Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 4! Already we have commenced the term in a rush of activity – planning our units of work as well as beginning planning for next year looking at booklists and class lists. In Sunday’s Gospel Jesus reminds us that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious to us. I noticed as I was walking the Camino on top of each kilometre post were stones or rocks – a symbol of people leaving behind that which may hinder their following of the Christian message. Jesus reminds us that our reward is not in this world in the form of wealth and material possessions, but in eternal life. We pray that we can remember to focus on the people and actions who need our support. This is important during this Mission month.

IL CAMINO
Thanks for your support and encouragement as I undertook part of the Camino. It was a wonderful and rewarding experience. As you know the pilgrimage entailed walking the last 120 kilometres of the Camino in 6 days from Sarria to the resting place of the Apostle St James at the Santiago Cathedral. This spiritual pilgrimage had for me a number of foci – it had a focus on mediation and prayer, building a relationship with my fellow Principals, being able to walk in the footsteps of the early members of our Church, as well as representing the COHR community.

CONCERT
I have heard so much wonderful feedback about the Concert. It was an outstanding success and the children can be rightly proud of their achievements. As well as the children I would also like to acknowledge the parents who assisted in some many way – especially with the costumes. A special mention to Ian Harris (Ben 5/6W and Xavier 1/2S) who took the day off to share his expertise. And of course to all the staff, especially the Concert team of Elise Pape, Michelle Seel, Antonietta Corp and Connie Antenucci under the calm leadership of Jo White. I can’t wait for the DVD!

PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION
The Parents’ Association meeting is next Wednesday 14th October at 7:30pm in the Staffroom. All welcome.

EDUCATION BOARD
As a number of members are unable to attend, tonight’s meeting has been postponed. The new date will be advised in next week’s Newsletter.

SUMMER UNIFORM
Students are asked to wear their summer uniform by week three of this term. The first two weeks are a change over period as the weather can still be uncertain … as evidenced by the week! However, all students are required to have their school hats for recess, lunchtimes and sport times.

PORTFOLIOS
If you didn’t have the opportunity to return your child’s Portfolio last Term, could you please ensure that it is returned by tomorrow … thanks.

HELP NEEDED
We have a number of (small maintenance) jobs to be done around the school. If there are any parents who could spare a couple of hours over the next few weeks, please contact the office. This would be greatly appreciated.

BREAKFAST CLUB
This term I would like to organise our running/walking club again. The club would run on Friday mornings from 8.00-8.30. The children would do laps around the oval and their laps would be tallied each week. Remember pre-school brothers and sisters, and parents can run/walk as well. Certificates will be given for achieving 5 km, 10km and 15km etc. All children in the school can participate and run/walk 1, 2, 3 or more laps each week. There will be no breakfast program so children will need to bring a snack to eat after their run.

This is not a compulsory activity and only children who want to run/walk need participate. I am looking forward to seeing as many children and family members as possible there each Friday morning.

The Fridays will be as follows- 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th October, 6th, 13th and 20th November, 4th and 11th December.

Yours in sport
Sue Tobin
CONCERT DVD
Orders for the concert DVD are to be placed by tomorrow. Order forms can be collected from the office. DVDs will cost $26 (cash or cheque payable to Video Essentials).

BRAIN CANCER SAUSAGE SIZZLE
A reminder that the Sausage Sizzle will take place on Friday 16th October.
This sausage sizzle is being organised by Jamie Bortolki in 3/4JP, with all funds raised going towards the “Cure Brain Cancer” foundation.
A form was sent home earlier in the week. Please return these forms by tomorrow. All siblings can be written on the same form or if you prefer new forms can be collected from the office.

ICY POLE DAY
Icy Poles will be for sale on Fridays this term. 50c each.

2nd HAND UNIFORM SALE
Second Hand Uniform stall is coming up.
Please leave any donated clothes at the office.

TERM 4 DATES
October
Monday 5th Term 4 commences
Wednesday 14th Parents Association meeting
Wednesday 21st Mission Week ‘Sock’ day
Wednesday 28th School Feast day

November
Monday 2nd School Closure day
Tuesday 3rd Melbourne Cup Holiday
Wednesday 4th Parents Association Meeting
Monday 9th Yr 6 Graduation Photos
Wednesday 11th Prep Orientation night – Parents
Thursday 12th Education Board
Saturday 14th Reconciliation COHR 10am; SH 4:30pm
Wednesday 18th Prep Orientation 11:40am – 1:00pm
Thursday 19th Night Market
Wednesday 25th Prep Orientation 11:40am – 1:00pm
Friday 27th School Closure day
Sunday 29th Reconciliation certificates distributed

December
Friday 4th Carols in the Park
Thursday 10th Yr 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner
Friday 11th Reports, Portfolios & Class information sent home
PA Christmas Party
Tuesday 15th School Mass 9:15am
Yr 6 Assembly 2:30pm
Wednesday 16th Term 4 ends – children dismissed at 3:30
Thursday 17th School Closure day

With best wishes
Thomas Coghlan

Principal