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Dear Parents,

This week we celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, paying attention to the words and actions of John the Baptist. These scriptures remind us that God has not held back one thing in his love for us. They beautifully capture the spirit of preparation and waiting that characterises the liturgical season of Advent. John the Baptist is portrayed as fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah and others as the one who comes before the Lord preparing the way. He is a messenger, sent by God to 'do the groundwork' preparing the people for the coming of the Christ.

John appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism for forgiveness of sins. It may seem odd to think of going to the wilderness to try to influence people. Today we might think that the city centre or street corner might be the better venue to preach something. What is it about the wilderness? Reference is made to the wilderness several times in scripture. It is used as a place of preparation and encounter with God. The wilderness referred to was a vast expanse of emptiness on the eastern side of the Jordan River. It was not uncommon for wandering preachers like John and Jesus to go out into the wilderness as a way of making a break and getting themselves ready in body and spirit to begin their ministry. We pray that we at Christ Our Holy Redeemer can find our place of rest and quiet where we can encounter the presence of God in our own preparations.



#### **AFL 9s**

On Friday year 4 students will be competing in an AFL '9 series of games. The games will be held at Princes Hwy Reserve Clayton.

#### **CAROLS IN THE PARK – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Choir will be singing a few Christmas Carols at the Oakleigh Community 'Carols in the Park' next Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **COHR CHRISTMAS PARTY – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on the Oval on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December between 5:00pm and 7:30pm. This is an opportunity for our school community to get together as the school year draws to a close. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and (possibly) a special visitor! As in previous years we ask that Prep parents help out with the sausage sizzle.

#### **CHESS TOURNAMENT**

Next Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December we are holding our first intra-school Chess competition. 33 students from our Yrs 3 – 6 levels will be participating.

#### **GRADUATION MASS AND DINNER – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Yr 6 students and their families will gather for their Graduation Mass and Dinner next Thursday. Mass will commence at 6pm.

#### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAM**

Our Yr 5 students have been involved in the school's Leadership program over the past 4 weeks, looking and learning about various aspects of Leadership. Next Wednesday all the years 3, 4 and 5's will be invited to vote for the various Student Leadership roles within the school. Our 2015 school leaders will be announced at Assembly at Assembly on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **SCHOOL FEES**

A reminder that all school fees for 2014 need to be finalised.

The structure of the 2015 school fees are as follows:

<u>Annual Tuition Fee:</u>	1 child = \$1365 2 children = \$1770 3+ children = \$1980
<u>Annual Capital Fee:</u>	\$200 per family
<u>Maintenance Fee:</u>	\$50 per family
<u>Subject Levy:</u>	\$215 per child (which includes a Technology Levy of \$50)
<u>Excursion Levy:</u>	\$60 per child
<u>Interschool Sport:</u>	\$45 (Year 5,6)
<u>Book Levy:</u>	\$35 per child.
<u>Camp:</u>	\$480 (Year 5/6 students – approx. to be confirmed)

#### **CHAIRS**

The school is replacing some of the older student chairs. Presently the old chairs are under cover in the Basketball court. Please feel free to help yourself to as many as you wish!

#### **CONDOLENCES**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Michelle Seel and her family on the death of her mother over the weekend. The funeral will be next Tuesday at 10:30am at St. Leonards Church Glen Waverley.

## TERM FOUR DATES

### December

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

### January 2015

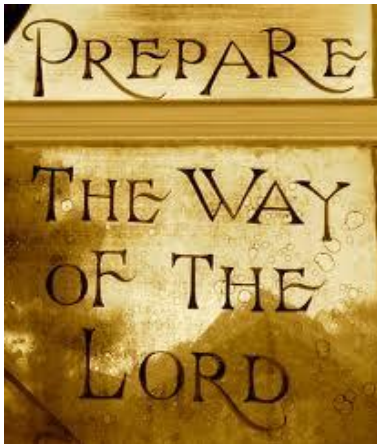
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Years 1 – 6 commence
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Preps commence; welcome morning tea

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan  
**PRINCIPAL**

### FREE KITTENS

The Caccamo family have 3 kittens needing good homes.  
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