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Dear Parents,

Tomorrow we celebrate St Valentine's Day – a feast that rejoices in romantic love and lifelong marriage. In many countries of the world, the feast coincides with Marriage Week.

St Valentine was a priest in Rome at the time of Emperor Claudius II. His association with young lovers is well known even in modern times. The story goes that Claudius, urgent to recruit soldiers for his armies, decreed that all weddings be suspended so as to encourage more single men without family responsibilities to serve in combat. Seeing the anguish of young couples forbidden to marry, St Valentine performed secret weddings in defiance of the Emperor.

Another legend holds that while awaiting his execution, St Valentine restored the sight of his jailer's blind daughter. On the eve of his death, he is reported to have penned a farewell note to the young girl signing it, "From your Valentine".

He was beheaded on February 14, 269 AD and buried on the Flaminian Way where archaeologists have unearthed a catacomb and an ancient church dedicated in his name. He is the Patron Saint of engaged couples, happy marriages, love and lovers.

Jesus calls us to be light for the world. That applies to every Christian and is a call to use our various gifts to do good works so that God's glory and love might be visible in the world. St Valentine is one of many great examples of men and women who have been a light in the world.



FETE COMMITTEE MEETING

This year our Fete will be held on Friday 14th November. Simon Fisher has kindly volunteered to take on the role of co-ordinator. The fete is a wonderful community event in the life of the school, and to continue its success we need as many parents as possible to be involved and ready to assist. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday 18th February at 7:30pm in the Hall. All parents are warmly invited.

Growing with Grace: Sexuality Program

This year we are offering a Sexuality Program to our 3/ 4 and 5/ 6 students as well as offering parental support to parents. As in previous years we will be enlisting the services of Lisa Hughes to help facilitate the program. Lisa, who is a registered nurse and midwife with post graduate qualifications in Health Promotion, and specialises in the area of Human Sexuality, has been working with us here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer helping us develop our sexuality program for the past four years.

The student classes and parent evenings/workshops will be in Term 2. More information will be provided closer to the time. Please note the dates for the parent nights and workshops.

Wednesday 30.4.14	Parent Information Night
Monday 26.5.14	5/ 6 Parent/ Child Workshop
Wednesday 28.5.14	5/ 6 Parent /Child Workshop
Wednesday 4.5.14	3/ 4 Parent/ Child Workshop x2

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets next Wednesday 19th February at 7:30pm.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION Annual General Meeting

The AGM of our Parents' Association will be held on Wednesday 26th February at 7:30pm. Please read the attached information.

RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS

Year 3 students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) are expected to attend a Commitment Mass on either Saturday 22nd February at Sacred Heart at 5:30pm, or on Sunday 23rd February at Christ Our Holy Redeemer at 11:00am. During the Mass the students will be invited to come forward and receive an Act of Contrition prayer scroll. They will be expected to bring it to school on the following Monday.

INFORMATION NIGHT – Reconciliation

An Information night for Year 3 children and their parents will be held at the Sacred Heart Hall on Thursday 27th commencing at 7pm.

INTER SCHOOL SPORT

Inter School Sport for your Years 5 & 6 commence tomorrow – Friday 14th February. The summer sports are Rounders, Basketball, Softball and Kanga Cricket. This week we play Oakleigh PS at Oakleigh PS.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM

Presently I am preparing a 'Progress and Acquittal Report' for our Chaplaincy program for the Commonwealth government. As many of you are aware this role is undertaken by Sr Patricia. It would be very helpful if any parent who has had assistance from Sr Patricia to send to me what assistance was given and the benefits of her work. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with me. I would need something from you by no later than Monday 24th February.

HOME TASK CLUB FOR YRS 3-6

Home task club for Yrs 3 – 6 will start in week 7 following school camp.

ICY POLES

Icy poles will be available on the remaining Fridays for this term. They will be 50c each.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Our Out of School Hours program is transitioning into the Hall. Shortly the program will be a permanently run out of the Hall. Cherie is in the process of moving all the equipment and materials into the Hall.

Next week we will be exploring China. Land of dragons and horses. Come and find out what your horoscope will say. How long can you make a dragon?

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – Monday 17th MARCH

Georgina Manning, who presented at last night's Parent meeting, will be working with the staff on Monday 17th March. This will be a school closure day for this term. Please take note as it wasn't advertised on the calendar sent home last year.

LUNCH ORDERS

Classroom Cuisine will be our lunch order provider for Mondays and Fridays. Details of the menu and costs are to found at www.classroomcuisine.com.au

All orders must be placed on line before 8.30am. Our School has no access to the service and **will not** be able to place late orders.

SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that children are required to have their school hats for recess, lunchtimes and PE. Please, please ensure hats are clearly named.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

If you have a child under 16, and you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA. The allowance is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain an EMA application form.

Closing Date: You need to obtain an EMA application form from the school office and return by **28 February 2014**.

WORKING BEE

This year there will be two working bees. The dates for these will be:

- **Saturday 26th April 8am-9:30am** (opportunity to tidy school grounds before Open Day)
- **Friday 7th November 3:45pm-5:30pm** (opportunity to tidy oval etc before the School Fete)

We would appreciate as many as possible at both of these working bees. It is a great chance to meet new families too. Your maintenance levy will be deducted from the fees by attending one of these working bees.

TERM ONE

February

Thursday 6th

School Mass

Family Fish'n'Chip night

Parent Information night 7pm

Parent 'Chats' this week

Inter school sport commences (Yrs 5 & 6)

FETE meeting

Reconciliation Commitment

Tuesday 18th

Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd

Mass

Wednesday 26th

Thursday 27th

Parents' Association AGM

Information Night –

Reconciliation (Yr3)

Enrolments for Catholic

secondary schools close

Friday 28th

March

Monday 3rd

Wednesday 5th

School Photo day

Ash Wednesday

Yr 5 & 6 leave for Camp

Yr 5 & 6 return from Camp

Labour Day holiday

Education Board meeting

Catholic Education Visual Arts

Exhibition

School Closure day

Mass for schools at St Patrick's

Cathedral

National Day against Bullying & Violence

Parents' Association meeting

School Sports day (children dismissed at 2:30pm)

Monday 17th

Thursday 20th

Friday 21st

Wednesday 26th

Monday 31st

April

Friday 4th

Term 1 ends (children dismissed at 2:30pm)

With thanks,

Thomas Coghlan

PRINCIPAL

COHR Parents Association

The parents association at COHR provides an opportunity for social interaction within our school community whilst raising funds to assist with the provision of amenities for students and staff.

We have our regular activities planned for 2014 including Sports Day, Mothers and Father's Day Stalls, Grandparents Day, Hot Dog Days, Walk-a-thon and of course our wonderful fete to look forward to this year.

We would like to see as many parents as possible at the AGM. New and existing parents are encouraged to join the committee and be an active part in our wonderful school community. Nomination forms for the executive and general committee positions are attached to the newsletter.

The 2014 AGM will be held on Wednesday 26th February at 7:30pm in the hall. All are welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Any queries please don't hesitate to contact Sarah or Clyde Dias (2013/2014 P.A President) csdias@optusnet.com.au or 0431813944 or ask for us in the school yard.

AVILA OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 19 February
Tuesday 20 May
Thursday 14 August
Tuesday 28 October.

School tours begin at 9am followed by an address from the Principal Ms Louise Gunther and members of the Leadership team.

On line registration is now available by visiting www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au, clicking on Quick Links and then Open Mornings.

SALESIAN INFORMATION EVENING

Addressed by Principal Mr Robert Brennan, our Prospective Parent and Student Information Night shares key educational and transition material, as well as the opportunity to ask those questions you would prefer to speak face-to-face.

What you can expect from the evening:

- Exciting School Master and Building Plans
- Hear from current Year 8 and Year 12 students about what it means to be a Salesian College Chadstone student
- Year 9 Purpose built campus visit
- Explanation of the Enrolment process
- Transition program

Date: Thursday 13th Feb

Time: 7:00pm

Location: Mannix Campus, cnr Kelly St and Swanson Crs

Parking: onsite

RSVP: <http://www.salesian.vic.edu/visit-our-college/> and click on 'Book this tour'.

Dear parents,

Last Friday 7th February, the new onPsych psychologist, Natalie Incledon, was introduced to the staff and students at COHR during assembly. After spending the day with Natalie, I feel confident that her array of knowledge, expertise and passion for working with children is going to be an asset to the students, staff and parents at COHR.

Natalie will be in contact with the parents that are continuing with sessions this year. As mentioned previously, Natalie will be working at COHR on Fridays for Term 1 and 2.

Natalie's contact details are as follows:

m: 0425 822 805

email: nincledon@onpsych.com.au.

Please note that email is the best mode of contact for Natalie.

I have really enjoyed my time at COHR over the past few years. I have been inspired by the dedication of both parents and staff and the courage and resilience of the students I have had the pleasure of working with.

Wishing you all the best for the year ahead.

Kind regards,
Amy

Amy Wallis
Psychologist

MONASH CITY FC

Registration Days on 16th February & 2nd March 2014

10am – 1.30pm @ Argyle Reserve, Kinrade St., Hughesdale (Melway 69 C9)

Eftpos Available & Free Sausage Sizzle on both days

Goal Kick Program (U4 – U6 yrs).

Small Sided (5-8 yrs), U7, U8 teams.

Sunday (Girls & Boys teams): U9, U10, U11, U12 Joeys to Kangaroos, U13 – U16.

U20 Players Welcome

Come and join one of the fastest growing and progressive Junior Football Clubs in Melbourne.

For further information check out www.monashfc.com.au or contact:

Angelo: 0434 563 261 Effie: 0412 944 429

Team Building (Social & Emotional Learning)

Last week students from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in an incursion where they explored the skills that are necessary to work successfully in a team and then had FUN putting them into practice.

RESILIENCE



I learned that I can be very supportive and you need to have trust in your team because if you don't have trust it will be hard to work together. **Alexa**



When working in a team I need to encourage everyone. **Domenic**

RISK TAKING

What did you learn about yourself and your "team"?

PROBLEM SOLVING



When you work in a team, you can achieve so much more. **Luca**



I know that in a team I need to let others share their ideas and have a turn. **Sebastien**

