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Dear Parents,

Sunday marks the beginning of Advent – the Church’s Liturgical season of preparing for Advent. The children learn that Advent is a time of waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus. During Advent, Christians listen to and read about great figures who waited in hope for the Messiah – Isaiah, John the Baptist and the Virgin Mary. The longing and waiting included times of darkness, uncertainty and tension as well as moments of anticipation, of dreams and of deep trust. Advent is a season in which we can reflect on these experiences in our faith life and consider what God is asking of us. What are some of the Advent images and words that capture your longing and hopes? The emphasis in Christmas is not so much on Jesus Christ’s birth 2000 years ago but on Christ here among us today reflected in the signs of God’s love among people. How might you reach out to another throughout Advent? How might the school community be an expression of God’s justice and peace during this season? This year, we are collecting grocery food items to donate to the St Vincent de Paul Society as a way of reaching out to those who may need our assistance. At each Friday Assembly our prayer will also focus on the theme of the coming Sunday.

CAROLS IN THE PARK

Our Choir will be singing a few Christmas Carols at the Oakleigh Community ‘Carols in the Park’ next Friday 5th December. We are scheduled to sing at 8:06 and you are certainly invited to the evening. Please see fliers in the office foyer regarding the carols.

SCHOOL FEES

A reminder that all school fees for 2014 need to be finalised as soon as possible. The school fees structure as recommended at last week’s Education Meeting is attached.

2015 PREP ORIENTATION

Thank you to the Parents who assisted with the Morning tea for the two Wednesdays and for organizing the Second hand uniforms. It was exciting to see next year’s preps being lead into the school by their buddy. Our Prep numbers are slightly down on previous years so the classes will be smaller.

RUNNING CLUB

There will be **NO** running club tomorrow morning as Mrs Tobin will be out for the day at a conference.

AFL 9s

Our year 4 students will be competing in an AFL 9’s competition next Friday 5th December. There will be four COHR teams and we are hoping to have a parent to act as a team manager for each team. If you are able to assist please let your child’s teacher or John Killeen know of your availability.

HELP REQUIRED

We have two old analogue TVs that need to be disposed – if you are willing to take one or both to a disposal place – please let me know. THANKS.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Castro Zambrano family on the arrival of their baby son (Archer). A brother for Olivia (Yr 1/2W).

END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS BBQ

The end of year Christmas BBQ will be held on Friday 12th December from approx. 5pm – 7pm. The prep families are responsible for running the BBQ on the night. A roster will be put up outside the prep classrooms in the coming days. Father Christmas or one of his helpers will be visiting around 6.30pm.

ROCK STAR CAR PARK

The Term 1 car park will be auctioned starting in the foyer on Monday 8th December and will be closing on Friday 12th at the Christmas party,

DISABLED CAR PARK

The disabled car park outside the church hall is to be left empty on mass days. This includes weekday masses and communion services as well as weekends.

HEAD LICE

Please remember to regularly check your child’s hair for head lice.

TERM FOUR DATES

December

Friday 5 th	Carols in the Park
Thursday 11 th	Graduation Mass (6pm) & Dinner
Friday 12 th	End of year Reports, Portfolios, class placement details sent home
	Christmas Party
Monday 15 th	Transition morning
Tuesday 16 th	End of year Mass (10:00am)
	Yr 6 Assembly (2:30pm)
Thursday 18 th	Children dismissed 2:30pm
Friday 19 th	School Office closes 10am

January 2015

Thursday 29 th	Years 1 – 6 commence
Friday 30 th	Preps commence; welcome morning tea

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL



CHRIST OUR HOLY REDEEMER PRIMARY SCHOOL EAST OAKLEIGH

YEAR 2015 SCHOOL FEES

The Catholic Education system is funded by grants from both the Federal and State Government that are given to the Catholic Education Office in each state. The central diocesan office then distributes funds to each Catholic primary, secondary and special school according to enrolment numbers and socio-economic category.

School fees are set each year by the Parish Priest, school accountant and principal. Any increases are kept to a minimum.

School fees for 2015 are:

Annual Tuition Fee: 1 child = \$1365
2 children = \$1770
3+ children = \$1980

Annual Capital Fee: \$200 per family

Maintenance Fee: \$50 per family

Subject Levy: \$215 per child (which includes a Technology Levy of \$50)

Excursion Levy: \$60 per child

Interschool Sport: \$45 (Year 5,6)

Book Levy: \$35 per child.

Camp: \$480 (Year 5/6 students – approx. to be confirmed)

Further information regarding fee payment arrangements will be sent home shortly.

CHRIST OUR HOLY REDEEMER

FETE NEWS

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2014

Fete wrap up - What a fete it was!

If you didn't make it then I can only say you really missed a fantastic day. The feedback has been positive and it has been a great result for the school. It was great to see so many people enjoying themselves and spending lots of money for the benefit of COHR. Many people worked tirelessly on stalls, working over hot barbecues or fryers and overall it was a great community effort.

I would personally like to thank each and every one of our wonderful stall holders / class representatives for all their hard work leading up to the fete and most importantly on the day. To all the stall helpers thank you too, we couldn't have done it without you. The day was a huge success and the Fete Committee are happy to announce a profit of \$30,000 for the 2014 COHR Fete.

Thank you to Sarah, Gab and Chris and all the Fete Committee who worked hard all year to make this day happen. Thanks to our major sponsor Buxton Real Estate in Oakleigh and our secondary level sponsors who generously donated to make this happen including Commonwealth Bank, Oakleigh Rotary, Watts Fencing and Oakleigh Dragons Junior Football Club.

