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Dear Parents,

In the second week of Lent, the Gospel focusses on the Transfiguration. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke all tell the story of the transfiguration with remarkable agreement. All three place the event shortly after Peter's recognition of Jesus as the Messiah. Coming as it does next to the time of Jesus' suffering, it parallels earlier experiences in the life of Jesus – the blessing of his baptism before the suffering in the desert. Perhaps this is the crux – Jesus has quite significant times of blessing before times of suffering. For us, during this Lenten period, we need to know that God's presence is always with us – even in those times of difficulty.

THANKS

Thanks for your wonderful attendance at the level Information nights that concluded on Tuesday evening with the Foundation level. Around 80% of families attended – a testament to the strong partnership between home and school that is experienced here at COHR.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday 29th February. All students are to wear full summer school uniform on this day. (NO sports uniforms). Sibling packs can be obtained from the office.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS – Thurs 10th & Fri 11th March

This year we are undertaking a school review as part of a cyclical cycle of school improvement and accountability. During these two school closure days the staff will be working on the Report that will be tabled to the reviewer early next term.

RECONCILIATION

The Sacramental program will commence for Year 3 students preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There is a meeting for Yr 3 students and their parents at Sacred Heart on Thursday 25th February at 7pm and a Reconciliation Commitment Mass on Saturday 27th February. Students and their families may attend either Mass at Sacred Heart at 5:30pm or at COHR at 7pm.

RUNNING CLUB – Years 3-6

Running Club continues tomorrow morning 8am in preparation for Cross Country which will be held on the 29th April.

FETE MEETING

We had a very successful Fete meeting earlier this week. We have a strong committee headed up by John Bernardo, Gary Iverson, Nat McKenzie, Mark Guzzo and Mariela Llopart. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 8th March. Items on the Agenda will be:

- Determining the stalls
- Developing a timeline
- Deciding on a theme

- Reviewing the previous fete and 10 top money earners
- Examining the entertainment on the stage
- Allocate classes to an activity or stall

The Fete committee would welcome your suggestions and participation to ensure another successful Fete at COHR. I'm hoping to see many parents at the next meeting.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION – Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting of the Parents' Association will be held on Wednesday 24th February at 7:30pm in the Hall. The PA assists in organizing or co-ordinating social activities (e.g. welcome morning tea, assisting during Open day, or running a major fundraiser – Trivia Night and also works in with the Fete Committee) and other fundraising activities. All parents are welcomed and can be general members – assisting when able.

The PA is seeking parents who are willing to accept nominations for the positions of: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and Class representatives. Nominations can be lodged at the Office or on the night of the AGM. The roles of the various positions are outlined in the attachment.

We need an active and vibrant committee to continue to build on our wonderful sense of community.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

The scheduled Education Board meeting has been transferred to Wednesday 2nd March due to the unavailability of some members. The meeting will also be the Annual General Meeting of the Board. In addition to the AGM, the Board will undertake an activity related to the school Review, as well as looking at a proposal about the format of the school's Mid and End of year Reports.

Parents wishing to join the Education Board are asked to put their nominations in writing to me by Friday 26th February.

CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Applications for Yr 7 enrolments for Catholic Secondary schools close on Friday 26th February. Many of our local Secondary schools are running tours and information sessions – contact the college/s if you are interested in gaining a better insight into the school you may be considering. Enrolments for Government Secondary schools occur later in the year, around May.

MOVIE NIGHT

Please see flier which comes home today. A family ticket covers parents, students and siblings of current school families. Please invite your friends to come along. Friends are not included in the family package price.

Additional forms can be picked up from the office.

ICY POLES

Icy Poles will be available on Friday for the students at lunchtimes for 50c.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

If you have a new or an updated WWCC, would you please contact the Office so we can update the Register of parents who have a WWCC card. Thanks.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School **camp**s provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, **excursions** encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and **sports** teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

CLOSING DATE

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by **Monday 29th February**

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

SCHOOL BANKING

Could parents please update your child's class on the front of their bank books.

CAR PARK

If you are picking up your child, the pick up area is at the gate (opposite Hall entry). Parents should not be dropping off or picking up in others areas.

Please ensure that when exiting the carpark or oval you exit via Ferntree Gully Road only. Please ensure that any family members picking or dropping off your child are aware of this.

