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Dear Parents,

Next Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY. It marks the beginning of a seasonal change within the Church: **LENT**. It is one of those times when the Church gives us the opportunity to address the important elements in our life in a practical way. Within the context of the Lenten season, we need to be reflective and to ensure that in choosing 'to do something' this Lent, we choose wisely. We need to make a positive effect on the people with whom we live and work each day.

Next Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.30am, there will be a whole school mass to mark the beginning of Lent. All members of our community are welcome to attend

**SISTER PATRICIA'S VISIT**

On Monday we welcomed Sr Patricia back to our school for a visit. At Monday morning's assembly Sr Patricia spoke to the children about her recent visit to Malaysia and relayed to our children how appreciative the teachers and children were of the reading materials that we donated to their school. Sr Patricia left a display with photos in the foyer to share with our community, showing the community that we have helped.

**RECONCILIATION**

A Reconciliation Commitment mass will take this Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at Christ Our Holy Redeemer. All children receiving this Sacrament in 2017 are asked to attend this mass to make their commitment to this program and to the community. If families are unable to make the mass at 7.00pm then they are welcome to attend the 5pm mass at Sacred Heart church on the same evening. Please note also the Reconciliation Family Night at 7pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is at Christ Our Holy Redeemer.

**FETE fundraising**

As mentioned in last year's newsletter our biannual Fete managed to raise just over \$40 000. The success of last year's Fete certainly came from a dedicated organising committee and the generous support of our school and local community. A large proportion of the the funds raised contributed to the final payment of the senior adventure playground, 'The Dome'. Other funds from the Fete also assisted us in purchasing a new portable PA system.

**SCHOOL COUNSELLING PROGRAM**

Christ Our Holy Redeemer Primary School would like to announce that a new School Psychologist/Counsellor is now working at the school. The School Counselling Program is contracted by Catholic Care and is available one day per week. The funding for this program comes from the Federal Government's Chaplaincy Program.

The School Counselling Program is a confidential service offered free of charge to all students.

The School Counsellor is available to discuss child-related issues such as:

- Behavioural concerns, both at school and at home
- Emotional problems such as anxiety, grief, depression, low self-esteem
- Family issues, such as separation/divorce, parenting difficulties, parent-child or sibling relationships
- Peer and social issues including bullying, peer relationships and social skills
- Developmental and academic concerns where appropriate.

Counselling may involve a number of therapeutic methods including play and art therapies, individual/small, group/class programs, skills training, as well as consultations with parents and teachers.

Students may be referred by school staff, parents or other professionals (e.g. family doctor).

Written parental consent is required for all children prior to commencement of counselling.

The new School Counsellor is **Ms. Jo Healy** and she is a Registered Counselling Psychologist.

Jo will be available at the school on Tuesdays between 8.30am and 4.30pm.

If you are interested in accessing this service for your child I would ask that you contact the school directly.

In addition to these new services from Catholic Care the school continues to use the services of OnPsych.

**2017 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS**

Please note the following school closure days for 2017

- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December

*Take care and enjoy the rest of the week.*

*Brendan Welsford  
Principal*



**MOVIE NIGHT**

SAVE THE DATE – FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH. The Parents Association will be having a moonlight cinema evening. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Last night, the Annual General Meeting of the Parents Association was held and the positions of PA for 2017 are:  
Presidents: Grace Leslie & Rosey Stamatelos  
Vice President: Anna Saruallo  
Treasurer: Caroline Aldred  
Assistant Treasurer: TO BE FILLED  
Secretary: Gabrielle Dunn  
Pastoral Care: Antoinette Tartaro  
General Memembers: Sarah Arnott, Anna Belumda, John Bernardo, Jacinta Chetwin, Rosie Lucchese, Carol Meddis, Nicole Newport-Ryan, Silvana Pagnataro, Silvana Pansino & Marita Baum.

### Class Representatives:

Prep L: Amanda Neophytou & Anna Belmuda  
Prep R: Lina LaTorre & Julie Paprzycki  
1/2 IC: 2 positions to be filled  
1/2SC: Carol Meddis & 1 position to be filled  
1/2PM: Nicole Newport-Ryan & 1 position to be filled  
1/2S: 2 positions to be filled  
3/4 HM: 2 positions to be filled  
3/4JP: Marita Baum & 1 position to be filled  
3/4 KS: 2 positions to be filled  
3/4 RS: Rosie Lucchese & Christine Bombonati  
5/6F: 2 positions to be filled  
5/6IK: Jacinta Chetwin & 1 position to be filled  
5/6JK: 2 positions to be filled  
5/6 W: 2 positions to be filled

Thank you to those parents who have generously put their name forward to take an active role in building our school community. If you are willing to take on the role of class representative for you child's class, please contact the office as soon as possible.

