Dear Parents,

This weekend’s Gospel relates the story of Jesus healing the blind beggar, Bartimaeus. When Jesus encounters Bartimaeus he is sitting by the side of the road, Jesus asks, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ Blindness is a powerful metaphor that is used repeatedly throughout scripture. It is almost always a metaphor for blindness of heart or blindness of mind rather than a purely physical affliction. There are multiple accounts of healing blindness in the Gospel. Paul is blinded on the road to Damascus and only has his sight restored when he is baptised. The Pharisees are described as being ‘blind fools’ and there the prophets make numerous references to blind seeing as a sign of the Messiah’s arrival. It is a very powerful image of being ‘blind’ to truth and ‘blind’ to the teaching of Jesus. Bartimaeus reminds us that we have a choice. We can be blind. We can turn away from people and problems that call us to show compassion and sacrifice. Or we can ask Jesus to help us see.

We pray that here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer, we can be open to seeing the work of Jesus, to have the sight or insight to see the needs of others and having the courage to shoulder the responsibility that comes with the challenges of being Christian and following the way of Jesus.

SOCKTOBER FUNDRAISER
Thanks to our social justice group and Miss Laming for their organisation of our fundraiser for Catholic Missions yesterday. As you are aware the funds raised will go to Catholic Missions.

COHR FEAST DAY
Next Wednesday the school will be involved in a day of activities to celebrate our school feast day. The theme is “Grow in Faith, Reach Out to Others” and children will take part in a range of activities including Whole School Mass at 10am. All families are most welcome to attend.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE FUNDRAISER
Congratulations to Jamie Bortoli and his family for their preparation and efforts in organising a sausage sizzle to raise money for the Brain Cancer Foundation.

SPORT UPDATE
Congratulations to the softball team for arriving at the divisions on Tuesday where they represented our school with pride. Next Friday (30th October) a number of students will be involved in the Kanga Cricket event. Our congratulations to Tom Reid (5/6W) on making his way through to the Primary Schools State Championship in discus.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
There will be a second hand uniform sale next Wednesday 28th October. This will be held in the morning only.

MORNING DROP OFF
A reminder that the morning drop off at the gate is a place for children to have their bags ready and exit the car on their own. We ask parents not to get out of the car at this drop off point. If you need to assist your child, please park in the carpark or on the oval and walk your child up to school.

COHR MARKET NIGHT
    Thurs November 19th
    6.30pm – 9pm
Profits raised from this event will go to Cancer Council Victoria & COHR Primary School. Stallholder application forms are available from the school office for anyone wishing to have a stall at the Market Night.

TERM 4 DATES
October
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
Parents’ Association meeting
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
NIGHT MARKET

6.30PM - 9.00PM
19 NOVEMBER
CHRIST OUR HOLY REDEEMER
SCHOOL HALL
43 FERN TREE GULLY ROAD
EAST OAKLEIGH

25+ STALLS
BBQ & DRINKS

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