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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 (30<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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



MARKET

RAISE

6.30PM-9.00PM

19 NOVEMBER

CHRIST OUR HOLY REDEEMER

SCHOOL HALL

43 FERNTREE GULLY ROAD

EAST OAKLEIGH

25+ STALLS

BBQ & DRINKS

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