We have a few upcoming events that require PA support:

- Pancake Tuesday (Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb)
- Combined Schools Mass (Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March)
- Open Day (Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March)
- Outdoor Movie Night (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March)
- Hot Dog Day (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March)

NB: Quick reminder that a Working With Childrens Check is required if you would like to assist in any of our school events.

### SHROVE TUESDAY- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017

If parents are able to assist on the day, please let the office know. If you prefer your child not have a pancake at school, please let the office know by Tuesday morning.

### REFLECTIVE GARDEN CREW

Thank you to all the parent helpers : Anita Noga, Monica Florio, Eloisa Nidorfer, Christine Bombonati, Giselle Taylor, Rina Di Napoli, Estella Kerr & Grace Leslie. It is very rewarding to see a tidy garden between the church and the front of the school. Parents save the date, come to the next tidy up on Tuesday 7th March.

## ICY POLES

Reminder that icy poles will be available tomorrow for 50 cents.

## PASTORAL CARE OFFICER

We thank Grace Leslie for being responsible for the Pastoral Care of the staff and families of Christ Our Holy Redeemer Primary School for the last 4 years. We congratulate Antoinette Tartaro to continue the role as Pastoral Care Officer.

## TERM ONE DATES

### FEBRUARY

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> School Photos  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Reconciliation Commitment Mass  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Shrove Tuesday

### MARCH

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Ash Wednesday Mass 10.30am COHR  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Reconciliation Family Night 7.00pm  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Labour Day Holiday  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Combined Schools Mass 11.00am COHR  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> COHR Open Day  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> St Patrick's Day  
PA's Twilight Movie Night  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Hot Dog Day  
Wednesday 22 5/6 Canberra Camp Information Night  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Term 1 finishes. Students dismissed at 2.30pm

## Back to School Asthma Spike

ASK ABOUT ASTHMA. Every year there is a sharp rise in the number of asthma attacks for children when they return to school after the summer break. This results in increased Emergency Department visits and hospitalisations. Use our checklist to help your child stay well and get their school year off to a healthy start



- See a GP to complete an Asthma Plan, giving a copy to the school
- Provide the school with a spare asthma reliever (usually blue) puffer and spacer
- Talk to your child's class teacher

Get more information and download your back to school asthma checklist from the Asthma Australia website.

## Asthma Kids

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it's like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Check it out at [asthmakids.org.au](http://asthmakids.org.au)

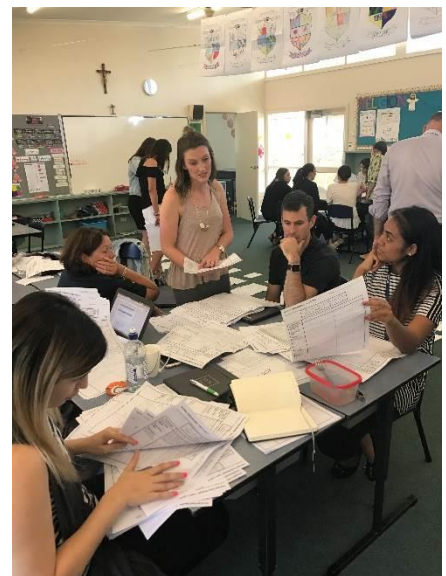
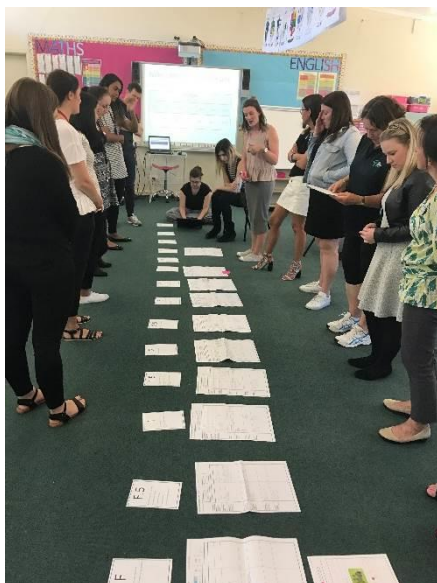
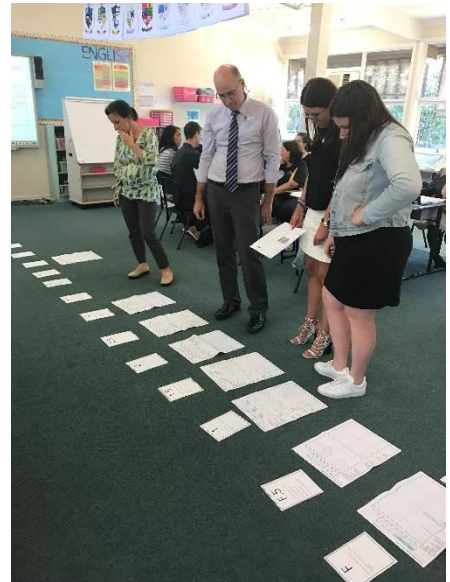
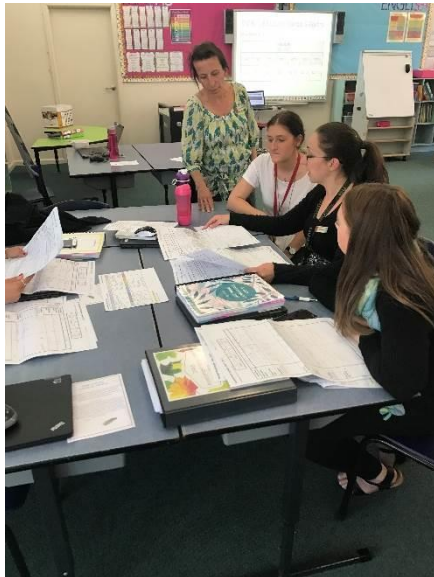
# ASSESSMENT – MODERATION

