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Dear Parents,

We are approaching the end of the Church's year as this Sunday marks the Church's season of Advent. Advent ushers in a challenging period, where we are asked to take time for quiet prayer and reflection in the midst of one of the most hectic times in the school year. But when we make it a priority to find that quiet space, we find the rich fruits of opening ourselves to God and to life and love.

We re-orient ourselves to what is true and deep in the human condition. We are reminded that God loves us and keeps his promise to be with us in the coming of Jesus. We are reminded that the greatest commandment is love. This Advent season, may we all be more open to the possibilities of God working in us to bring hope and love to the world.

In the final weeks of the year the children will lead us in an Advent prayer service each Monday morning at assembly.

In this season of Advent, inspire us to be people of hope.

Encourage us not to be greedy for material possessions, but for justice and truth.

Enflame us with a love for others, which crosses boundaries of race, religion and nationality.

Stir within us a desire to fight for the integrity of creation and appreciate the immense beauty of the earth.

Be with us, Lord, at this time, that we may be people of hope.

Amen



On Tuesday evening the Parents Association held an end-of-year break-up in the staff room. It was a great opportunity to acknowledge people who have supported the school in so many ways through the year. There were also a large number of parents who were unable to attend and I would like to acknowledge and thank them most sincerely for their help throughout the year. A special thanks to Grace Leslie for her incredibly positive approach to her role. Grace manages to get parents motivated and involved with her 'can do' approach. Thanks Grace!

I am pleased to advise the community that the Parents Association funds have just assisted with the purchase of five new interactive TV's.

A total cost of \$19 500

The teachers are incredibly excited about these purchases as the current technology in some of the classrooms has been declining in the past twelve months.

THANK YOU to all our parents for supporting the fundraising efforts through the year.

COHR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual COHR Christmas party will be held on the Oval TONIGHT. There will be a FREE sausage sizzle and soft drinks. Families are invited to BYO drinks, food, chairs/picnic rugs. There will be a special visitor popping in at one stage.



BABY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Nicole and Matt Russell on the early arrival of their baby daughter, Zoe Grace, weighing 1176 grams. Nicole and Zoe are doing well.

NIGHT MARKET

We will be having a Night Market on Thursday 7th December in the school hall. Please see the attached flyer. 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.

CYBER SAFETY PROGRAM

Last week we concluded our senior school Cyber Safety Program led by Karen Wakeling and Georgina Torrisi. Georgina and Karen reported on the outcomes of the program in last week's newsletter. We also received an email from a parent expressing their views on the program, that I felt was worth sharing;

'Just wanted to say THANKS for the cyber safety sessions.

The boys gained so much insight, and realised that what I have been telling them daily is actually true! They were great sessions and the boys also informed me on a few things that even I did not know.

I think it was especially important for n, who is going into High School next year, and the peer pressure in having phones and social media.

Well done on how well you presented the sessions. THANKS AGAIN & well done to Holy Redeemer for approaching and talking about matters that are crucial and of great importance.'

SCHOOL BANKING

The last day to claim rewards for this year, using 10 silver tokens, is Tuesday 5th December. Any unused tokens will rollover to next year. Reward sheets are available at the office.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – TOMORROW 1st DEC

The outside hours school care program will be offered on this day for parents requiring this service.



....is coming

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Dear Parents and Carers,

TOMORROW the school is having a curriculum day. The before and after school care will be running the program throughout the day from 7.00am until 6.00pm. The cost will be \$50 for the day with a rebate of 50% from Centrelink so the maximum cost will be \$25.

If your child/children would like to attend please notify the team either by mobile on 0412 958 605

We will be doing fun activities all day and will hope to see you there!

Kind regards,

Jake Harley - Coordinator Christ Our Holy Redeemer Out of Hours Care

OUTSTANDING FEES

There are still some outstanding school fees owing. Could we please ask that all accounts are finalised by Monday 11th December. Thank you

START OF 2018 SCHOOL YEAR

A letter was sent home yesterday regarding the start of the 2018 school year. If you are yet to receive this letter I would ask that you either check your child's school bag or contact the office for another copy.

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week.

Brendan Welsford
Principal

TERM 4 DATES

NOVEMBER

Thursday 30th Christmas Party

DECEMBER

Friday 1st School Closure Day
Monday 4th Prep Excursion
Tuesday 5th 3-4 Excursion
Thursday 7th Night Market
Thursday 14th Grade 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner
Friday 15th Reports & Portfolios home
Monday 18th Meet the teacher 2018
Grade 6 Assembly 2:30pm
Tuesday 19th End of year mass 9.15am
Term 4 finishes at 3.30pm



**HAND
MADE**



BBQ

craft market

food stalls



RAFFLES

**Christ Our Holy Redeemer
Primary School
NIGHT MARKET**



**proceeds
supporting**

SALVATION ARMY

**wine
beers & refreshments**



family friendly



**\$2
ENTRY**

25+ Stalls

christmas gifts

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER

43 FERNTREE GULLY ROAD, EAST OAKLEIGH

**6.30
till
9pm**