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Dear Parents,

Advent has begun and it 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

2017 STAFFING

I would like to congratulate Michella Pradel who has been appointed to the position as Acting Deputy Principal for 2017. This is a fulltime position incorporating the role of Teaching and Learning Leader.

I also congratulate Sofie Burger who has accepted a position at Heritage Hill College in 2017. Sofie has been at COHR for a couple of years and we thank her for the positive impact she has made to our school.

Phil Solari will be having a year of leave in 2017 to spend some additional time with her family. We certainly look forward to welcoming Phil back to COHR in 2018.

As you can see there will be a few staff changes in 2017 and these will be communicated to the community in next week's newsletter.

Children will be notified of their 2017 classroom teacher on the 'Going Up Day' on Monday 12th December.

Farewell to Grade 6 Children

Our Grade 6 children will participate in a special mass, dinner and ceremony next Thursday evening, 8th December, celebrating their seven years of primary school. We congratulate them all on this wonderful milestone and wish them every blessing as they commence the next step on their educational journey.

Reports and Portfolios

Report envelopes will be sent home on Friday 9th December. In the envelopes will be Semester Two reports and a book supplies list for 2017.

FAREWELL FOR SR. PATRICIA

On Monday 12th December at 9am, we will have a special assembly where we will acknowledge the wonderful contribution St Patricia has made to COHR. This will be



followed by a morning tea where all current and past parents are most welcome. Please contact any families who have left the school who you know would be interested in attending. Please let the office know if you can attend.

CAROLS IN THE PARK – Friday 2nd December

Our Choir is performing two Christmas carols tomorrow evening at the Carols in the Park (Warrewee Park, corner of Atherton Rd. and Drummond St.). The children are asked to meet Miss Counihan and Miss Burger at 8:00pm on the left side of the stage.

COHR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Christmas party will be held on the Oval on Friday evening, 9th December. 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.

SCHOOL FEES

There are still some outstanding school fees owing. Please ensure that all outstanding accounts are finalised by Monday 12th December. Thank you

2017 Calendar

Please find attached to this newsletter our calendar dates for 2017. These dates are subject to change however any changes will be communicated to parents as required.

REMINDER

School closure day – TOMORROW Friday 2nd December

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week.

Brendan Welsford
Principal

SCHOOL DATES

December

Friday 2 nd	SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
Thursday 8 th	Graduation Mass & Dinner – 6pm
Friday 9 th	COHR Christmas Party
Monday 12 th	Farewell for Sr Patricia
Tuesday 13 th	Graduation Final Assembly
Thursday 15 th	Final School Mass – 9.00am
	STUDENTS FINISH – 3.30pm

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Matsakas family (Johnathon 3/4B and Sam 1/2CP) on the passing of their grandfather this week.

RUNNING CLUB

There will be running club tomorrow.

CHURCH CHOIR

Children's Choir Practice has been cancelled on Thursday 1st Dec and Thursday 8th Dec. It will resume again on Thursday 15th December.

NUDE FOOD DAY TUESDAYS

On Tuesday 6th December, COHR is holding it's last nude food days! NUDE FOOD day is when children bring a lunch that we can put any waste straight into the compost bin. The class teacher will count the number of students with a nude food lunch each Tuesday and we will tally all the results.

The class with the most Nude Food lunches over the 4 Tuesdays will receive a free icy pole on Friday 9th December. We will announce the winning class at Friday's assembly.

Let's keep our world clean and have NUDE FOOD lunches!

Thank you! From the environment captains.

FETE NEWS

As the sun sets and the dust settles on the 2016 COHR School Fete, it's a great time to reflect on the 10 month process and thank the many fantastic school community volunteers that helped make our fete a great success. Whether it be helping out on the committee, at the fete, or donating goods or services. Even as John Bernardo and I unloaded borrowed marquees at Sacred Heart post fete, we caught a glimpse of a COHR parent Anthony Franzoni out on his verandah. It was a timely reminder as The Franzoni family have been enormous supporters of our last few fetes and again donated a truckload of fruit and veg this year. What a terrific school community!

Back in February we vowed to make this fete heaps of fun for the kids while raising as many much needed funds for the school as we could – there's always stuff to spend money on, from pens to playgrounds - every cent helps.

So the time has come for THE NUMBER, and your Fete Committee is ecstatic to announce that the COHR Fete for 2016 turned over \$58,000, leaving us a tidy profit of just over \$40,000.

Thanks again to all who contributed!

John and Gary – Fete Presidents on behalf of the Fete Committee.

