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Dear Parents,

In Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist encourages his followers to be patient, as the wait for salvation will soon be over. John the Baptist is the first to see Jesus for who he really is for the world. He recognises that Jesus' sacrificial love can fill our valleys, lay mountains low, make crooked paths straight and rough ways smooth.

Advent is the season which celebrates a 'patient yes'. Every year all of us in the Church stand in a queue and remind ourselves of how blessed we are to have seen our salvation in Jesus. So, as we all wait together in line this Advent let's say yes to all that salvation holds for us: yes to God's personal love; yes to Jesus' kingdom of justice and peace; yes to every opportunity to serve the Gospel and yes to knowing that our God is a companion to us at every step of our journey, even in the most unexpected ways.

This week we have been focussing on the context of Jesus' birth. This shows a king born in humble settings. The symbolism reminding us to appreciate the simple yet beautiful things in life, such as family, peace, care and love.



CAROLS IN THE PARK – Friday 4th December

Our Choir is performing two Christmas carols tomorrow evening at the Carols in the Park (Warree Park, corner of Atherton Rd. and Drummond St.). The children are asked to meet Miss White at 7:55pm on the left side of the stage.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Our school closure day last Friday was a very productive day as we were able to undertake a great deal of planning for our learning program in 2016.

HOT DOG DAY

Thank you to parent helpers involved with yesterday's Hot Dog lunch. It is wonderful to see community members work together for a successful outcome.

COHR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Christmas party will be held on the Oval on Friday 11th December commencing at 5.00. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and families are invited to BYO food, drinks, chairs/picnic rugs. There will be a special visitor popping in at one stage.

REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL FEES

There are still some outstanding school fees owing. Accounts were sent home this week – please ensure that all outstanding accounts are finalised by Monday 14th December – thanks.

SMITH FAMILY DONATIONS

Thanks you for your support – it's wonderful to see how our families are always ready to reach out to others in need.

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.

END OF YEAR REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS

Report envelopes will be sent home on Friday 11th December. In the envelopes will be Semester Two reports, information regarding your child's teacher next year, dates for 2016, information regarding the sacramental program for 2016 and school fees for next year. Also coming home will be student portfolios.

STAFFING FOR 2016

Foundation

Prep H Miss Nicole Harink
 Prep G Miss Georgina Laming

Level 2

1/2 CP Mrs Ilona Cetrola & Mrs Franca Paduano (Wednesdays)

1/2 C Miss Sarah Counihan

1/2 S Miss Emily Shannon

1/2 P Miss Elise Pape

Level 3

3/4 JP Mrs Jill Palermo & Mrs Franca Paduano (Tuesdays)

3/4 HM Mrs Jo Hunt (White) & Mrs Leah Macdonald (Tuesdays)

3/4 B Miss Sofie Burger

3/4 K Mr John Killeen

Level 4

5/6 W Miss Tanya Weston

5/6 S Mrs Phil Solari

5/6 PT Miss Michella Pradel & Mrs Sue Tobin (Tuesdays)

Student Services

Reading Recovery: Mrs Michelle Seel

Student Wellbeing: Mrs Michelle Seel

Chaplain: Sr Patricia Keogh

Student Support: Sr Patricia Keogh

Student Support: Mrs Karen Gosling

Learning Support: Mrs Lorraine Hill

Learning Support: Mrs Sue Jenkins

Learning Support: Mrs Isabelle Georgalas

Learning Support: Mrs Vicky Kalliontzis

The Arts

Visual Art: Mrs Jo Hunt (White) – Tuesdays

Performing Art: to be advised

Physical Education

PE & Sports: Mrs Sue Tobin (Thursdays & Fridays)

Language other than English

Italian: Mrs Marisa Lucia

Library

Mrs Karen Wakeling: (Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

Mrs Lorraine Hill: (Friday)

Office Staff

Mrs Virginia Macdonald

Mrs Rachel Bernardo

Leadership

Student Services:	Mrs Michelle Seel
Information Technology:	Mrs Karen Wakeling
Religious Education:	Mrs Jill Palermo
Sports Co-ordinator:	Mr John Killeen
Maths Leader:	Miss Emily Shannon
Literacy Leader:	Miss Michella Pradel
Deputy Principal:	Mrs Antonietta Corp
Principal:	Mr Thomas Coghlan

As you may notice, Sue Daly (Prep 'D'), Karin Dornbierer (Visual Arts – Mondays) and Connie Antenucci (Performing Arts) are not returning in 2016. Sue, Karin and Connie have made a considerable impact over the past 4 years, and I will acknowledge them in next week's Newsletter.

SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to students who participated in the Kanga Cricket last Friday. In particular I'd like to thank and acknowledge the parents who took the girls and looked after them for the day, given that it was a school closure day. The girls represented COHR well, winning their first game.

The 3/4 AFL 9s event is held tomorrow as Princess Park Reserve.

END OF YEAR MASS

Our final End of Year Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am on Tuesday 15th December. At the conclusion of Mass, the new student leaders will be presented with their leadership badges. I warmly invited all parents and family members to join us in giving thanks for the year's blessings.

REMINDER TO RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

As a reminder, we kindly ask you to return any school books, including take-home books and independent reading books as soon as possible as it will assist us with our end of year stocktakes.

Thanks,
Karen & Lorraine

MONDAYS PREP ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to our Prep classes on their Advent Liturgy performed at Monday mornings assembly.



TERM 4 DATES

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

JELLS PARK CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Jells Park will play host to the 27th annual Monash Carols by Candlelight on Sunday 13 December.

The event kicks off at 4.00pm with the Kids Zone which features free kids activities including Scouts Australia activities, face painting, jumping castle and Santa's Reindeer. Plus, there is also an opportunity to have your picture taken with Santa!

Pre-show entertainment begins at 7.15pm featuring The Mik Maks to delight the youngsters.

The Main Concert gets under way at 8.00pm and is headlined by variety of performers including the Monash Concert Band and guest soloists with the feature act being "Urban Praise".

Special appearance by Santa and Channel 9's Pete Smith will once again compere the evenings's celebrations. This fantastic community event will end with a spectacular fireworks finale at 10.00pm (weather permitting).

Community Art Project in C 'O' HR Week

At COHR we begin every year with C 'O' HR Week. 'O' is for orientation. It is a week where we focus on getting to know each other and building relationships. Time is spent on laying the foundation for creating welcoming and cooperative learning environments. Students work collaboratively with teachers to come up with words and actions that show **R**espect for Self, **R**espect for Others and **R**espect for Community – The 3 **R**'s

As part of 'O' Week we are going to make an art piece for the Reflective Garden. We are creating 3 totem poles which contain symbols that represent **R**espect for Self, **R**espect for Others and **R**espect for Community.

We would love to have some parents to assist the students with painting.

This will be on Wednesday 3rd February 2016 at 9am. If you are able to join this fun project please return the slip below to the office.

We are also looking for terracotta or ceramic plant pots that are unglazed and clean. If you have any pots you would like to donate could you please speak to Michelle Seel.

Many Thanks

Michelle Seel
Wellbeing Coordinator

Community Art Project – C "O" HR Week

I am able to help students paint @9am on Wednesday
3rd February 2016



Name