So many parents made donations.... We thank you all. It is because of everyone's generosity that our fete is such a success. Expenses this year were well down due to the donations made from many of our parents, our local markets and local businesses. We would like to thank Bakers Delight – East Bentleigh, Camberwell Market Poultry, Moorabbin Wholesale Market, Alexanders Fruit Market Oakleigh, Oakleigh Market Butcher, 4 cousins Supermercato - Parkdale, Franzoni Family, Lens Quality Meats for the supply and donation of many of the meat, fruit and vegetables we ate or sold at our Fete. This contribution has helped increase the profit for this fete significantly. We also thank our parents who donated so we could have an animal farm & dunking machine. We thank St Leonards & St John Vianney's Primary Schools for letting us borrow their carnival games including the popular choc toss and Sacred Heart Primary School for the lend of their marquees. We thank Box Hill Indoor Sports for bringing their popular bubble soccer and Steve Neophytou for organising and bringing the CFA fire truck for the kids to sit in, enjoy and sound the siren. We thank our Preps and school choir as well as the Avila school band who were fantastic in providing entertainment on the night. And we thank Puja the blues band who generously donated their time and musical talent to entertain us for the last hour of the Fete. They can be contacted on 0415 917 099 for bookings. All our acts played on a great stage donated by Jamie Connellan and thanks to Matt who provided all the electrical work to make the day happen. Matt Holdsworth Electrical can be contacted on 0419340630 for any future electrical work you may need.

At a Fete it is always good to see many of the community involved so it was great that we had new stalls offering different varieties of food representing the multicultural aspect of our school. Thanks to Ross & Guy along with their wives Ant and Kelly for organising, cooking and continuing a tradition of a successful Italian stall. To Caroline and Nihal for the falafels, Long and Leanne for the spring rolls, Daisy, Marvin, Julie and Eloisa for the Pork Kebabs and Chamilla for the curries. These food options were a great addition to our Fete in 2014 and gave everyone some different options to feed their family with many of the items needed donated by the chefs. A big thanks to Lynne Caccamo who provided the equipment and prepared the tornado potatoes which were a popular addition and a hit at this year's Fete. Also thanks to Amanda Neophytou who sourced and provided the Fair Food equipment this year saving us over \$400.

Thank you to our parents for delivering pamphlets, selling Raffle Tickets and helping with setup or packup. Well done to all those that contributed in some way. Thanks also to our teachers who contributed in many ways, on stalls, selling tickets or even just getting a crowd to watch them get dunked. Well done to John Killeen, Jo White & Tom Coghlan for taking the plunge as well as those students & parents who braved the chilly water. Thanks to Sue Tobin's daughter Amy who helped Sue run the bar for the night and provided the RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol) we needed to run this stall and thanks to Ian Cameron who donated some alcohol for this stall. Well done to Rachel Terkelson who provided all the artwork for our Fete, theme, boards, posters and stall signs which improved the overall look and feel of our Fete as well as Annie, Liana and Kerry who organised the bunting for all our stalls.

Thanks to Fil Galluccio who ran crazy hair and donated all the spray / hair chalk for this stall. She was actually trying to outdo husband Frank who again provided the most popular and profitable stall at the Fete with Souvlaki. Well done to all the parents who put their hand up to help on the face painting stall. Many stalls just didn't happen on the night but took weeks, months of preparation. Cinzia and the craft team worked for many months creating and making items for this stall and Gab Dunn did a great job collecting for the White Elephant Stall all year which Jenni, Rachael and Gab then spent a full day sorting. With Lisa sick and unable to run the Chips and Donuts thanks goes to Marg, Nat, Nicole and Christine who all stepped in to run this stall successfully without issue. Sarah and Caroline worked with parents and the parish community to organise the plant stall early and Stella Ettia again provided all the lucky dips. If you saw some of the items contained in the lucky dip you'd be disappointed if you weren't lucky enough to get one. The Heverin's again under the Oakleigh Dragons Football Club marquee did a power of work running Aussie Tucker. The contribution of all our families to our mystery jars was fantastic so we thank everyone for their effort.

There were many prizes on offer at the Fete through the big wheel and silent auctions and we thank all those who donated items. Thanks to Kerri for sourcing some AFL jumpers, Deb for accommodation vouchers, Setto Bello for a dinner voucher and Safwat Baselyous for designing and creating x4 bangles especially for the Fete. Thanks to Nigel & Lauren who provided us with numerous new children's items including the popular kids seats as well as toys & clothes. And one of those items included the superman t-shirt Mr Coghlan wore on the dunking machine.

Our Major Raffle for 2014 was a great success and with prizes on offer to a total value of over \$3,000 we sold approximately 380 tickets and below lists our lucky 10 prize winners who were drawn out on the night. Thanks to Zagames paradise resort who provided the first prize which was a voucher for 5 nights accommodation on the gold coast for 2 adults and 2 children at their resort.

1st Prize: Zagames Paradise Resort – Emma (parishioner)

2nd Prize: Riversdale Golf Club – Sue Jenkins

3rd Prize: Holmesglen Tafe - Short Course Voucher – Andrew Allan

4th Prize: Edelweiss Cottage Bed & Breakfast – Miss Smith

5th Prize: Rapid Tune voucher – Anthony Sesa

6th Prize: SpecSavers - Fountain Gate - \$300 voucher – Briely Sheehan

7th Prize: IBIS Hotel (Little Bourke St) accommodation – Olivia Karisson

8th Prize: Sovereign Hill family pass – Con C

9th Prize: Puffing Billy Family voucher – Carol Meddis

10th Prize: Nachos Cantina dinner voucher – Janine Bird

Finally thanks to the partners & families of the Fete Committee for their support with ongoing meetings & preparation to make this night happen. It was great result for the effort everyone put in.

Thanks again to all!

Simon Fisher