Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4.

I hope that the holiday was a welcome break in routine and that families had time to spend together, as we ready ourselves to a busy term.

The Gospel reading for this weekend is an invitation. Jesus tells a parable as a way of sharing a message: come to the banquet. The banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God. This parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. He didn’t obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the ‘shunned’ and ‘left out’ in our society today? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today’s society? We pray that here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer, we can accept this invitation and include each other, and others, in our community. Our school logo reminds us of this message – that they may be one.

CLASSES FOR 2015
During the term planning commences for 2015. If your child, other than Year 6, is not returning to COHR in 2015 would you kindly inform the Office as shortly the staff will commence the task of organizing class groupings for next year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
As Melbourne’s spring weather is very changeable, students may wear either their winter or summer uniform until the Melbourne Cup after which they will be expected in their summer uniform. However, school hats are compulsory and are required to be worn when the children are outside. Please ensure you child’s name is clearly marked on their hat.

EDUCATION BOARD
The Education Board will meet tonight at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Items on the Agenda include Carparking and Communication within the school community.

MISSION WEEK
Next Friday, 17th October, I will accompany some of our school leaders to the Annual Mission Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral. This special Mass marks the beginning of ‘Mission Week.’

FETE MEETING
Our next Fete meeting is to be held on Wednesday 15th October in the staffroom at 7:30pm.

Please join us at this meeting as we finalise and prepare for our Fete which is now less than 40 days away.

BUNNINGS BARBEQUE
A great result with our fundraising barbeque at Bunnings on Sunday 21st September bringing in a profit of $1,300.

Money raised from our fundraising barbeques has helped cover some of our expenses for the 2014 Fete.

HALAL FUND-RAISER
Our fund raiser to assist asylum seekers living in our community will finish next Wednesday during Mission Week. When each class will lay out the coins collected in the letters of Halal. This will be our ‘Mission’ fundraiser.

CHRIST OUR HOLY REDEEMER FEAST DAY
We will celebrate our feast day Wednesday 22nd October. There will be a special Mass to celebrate the day, all the children will be involved in a buddy activity and then will be entertained by a Bush Band (P-2 at 1pm and 3 - 6 at 2pm). Mass will be at 10:30 and parents are very welcome to attend.

WALK TO SCHOOL
Walk to School encourages primary school children to walk to and from school every day in October, to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing.

Less than one in five Victorian kids walk to school regularly, at a time when childhood obesity is rising to epidemic levels. Since 2006, VicHealth’s Walk to School has aimed to tackle this worrying trend by encouraging Victorian primary students to walk to and from school more often. Younger children are encouraged to walk with their parents and older children on their own (when their parents decide it’s safe).

October is a great time to start walking, because Victoria’s fabulous spring sunshine makes it a pleasure to get out of the house, and the car! Children who take part will be building healthy habits for life.

Great reasons to get involved
Walk to School encourages primary school children to walk to and from school every day in October, to highlight the ways walking improves children’s health and wellbeing.

By getting involved in Walk to School, your school can help students learn healthy habits, and achieve the 60 minutes of physical activity recommended for children each day.
Walking to school can also help reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts.

**CARPARKING**
Car parking spaces beyond the Hall will now be reserved for staff parking except for the Parents’ Association park. It is hoped that this will free up some spaces in the carpark and will avoid cars backing out on the drive through.

**REFLECTIVE GARDEN**
Our Reflective garden is in need of a some weeding and care. Over the next few weeks on Friday afternoons Yr 9 students from Salesian College are here as part of their community service placement and we are going to invite them to assist us with the gardening. If any parents would like to join you would be most welcome.

**STUDENT PORTFOLIOS**
A reminder that all student portfolios need to be returned as soon as possible.

**LOST PROPERTY**
Sr Patricia tells me that there are 28 jumpers/jackets and 8 hats in the Lost Property. It is a timely reminder to ensure that all items of clothing are marked with your child’s name.

**ICY POLES**
Icy Poles will commence again this term, they will be free on Friday, but from then on will be 50c.

Our prayers are thoughts are with the Isabella Beckman (Prep H) and with Tyson Rabel (Prep D) and families on the death of their great-grandmother aged 99.

Congratulations to Karen and Duncan Gosling on the safe arrival of their baby girl Abbey.

Sebastien Mamotte (Yr 6 CS) also welcomed a new baby brother – Oscar - into his family.

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
**PRINCIPAL**

**TERM FOUR DATES**

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**JUNIOR CRICKET @ SALESIAN COLLEGE**
Players needed for an Under 11’s Team.
No Prior Competition Experience Needed
Game Day: Friday Twilight
Training: Tuesday or Thursday Nights from 4.30 to 5.30PM at Salesian College, Bosco Street, Chadstone
Contact: Phillip D’Rozario on 0409 707 970 or philnicki@optusnet.com.ar for more information

**ON DISPLAY IN THE FOYER**
- A flyer from the Australian Girls Choir who are holding an Open day on October 26th
- A flyer regarding ‘Grasshoppers Soccer’ programs
- A flyer calling for players for junior cricket (Under 11 & 13) at Salesian College

We would love your support.
Are you able to contribute to our stall by donating plants, tools or garden decorations?
We have been kindly given some empty pots in various sizes to get started. If you need some pots please ask at the COHR school office or contact
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Or Caroline Aldred 0417 113 563
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