During Tuesday's School Improvement Meeting, teachers were provided with an opportunity to moderate and assess a recent Mathematics piece which all children completed from Foundation to Year 6.

***Moderating as a whole staff, ensures that assessment of student work remains reliable, consistent and valid. (Suto & Shiell, n.d).***

The process also allowed us time to create a rubric/assessment table. The purpose of this is necessary, so that teachers know what they are looking for in the assessment pieces. It is important to establish the rubric together to ensure that all teachers have a common understanding of the language used in the rubric.

Here we are hard at work!



We repeat this process next week, with each students writing sample.

## MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

Hi everyone.

Welcome to the new school year - we are already half way through this term! It has been wonderful to see new faces around the school and to hear friendly voices saying Hello to each other.

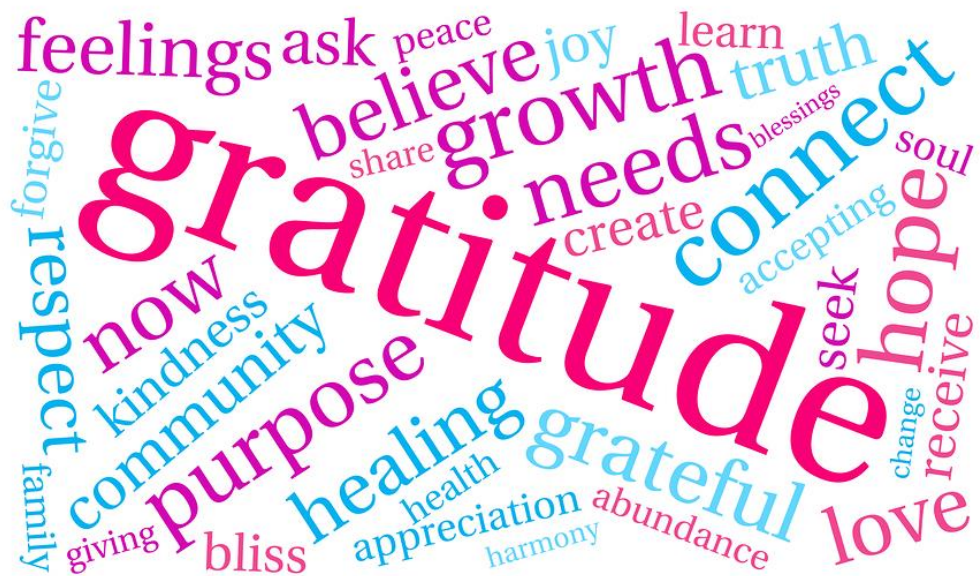
This year we have already learnt new names and we have been able to get to know each other better.

O Week was great to be able to settle into class groups and to also meet our buddies.

Here are a few reminders: wear hats during playtime and lunchtime, icy poles are for sale on Friday for 50c.

Also, there is a school Mass next Wednesday to recognise Ash Wednesday. Next week we are grateful for parents who will help prepare pancakes to recognise Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday.

We can have fun and continue learning in class this term.



From your School Captains,  
Jack And Claudia.