Thanks for your co-operation.

TERM ONE DATES

February

Monday 22	Cartooning Workshop incursion
Wednesday 24	No Foundation Parents' Association AGM 7:30pm
Thursday 25	Yr 3 Reconciliation Family night 7pm
Friday 26	Enrolments for Catholic Secondary school close

Saturday 27 Reconciliation Commitment Mass
5:30pm SH or 7pm COHR

Monday 29 School Photos

March

Wednesday 2	Foundation students at school
Friday 4	Twilight Movie Night/ 5/6 Gala day
Wednesday 9	Parents Association meeting 7:30pm
Thur 10 & Fri 11	School Closure days
Monday 14	Labour day Holiday
Tuesday 18	Fete Committee meeting 7:30pm
Wednesday 16	OPEN Day Education Board AGM 7:30pm
Thursday 17	St Patrick's day – Sports day
Sunday 20	Palm Sunday
Wednesday 23	Combined schools Mass – Sacred Heart PS, Oakleigh
Thursday 24	Holy Thursday Children dismissed for Easter holidays

Term 2

April

Monday 11 Term 2 commences

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan

PRINCIPAL



OSHC PROGRAM

We hope that the school year has kicked off well for all children and their families. If you have yet to return completed booking forms, please do so as soon as possible to ensure a spot for your child in before and/or after school care. These can be collected from the service or from the school office. Remember to give at least 24 hours notice for cancellations to avoid being charged for that session. If any of your or your child's details have changed please do not forget to update them with us.

Sharni and Maddie have returned from professional placement rounds. Maddie will be working Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and Sharni will be working Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the team on **0412 958 605**, or pop in to see us. Alternatively, you can visit our website www.ylv.com.au for more information.

TENNIS COACHING

Enrol now for tennis lessons at Holy Redeemer Tennis Club.

When: Before school and Saturday mornings.

Who: All age groups and standards

New groups for beginners available.

Where: Holy Redeemer Tennis Club.

Phone: David McNamara (T.C.A.V Coach)

Mobile: 0413 058 876

COHR Parents Association Roles

President:

The President is responsible in conjunction with the Executive for the management and facilitation of the Association. The President is appointed for a period of two years to ensure the aims and objectives set out in the Constitution, are met by the Association. The President shall chair the Annual and General Meetings and provide a report of activity since the last meeting.

Vice President:

The Vice President role is to assist the President in their role to achieve the aims and objectives set out in the Constitution. The Vice President shall chair General Meetings in the absence of the President.

Treasurer:

The Treasurer is responsible for the financial dealings of the Association which include but is not limited to, the counting and banking of funds received and payment of expenses. The Treasurer will provide a profit report at each General Meeting.

Secretary:

The Secretary is responsible for all correspondence in and out of the Association. They shall be responsible for all minute taking and issuance of minutes at the Annual and General Meetings. The Secretary shall also assist in any material required to support or advertise the events of the Association.

Pastoral Care Officer:

The Pastoral Care Officer shall be responsible for the Pastoral Care of the staff and families of Christ Our Holy Redeemer Primary School. This will include, but is not limited to, support and recognition of events such as births, deaths, marriages and birthdays.

General Member:

The role of General Member is to regularly attend meetings of the Association and provide support to the Executive in fulfilling aims and objectives of the Association.

Class Representative/s:

Every class at Christ Our Holy Redeemer School has a parent class representative position. Ideally there are two parent representatives' positions per class.

Parents are asked to volunteer for the role at the start of each school year either by attending the Annual General Meeting or via email / letter to the office. The class representative role is very important to our school community. It provides support to the teachers and acts as a liaison between teachers and parents in the school.

The role of class representatives:

- Be supportive of staff and the whole school ethos.
- Invite parents to include their contact details (ask parents for their preferred form of communication) for communication of class messages and events etc.
- Contact new families on arrival and personally welcome them to the school community.
- To organise opportunities for the parents in your child's class to meet socially and help them get to know each other. Events might include family picnics or parent dinners.
- To communicate messages from school groups, like the Parents Association, so that all parents are kept informed about social gatherings, fundraising activities and school community events.
- To organise, with the class teacher, parental help in the classroom and excursions.
- Class representatives, and other classroom helpers, are respectful of everyone's privacy and ensure that the confidentiality of teachers, students, and parents is maintained at all times.