Term 1 2017

1	JANUARY 30	31	FEBRUARY 1	2	3	4	5
	Staff Return	Students Return (Grades 1-6)	Preps Begin (8.45am - 1.00pm)	Preps Full Day	Preps Full Day		
ORIENTAION WEEK – (31 st January - 3 rd February)							
2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			No Preps	Beginning of year Mass	Fish & Chip Night		
3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	5/6 Parent Information Night	3/4 Parent Information Night	No Preps 1/2 Parent Information Night	District Swimming 6.30 – 8.00am Prep Parent Information Night			
4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			No Preps	School Photos		Reconciliation Commitment Mass SH 5.30pm COHR 7.00pm	
5	27	28	MARCH 1	2	3	4	5
			Ash Wednesday Mass 10.30am COHR	Reconciliation Family Night COHR 7.00pm			
6	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
7	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Labour Day Holiday	Catholic Education Week		OPEN DAY	Combined Schools Mass 11.00am@ COHR		
8	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Canberra Camp Info Night				
9	27	28	29	30	31		
					Holy Week Liturgy End of Term Student Finish 2.30pm		

Term 2 2017

1	17 Easter Monday	18 Term 2 Begins Alleluia Liturgy	19	20 OPEN DAY	21	22	23
2	24 Anzac day Service 9.00am	25 ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	26 Children dismissed 2.30pm	27	28	29	30
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS							
3	MAY 1 5/6 CAMP- CANBERRA	2 5/6 CAMP- CANBERRA	3 5/6 CAMP- CANBERRA	4 5/6 CAMP- CANBERRA RE Network Reconciliation Ceremonies	5 5/6 CAMP- CANBERRA	6	7
4	8	9 NAPLAN	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN Mother's Day Stall	12	13	14 Mother's Day
5	15	16 Prep family Faith Night	17 Walk-A-Thon 1/2 Family Faith Night	18 District X Country	19	20	21
FAMILY WEEK – (15-19 MAY)							
6	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
7	29	30	31	JUNE 1	2	3 Confirmation Commitment Mass SH 5.30pm COHR 7.00pm	4
8	5	6	7 Parent Information Night – Confirmation SH 7pm	8	9	10	11
9	12 QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	13	14	15	16	17	18
10	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11	26	27	28	29 Report to go Home	30 End of Term Student Finish 2.30pm	WELLBEING WEEK – (26-29 JUNE)	

Term 3 2017

1	JULY 17 Term 3 Begins	18	19	20	21	22	23
2	24	25	26 Grandparents/Special Friends Day Mass 11.30	27	28	29	30
Book Fair							
			Confirmation Family Night BBQ @ S.H. 6.30pm				
3	31	AUGUST 1	2 Children Dismissed at 2.30pm	3	4	5	6
PARENT TEACHER							
4	7	8	9 Confirmation Reflection Day	10	11 School Sports	12	13
5	14	15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary Mass 11.30am	16	17	18 Confirmation @ COHR 7.00pm	19	20
6	21	22 Book Dress Up Day	23	24	25	26	27
Book Week							
7	28 District Aths Knox Aths Track	29	30	31 Father's Day Stall	SEPTEMBER 1	2	3 Father's Day
8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	11	12	13 School Concert	14	15	16	17
10	18	19	20	21	22 End of Term Student Finish 2.30pm		

Term 4 2017

1	OCTOBER 9 Term 3 Begins	10	11	12	13	14	15
2	16	17	18 Prep 2018 Information Night	19	20	21	22
3	23	24 Year 4 Camp Information Night	25 Feast Day Mass 10.00am	26	27	28	29
4	30	31	NOVEMBER 1	2 Eucharist Walk- through Mass 7.00pm	3	4	5
5	6 Melbourne Cup Holiday	7	8 Eucharist Reflection Day (COHR)	9 Year 4 Camp	10 Year 4 Camp 11.00am Remembrance Day	11	12
6	13	14	15 Prep Orientation Day 1.	16	17	18	19 Eucharist @ 1.30pm & 3.30pm
7	20	21	22 Prep Orientation Day 2.	23	24	25	26
8	27	28	29 Prep Orientation Day 3.	30	DECEMBER 1 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	2	3
9	4 Advent 1	5	6	7	8	8	10
10	11 Advent 2	12	13	14 Grade 6 Graduation Mass 6.00pm & Dinner	15	16	17
11	18 Meet the teacher Advent 3.	19 End of Year Mass 9.15am	20	21	22 Advent 4 End of Term Student Finish 2.30pm	23	24

