with your child and select the books you want. You can order online or complete the form at the back of the flyer. The books will usually arrive around two weeks after we send the final school order to Scholastic.

We are very grateful to Jacinta Chetwin (mother of Harry 3\4L & Bonnie 1\2SP) for taking on the responsibility of collating all orders. If you are able to assist Jacinta with an hour or two a term, please let us know.

Owning your own books is something special! We hope that you will encourage your child to order books this year. Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our school COHR, however there is never any obligation to order.

In 2014 we received over \$400 worth of credit which we spent on a selection of picture story and chapter books for all levels as well as a science kit on 'Simple Machines' for the middle level.

There are spare flyers at the office for other grade levels if you are interested to look at.

We know of no better way to encourage reading than to allow children to choose the books they want to read.

All orders must be returned to school or completed online by Friday 20th February.

Sincerely,  
Karen Wakeling

## AFTERSCHOOL HOURS CARE

Welcome back to school! Before and after school care is up and running for the year. We operate 7-9am and 3.30-6pm Monday to Friday from the school hall. If you have any queries regarding new or existing bookings please call Maddie or Sharni on **0412 958 605**, or pop in to see us. Alternatively, you can visit our website for more information [www.ylv.com.au](http://www.ylv.com.au).

Here's a snapshot of what we have planned for next week...

Monday	Friendship bracelets
Tuesday	Creating sustainability posters
Wednesday	Obstacle course time trials
Thursday	Paper chain team challenge
Friday	Free day!

We love using recycled materials at our service. If you think that you have some interesting 'rubbish' at home, think twice before throwing it out! At the moment we are after milk bottle caps, disposable plastic bottle and cardboard tubes (from handtowel, cling wrap, etc.).



# Maths Matters

'Maths Matters' newsletter is a way of communicating our Maths learning with families. Throughout the term classes will share a game they have been learning that can be played at home using simple materials such as playing cards, dice and calculators.

Below is a list of Maths topics each level will be covering during Term 1.

Prep	1/2	3/4	5/6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers (1-5)</li> <li>• Numbers (6-10)</li> <li>• Numbers to 10</li> <li>• Data</li> <li>• Counting to 20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data</li> <li>• Counting &amp; Place Value</li> <li>• Shape</li> <li>• Time</li> <li>• Addition</li> <li>• Number Patterns</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Counting</li> <li>• Place Value</li> <li>• Addition &amp; Subtraction</li> <li>• Data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operations &amp; Equivalence</li> <li>• Types of numbers (e.g. percentages)</li> <li>• Mapping</li> <li>• Data</li> <li>• Time (timetables)</li> </ul>

These conversation starters have been included to assist you when discussing Maths games and learning with your child.

## **Conversation Starters**

I can see you have been learning about \_\_\_\_\_ in Maths this week. Tell me about it....

What did you learn about \_\_\_\_\_ today?

Can you teach me a game or strategy you have learnt this week in Maths?

What are some new words you have learnt in Maths?

What was confusing or challenging this week in Maths? Can I help you?

# COHR Pancake Day



Dear COHR Families,

Our Parents Association have been kind enough to offer to make Pancakes for all students throughout the school **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**. The pancakes will be served as morning tea, just before recess so all children will still need to bring their usual lunch.

The pancake mix this year contains dairy products but **contain no egg**, they are topped with jam or sugar. If you **do not** want your child to have pancakes, please fill in the form below and return it to school by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February. If we do not receive anything we will assume your child is allowed to have pancakes.

Helping out: If you can help please let the office know.

- **On the day**

Any parents who can help on the day please arrive at 10:00am to assist with the cooking and serving of the pancakes.

- **The day before**

On Monday afternoon 16<sup>th</sup> February parents will be meeting in the hall at 2:00pm to mix the pancake batter, if you are able to help please come along (bring your mixer if you have one)

Kind regards,

Tom Coghlan  
Principal

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**PANCAKE TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

I **do not** want my child \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_

To be given pancakes to eat on Pancake Tuesday.

Parents name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_