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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 your 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, 17<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> September bringing in a profit of \$1,300.

A big thanks again to the Iversons at Bakers Delight for donating the bread and to all the parents who were there on the day to help.

Great to see many Prep parents getting involved but a special thanks to John and Lorena who have only been at the school for a month and were happy to help out.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Walking to and from school can help children get the daily physical activity they need – and there are plenty of other benefits too. Walking to school can help to reduce traffic congestion, parking difficulties and the associated environmental impacts.

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*

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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 and 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

#### October

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Term four commences
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Education Board meeting
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Mission Week commences
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Fete meeting/Parish Council
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	COHR feast day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Basketball Round Robin
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Italian day
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	World teachers' day

#### November

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Closure day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne Cup holiday
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Free dress day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee 4pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Parents (2015) Orientation meeting
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	FETE
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 6 Graduation photos Responsible Pet Education program – Prep
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Orientation (11:45 – 1)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Orientation (11:45 – 1)

#### December

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Carols in the Park
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Graduation Mass & Dinner
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	End of year Reports, Portfolios, class placement details sent home Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	End of year Mass (10:00am) Yr 6 Assembly (2:30pm)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Children dismissed 2:30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	School Office closes 10am

#### January 2015

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 – 6 commence
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Preps commence; welcome morning tea

### 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.au](mailto:philnicki@optusnet.com.au) for more information

### ON DISPLAY IN THE FOYER

- A flyer from the Australian Girls Choir who are holding an Open day on October 26<sup>th</sup>
- 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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