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Dear Parents,

An enormous **THANK YOU** to those families who were able to assist at last Friday evening's 'Great COHR Clean Up'. We had over 50 parents and children working around the school painting, spreading mulch, sweeping, tidying up and clearing gutters. I was thrilled that we were able to achieve so much in such a short period of time.



### 2018 CLASS ORGANISATION

Teachers have now commenced the process of organising classes for 2018. Teachers take a broad and balanced view when considering the needs of all students. It is our intention, as always, to provide well-balanced class groupings. To achieve this we take into consideration the academic, social, emotional and behavioural needs of all students. Teachers will draw on their collective knowledge of the students and expertise to arrange the classes.

Individual parent requests compromise this process and inevitably inhibit our capacity to deliver balanced classes. I ask parents to consider how difficult the task of arranging balanced classes would be if we were to act on all parent preferences. Therefore I ask parents to refrain from sending requests about student placement to classroom teachers.

To best support students in their learning and provide optimal social interaction we will be looping some students (students have the same teacher for two years) while others will change classes. Requests by parents to have their child/children placed with certain teachers is certainly not something we consider based on personal preference.

If you still feel there is a need to have an issue discussed, please make a time to see me before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Once finalized it will be extremely difficult to make changes to these groupings.

### NIGHT MARKET

We will be having another Night Market on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the school hall. There are still some stalls available. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested in having a stall, could you please let the office know asap.

### RUNNING CLUB

Tomorrow will be the last running club.

### BEST WISHES SUE

Sue Tobin will be on leave for the remainder of the year. Sue will be having surgery on her knee next week and we wish her a successful operation and a speedy recovery.

Miss Sarah Macdonald will be taking PE classes for the remainder of the year.

### CHRISTMAS CHURCH CHOIR

Children of all ages are invited to participate in Christmas Carol singing before the family mass at COHR Church on Christmas Eve. Choir practice will take place in the Church on a Thursday after school, Lucy Rogers will pick the children up in the school foyer and take them to the Church. All parents welcome to stay.

### EUCHARIST REFLECTION DAY

A reflection day for our Year 4 students takes place next Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November at the Salesian Retreat Centre at Lysterfield. Participants are permitted to wear casual clothes on this day.

### ICY POLES

This term icy poles will once again be sold each Friday for 50 cents.

### YEAR 5 STUDENTS 2018 – STARTING YEAR 7 IN 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

- Term 1, 29 January 2018: Applications for Year 5 students commencing Year 7 in 2020 open.
- Term 3, 17 August 2018: Applications close.



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## **SERVICE TO OUR SCHOOL**

Following on from the working bee last Friday, we realise there are many people in our community who have a lot to offer and can support our school.

We would like to create a school data base where we can support you and your business. For example, we are currently sourcing quotes for bollards and concrete car park stoppers on the newly concreted area on the oval. If you would like to share your professional contact details with us, please let the office know.

Take care and enjoy the upcoming weekend (and good luck on The Cup)

Brendan Welsford  
Principal

## **TERM 4 DATES**

### NOVEMBER

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eucharist Walk-through Mass 7.00pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Closure Day
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Melbourne Cup Holiday
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist Reflection Day (Salesian Retreat Centre)
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Camp
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Orientation Day 1
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Eucharist 1.30pm & 3.30pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Prep Orientation Day 2
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	P.A. Rollerama Night
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Prep Orientation Day 3
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Ed Board Meeting 7.30pm Christmas Party

### DECEMBER

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	School Closure Day
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Night Market
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher 2018
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Grade 6 Assembly End of year mass 9.15am Term 4 finishes at 3.30pm

## St John's Kinder Visit

On Friday 27th October, 8 senior students went to visit St John's kinder with Mr Welsford & Mrs Wakeling. We took a selection of picture story books to read to them. We read to groups of 2 or 3 children and we are going back again in a couple of weeks. We are going to continue this next year as it is a great way to build up a relationship with a local kinder, especially one that has future students that will come to our school!

I really enjoyed reading to the younger kids and I look forward to next time. (Flora)  
It was great to see that the younger kids were enjoying the books that we read to them. (Livinia)

