Dear Parents,

Sunday’s Gospel reading challenges us to ‘turn the other cheek,’ go the extra mile,’ be generous and rise above the fray. Jesus is describing what we today would call active non-resistance, the attitude taught by Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

We are familiar with the answer to the question: Who is my neighbour? We usually interpret it to mean those we do not particularly like. It is important to love them, to be kind to them, to help them when they are in need. But these are not the people whom Jesus is talking about in today’s reading. He tells us that the neighbours whom we are to love are those people who do not like us. We are to love those who deliberately exclude us from their social circles, who talk about us behind our backs. We are to love those who make us feel that we are not good enough for them, those who resent us for our accomplishments. We are to love those who exploit us or do us harm.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION Annual General Meeting
The AGM of our Parents’ Association will be held on Wednesday 26th February at 7:30pm. Please read the attached information. All welcome. The Parents’ Association play a pivotal role in maintain and fostering the wonderful sense of community that flourished here at COHR. Please consider your involvement.

RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASS
Year 3 students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation) are expected to attend a Commitment Mass on Sunday 23rd February at Christ Our Holy Redeemer at 11:00am or on 22nd February at Sacred Heart at 5:30pm if you are unable to be at Sunday’s Mass. During the Mass the students will be invited to come forward and receive an Act of Contrition prayer scroll. They will be expected to bring it to school on the following Monday.

INFORMATION NIGHT – Reconciliation
An Information night for Year 3 children and their parents will be held at the Sacred Heart Hall on Thursday 27th commencing at 7pm.

FETE COMMITTEE MEETING
Our first Fete was held on Tuesday evening. Although not a ‘full house’ there was lots of energy and ideas. The fete is our main fundraiser for the year, so we need everyone in our community to be supportive of our efforts. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd April at 7:30pm.

SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM
Presently I am preparing a ‘Progress and Acquittal Report’ for our Chaplaincy program for the Commonwealth government. As many of you are aware this role is undertaken by Sr Patricia. It would be very helpful if any parent who has had assistance from Sr Patricia send to me what assistance was given and the benefits of her work. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to speak with me. I would need something from you by no later than Monday 24th February.

ICY POLES
Icy poles will be available on the remaining Fridays for this term. They will be 50c each.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Our Out of School Hours program has now moved into the Hall.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – Monday 17th MARCH
Georgina Manning, who presented at last week’s Parent meeting, will be working with the staff on Monday 17th March. This will be a school closure day for this term. Please take note as it wasn’t advertised on the calendar sent home last year.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on MONDAY 3rd MARCH

PHOTO DAY TIPS:
Dress: Clean and tidy full summer uniform
Hair: Neat and swept off face
Orders: Complete your order form and return to school prior to photography day
Pre-orders: To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au. All orders placed online will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.
Contact: PO Box 5222, Hallam VIC 3803
Phone: 1300 766 055
Email: info@schoolpix.com.au

SCHOOL HATS
A reminder that children are required to have their school hats for recess, lunchtimes and PE. Please, please ensure hats are clearly named.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Closing Date for EMA applications is 28th February. Contact the office to obtain a form.
WORKING BEE
This year there will be two working bees. The dates for these will be:

- **Saturday 26th April 8am-9:30am** (opportunity to tidy school grounds before Open Day)
- **Friday 7th November 3:45pm-5:30pm** (opportunity to tidy oval etc before the School Fete)

We would appreciate as many as possible at both of these working bees. It is a great chance to meet new families too. Your maintenance levy will be deducted from the fees by attending one of these working bees.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY - Tuesday

**TERM ONE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>February</th>
<th></th>
<th>Reconciliation Commitment</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Sat 22nd &amp; Sun 23rd</td>
<td>Mass</td>
<td>Parents’ Association AGM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Information Night</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Reconciliation (Yr3)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Enrolments for Catholic</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>secondary schools close</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March</td>
<td>School Photo day</td>
<td>Ash Wednesday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 3rd</td>
<td></td>
<td>Yr 5 &amp; 6 leave for Camp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 5th</td>
<td></td>
<td>Yr 5 &amp; 6 return from Camp</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Labour Day holiday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Education Board meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Catholic Education Visual</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Arts Exhibition</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>School Closure day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Mass for schools at St</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Patrick’s Cathedral</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>National Day against</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Bullying &amp; Violence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Parents’ Association</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>meeting</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>School Sports day (children</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>dismissed at 2:30pm)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

April

- **Friday 4th** Term 1 ends (children dismissed at 2:30pm)

With thanks

Thomas Coghlan
**PRINCIPAL**

ASHWOOD NETBALL CLUB

Are you looking to play netball? Come and join our fantastic club.

Training is on Monday nights 4.00pm - 5.00pm at the Oakleigh Rec Centre (Oakleigh Pool)

Game starts on Saturday March 16th 2014 at the Waverley District Netball Courts (next to Ashwood College High Street Road)

Please Contact Tracey Simos on 0417 490 125 (prep H Mum) or Maree Egan on 0411 444 431

Our website is www.ashwoodnetball.com jump on and have a look.

Registration forms will be left at office. Submissions of teams are due in this Saturday 20/2/14 so if you're interested please give us a call.

Ashwood Wolves Basketball Club is currently taking registrations for the MEBA Winter 2014 season, commencing 26th April. We field teams in all age groups including U8s, U10s and U12s as well as senior teams and welcome both new starters and experienced players alike.

Several of our junior teams train at Essex Heights or nearby surrounds so please feel free to drop into training for a peek, speak to Brigid Boyce (0407 323 805) or contact our junior coordinators for more information:

- **U8-U10** Julie Caune 0433 310 634 caune@bigpond.com
- **U12-U14** Sharyn Francis 0438 524 147 csslfran@bigpond.net.au
AVILA OPEN DAYS
Enrolments for Year 7 2015
Please note: Closing date is Friday, February 28

Wednesday 19 February
Tuesday 20 May
Thursday 14 August
Tuesday 28 October.

School tours begin at 9am followed by an address from the Principal Ms Louise Gunther and members of the Leadership team.
On line registration is now available by visiting www.avilacollege.vic.edu.au, clicking on Quick Links and then Open Mornings.

SACRED HEART GIRLS’ COLLEGE
Enrolments for Year 7 2015
Please note: Closing date is Friday, February 28

Please check the College website for details on enrolments and to download an application form. The forms are also available from the College Reception or can be mailed out.

An Open Morning will be held before the closing date and parents are most welcome to attend. Open Mornings commence at 9:30am with an address by the Principal, Mr. Christopher Dalton. Parents are then taken on a tour of the College and return for morning tea where further questions may be asked of staff members. The session concludes at approximately 11.00am. Dates for all Open Mornings are listed below.

Open Morning Dates for 2014
Friday 21 February
Tuesday 29 April
Thursday 19 June
Wednesday 13 August
Tuesday 14 October

Bookings for these dates can be made through the College Reception on 9568 5488.
For further information please contact the College Registrar, Ms Anne Wilks on 9568 5488 or by email: registrar@shcoakleigh.catholic.edu.au

SALESIAN INFORMATION EVENING
24 February 2014
College Tour of Bosco Campus
Guided by our welcoming and informative Registrar, Mary Menz and friendly Tour Guides, come along on a group tour of Salesian College Chadstone to see the school in action!
Location: Salesian College Chadstone, 10 Bosco Street, Chadstone VIC 3148
Opportunity to meet the Principal at the conclusion of the tour!
Date and Hour: 24 February 2014 at 9:30am

DE LA SALLE COLLEGE
KEY ENROLMENT DATES – YEAR 7, 2015
De La Salle College does not have designated Priority Parish catchment zones and can draw widely from all parts of Melbourne, with all Parish Primary Schools given priority in the enrolment process.*
Applications are now being accepted for Year 7, 2015 and beyond.

2014:
Friday, 14 February 2014 College Tour – 9:15am
Monday, 17 February 2014 College Tour – 9:15am
Wednesday, 19 February 2014 College Tour – 5:00pm
Wednesday, 26 February 2014 Year 7, 2015 Applicant Information Evening – 7:30pm (Bookings essential)
Book online at www.trybooking.com/ECIF
Friday, 28 February 2014 Applications for Year 7, 2015 CLOSE
Thursday, 24 April 2014 Offers of places to prospective Year 7, 2015 students are posted
All tours run for approximately 90 minutes.
Please reserve your place online via the College Website
or call 03 9508 2100 to reserve a place.
*All applications are processed in accordance to our Enrolment Policy. Further details available on our website.
1318 High Street, Malvern Victoria 3144 Tel. (03) 9508 2100 Fax. (03) 9508 2165
Email: dlsadmin@delasalle.vic.edu.au Website: www.delasalle.vic.edu.au