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Dear Parents,

Sunday marks the beginning of the Church's season of Advent. The season of Advent prepares us to view the world through Jesus' eyes. Initially Advent directs us to the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem - the fact that in the birth of Jesus, God came into the world as a human being. Our display in the Foyer will focus our attention of our journey to Bethlehem. But more than simply directing us to the birth of Jesus, Advent directs our attention to Christ's coming in our everyday life. He comes when we least expect him: in the awkward person we have to deal with; when we are feeling unwell and are tired with the difficulties of life. Our daily prayer helps us to prepare for those moments. . As we begin on 'the road to Jerusalem' we pray that we can be loving and merciful people, a community of hope. Each Monday morning, children will lead us in an Advent prayer. Thank you to the 3-4 children who led us this week. You will also notice a display in the foyer displaying children's learning during this Church season.



2016 FOUNDATION ORIENTATION

Yesterday we held the second Orientation session for the 2016 Foundation children. Thank you to the parents who assisted and staff who helped prepare and run this program. We look forward to welcoming new children to our school in 2016.

LIBRARY

Lessons will formally end this week as Library staff conduct and audit and stocktake on all resources. We kindly ask you to return any library books, including take-home books and independent reading books, within the next week.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

A reminder there will be a **school closure day tomorrow**, Friday 27th November. Staff will be involved in activities for our school review next year and curriculum planning for the 2016.

SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to students who participated in the Basketball Gala day last Friday. The 3/4 AFL 9s event is held next Friday.

RECONCILIATION CERTIFICATES

A reminder certificates will be presented during Mass this weekend. Families have indicated which weekend Mass they will attend.

SMITH FAMILY DONATIONS

Once again Christmas has crept up on us and is only weeks away! The Christmas toy catalogues are being sent around and children are planning their toy list. It's an exciting time

of the year for many children. Unfortunately, through no fault of their own, many Australian children will go without receiving a gift this Christmas, simply because their families cannot afford it.

With your help and the help of other Australian families we can provide our children with the true spirit of Christmas, giving a gift to someone who really needs one.

The Smith Family have made a request for gifts purchased to be suitable for older children (8 – 12 years). Good examples are books, puzzles, board games, art & craft, educational toys, meccano kits and remote control toys. Presents should be unwrapped, and no larger than back pack size and non-breakable. If batteries are required could they please also be included.

Donation boxes and information will be set up in the Foyer. The final day for presents will be Tuesday 8th December. Your support is greatly appreciated.

REFLECTIVE GARDEN

Mulch has been ordered for next Monday 7th Dec for the Reflective Garden. Anyone who would like to help weed and mulch the garden at anytime during that week, your help would be greatly appreciated.

CAROLS IN THE PARK

On Friday week, 4th December, our school choir will be singing two Christmas carols during the Oakleigh Community Carols. We are scheduled to sing at 8:15pm.

HOT DOG DAY

The last 'Hot Dog' lunch day will be on Wednesday 2nd December.

TERM 4 DATES

November

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

HOTDOG DAY

Wednesday

2nd Dec

Hotdog, Drink & Donut

For just \$5.00

Please place your money in the envelope provided, with your child's name and class clearly printed, and return to school no later than

Monday 30th Nov

PLEASE have exact money. We are unable to give change.



If you can help on the day from 12.00 – 1.30 pm please complete & return this section to the office

Your Name:

Childs Grade:

Phone No.: