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Dear Parents,

Sunday's Gospel is similar to last week's in that some of the Pharisees are attempting to trick Jesus by asking which of the Commandments is the greatest. To the Pharisees, all the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 commandments contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *commandments* governed all aspects of Jewish life. Perhaps the Beatles were inspired by Jesus's answer: All you need is love! His reply, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,' and following up with 'you must love your neighbour as yourself,' summed the basis element of faith; loving God. Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion.

*The love of God goes with us as we journey: a love with which to strengthen one another. A love to hold us secure in the turmoil of life. A love that will allow us to risk, a love to dispel the darkness. A love to cast out fear. A love to share, widely, generously. A love that goes beyond the limits of time and space. A love we have known in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

#### EARLY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

This is a reminder that supervision at school does not begin until **8.35am**. No student should arrive at school before that time. If for any reason your child needs to arrive earlier before school care is available. If it is only a matter of minutes they are to wait in the school yard. On arrival at school students go directly to the school yard. When the teacher on duty arrives, children then go to classrooms to unpack bags, then, play on asphalt area. No ballgames except 4 square.

#### CATHOLIC MISSIONS

Last Friday I was fortunate to accompany four senior students to Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. This was part of a school state-wide prayer service for Catholic Missions. The 'Halal' money raised was presented to Fr John at Mass yesterday. Tomorrow at Assembly, Sr Anne Quinn will speak to the children about the work of Caritas Australia.

#### CHRIST OUR HOLY REDEEMER FEAST DAY

We celebrated our school community yesterday with prayer, buddy activities, song and dance. The children enjoyed a wonderful day of festivities. The theme for the school mass was Giving Light...Giving Life. It was particularly rewarding to see people come together to show their light in different ways – working together,

praying together, helping, sharing talents, laughing, playing and caring for each other.

#### SENIOR SPORTS

Today the girls' softball team went through to the Division Finals. Tomorrow a large number of 5/6 students will attend the Basketball Gala day at Oakleigh Rec.

#### ITALIAN DAY

Italian Day, Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

A reminder that next Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October is our Italian Day, A day in Ancient Rome! All students are encouraged to come to school dressed as a character from this time in history. Students need to also bring a hat, an Italian lunch and their drink bottle.

Grazie mille!

Marisa Lucia  
 Italian Teacher

#### NEWSLETTER

We are considering emailing our weekly Newsletter to parents who would like to receive it this way instead of a hard copy. We are also looking at having a school 'app' for smart phones to enhance communication. If you are interested, could you kindly fill in the attached tear-off slip and return it to school by Friday 24th October.

#### WALK TO SCHOOL

A reminder that the "Walk to School" initiative is continuing all this month ... take the opportunity and start walking!

#### CAR PARK

Thanks you for the positive response to the letter I posted home last week. Our challenge is to maintain and keep to these directives to ensure improved traffic flow and of course the safety of our children.

#### SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

A reminder of the school closure day on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Melbourne Cup eve).

#### 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.

#### ICY POLES

Icy Poles will commence again this term, they will be 50c.

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan  
**PRINCIPAL**



**TERM FOUR DATES**

**October**

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

**VEGGIE GARDEN**

A big thank you to John Bernardo and Steve Falconieri for turning over the veggie garden beds and helping the students to plant tomatoes and weed the gardens. Great fun was enjoyed by all.

**MOVIE NIGHT**

Thank you to everyone who came to our Movie night to see Gone Girl, especially Sharni from OSHC who gathered 9 of her friends to come along. Thank you to Chris Kell for organising the night. As well as having a fun night we made a profit for the school of \$537.

**NITS**

We have a number of classes who have had students with Nits. Please thoroughly check your child's hair on a regular basis.

**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
- Head Start Toy Sale flyer

**FETE NEWS**

Rosters for the various stalls are up in the Foyer – ready for parents to fill in the times you are able to assist. More details regarding the Fete are attached.

The children will be dismissed at 2:30am to ensure that the last minute setup can proceed without the school traffic.

**FETE INFORMATION**

The Animal Nursery is returning to this year's fete. Thank you so much to the families of Joseph Amato (Prep D) and Izabella Dygut (Prep H) for their generous donations in order to make this possible.

A reminder to fill your mystery jars and return them asap.

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, we are still collecting bottles of wine. If you are able to donate, the box can be found in the office foyer.

We are also after prizes, vouchers or donations of any kind for our raffle and Auctions. If you are able to donate or know of a business happy to help please contact Sarah Arnott 0400 931 832 for further information or a letter can be collected from the office.

**PLANT STALL**

**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 Sarah Dias 0431813944 / sairdias@gmail.com  
Or Caroline Aldred 0417 113 563

**NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL**

Yes, I/we \_\_\_\_\_ would like our newsletter emailed to us.

Our email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We would be interested in downloading a school app onto my/our smart phone: Yes  No