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Dear Parents,

Advent is a time for joy, not primarily because we are anticipating the anniversary of the birth of Christ, but because God is already in our midst (Immanuel). The readings for this Sunday assure us that God is with us, not as a judge but as a Saviour. We rejoice over the saving acts of God that make us confident of God's care and unafraid of whatever may cross our paths. We rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst. We pray that here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer, we continue to share in the joy of showing the Gospel values in action.



2015 HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Sacramental program
- ✓ Family faith nights
- ✓ School masses and liturgies
- ✓ School celebrations and events
- ✓ Combined schools celebrations
- ✓ Achievements and fundraisers of Parents' Association
- ✓ School Open day
- ✓ School Canberra trip and excursions/incursions
- ✓ Working bees and school maintenance
- ✓ Student learning experiences
- ✓ Buddy programs
- ✓ Sports achievements and events
- ✓ Specialised programs for/classes for English and Maths
- ✓ Our veggie garden and Reflective garden
- ✓ Development of technology (e.g. range of devices, Google drive, blogs)
- ✓ Regular communication with parents through the tiqbiz app
- ✓ School concert
- ✓ Building a Better Schoolyard program
- ✓ Extra-curricular activities held for students (e.g. flow club, code club, chess club, gardening club etc.)
- ✓ Bookweek events
- ✓ Catholic Mission Month
- ✓ Assembly – Monday and Friday

CAROLS IN THE PARK

Congratulations to the children who participated in singing Carols last Friday evening in Oakleigh. Thanks to Jo White for planning and preparation for the night.

END OF YEAR

Our final End of Year Mass will be celebrated at 9:15am on Tuesday 15th December. At the conclusion of Mass, the new student leaders will be presented with their leadership badges. I warmly invite all parents and family members to join us in giving thanks for the year's blessings.

The Year 6 Assembly will be held in the hall at 2:30pm on Tuesday 15th December. Anna Burke will also attend to present Graduation certificates.

On Wednesday morning we will hold a final Assembly in the hall.

COHR P.A. CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our Annual Christmas party will be held on the Oval on Friday 11th December (tomorrow) commencing at 5pm to 7pm. 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.

THANKS

One of the strengths of our school is the wonderful and outstanding support we receive from you – the parents. We are blessed with parents who: assist in the classrooms; who help out with excursions and sport; who are involved with the Parents Association, the Education Board; or who assist with Hot Dog days, working bees & maintenance, sausage sizzles; or helping out on Sports day Our school is enriched by the outstanding support of our parents ...THANK YOU.

REMINDER ABOUT SCHOOL FEES

There are still some outstanding school fees owing. Accounts were sent home last week – please ensure that all outstanding accounts are finalised by Monday 14th December – thanks.

REFLECTIVE GARDEN

Mulch was been ordered earlier this week for the Reflective Garden. Anyone who would like to help weed and mulch the garden at anytime during the week, your help would be greatly appreciated. We would like to say thank you to people who have already given their time and energy to do some work for us.

END OF YEAR REPORTS AND PORTFOLIOS

Report envelopes will be sent home on Friday 11th December (tomorrow). In the envelopes will be Semester Two reports, information regarding your child's teacher next year, dates for 2016, information regarding the sacramental program for 2016 and school fees for next year. Also coming home will be student portfolios.

MEET 2016 CLASS

Students will spend some time with their new class on Monday just before lunchtime. This can be a time to meet each other. Students will also be given a paper bag in which they might like to place something which makes them unique, something about their holiday and their name written on a sign post. This can be returned in the first week of school to share with the class.

SPORTS UPDATE

Congratulations to students who participated in the 3/4 AFL 9s event held last Friday at Princess Park Reserve. There was positive feedback on the teamwork and co-operation shown. The senior students who attended as assistants and coaches, also did a good job on supporting the players. Thanks to staff involved in preparing and supervising the day.

REMINDER TO RETURN LIBRARY BOOKS

As a reminder, we kindly ask you to return any school books, including take-home books and independent reading books as soon as possible as it will assist us with our end of year stocktakes.

Thanks, Karen & Lorraine

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Yesterday we hosted a Chess tournament for 33 students. They enjoyed the friendly competition with each other and had the opportunity to experience a Chess tournament. The results of the Tournament are as follows:

Rion Morgan – High Distinction & Star of the Tournament

Robbie Taylor – Distinction

Kristian Aparo - Distinction

SACRAMENTAL TIMETABLE

The times and dates for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation are outlined in a sheet that was in the Report envelopes. For First Eucharist there are two Masses – 9:30am and 2pm. Students in 3/4JP and 3/4HM will be at the 9:30am Mass while students in 3/4B and 3/4K will be at the 2pm Mass.

STAFFING FOR 2016

Foundation

Prep H Miss Nicole Harink

Prep L Miss Georgina Laming

Level 2

1/2CP Mrs Ilona Cetrola & Mrs Franca Paduano (Wednesdays)

1/2 C Miss Sarah Counihan

1/2 S Miss Emily Shannon

1/2 P Miss Elise Pape

Level 3

3/4 JP Mrs Jill Palermo & Mrs Franca Paduano (Tuesdays)

3/4HM Mrs Jo Hunt (White) & Mrs Leah Macdonald (Tuesdays)

3/4 B Miss Sofie Burger

3/4 K Mr John Killeen

Level 4

5/6 W Miss Tanya Weston

5/6 S Mrs Phil Solari

5/6 PT Miss Michella Pradel & Mrs Sue Tobin (Tuesdays)

Student Services

Reading Recovery: Mrs Michelle Seel

Student Wellbeing: Mrs Michelle Seel

Chaplain: Sr Patricia Keogh

Student Support: Sr Patricia Keogh

Student Support: Mrs Karen Gosling

Learning Support: Mrs Lorraine Hill

Learning Support: Mrs Sue Jenkins

Learning Support: Mrs Isabelle Georgalas

Learning Support: Mrs Vicky Kalliontzis

The Arts

Visual Art: Mrs Jo Hunt (White) – Tuesdays
Performing Art: to be advised

Physical Education

PE & Sports: Mrs Sue Tobin (Thurs & Fridays)

Language other than English

Italian: Mrs Marisa Lucia

Library

Mrs Karen Wakeling: (Tuesday, Thursday & Friday)

Mrs Lorraine Hill: (Friday)

Office Staff

Mrs Virginia Macdonald

Mrs Rachel Bernardo

Leadership

Student Services: Mrs Michelle Seel

Information Technology: Mrs Karen Wakeling

Religious Education: Mrs Jill Palermo

Sports Co-ordinator: Mr John Killeen

Maths Leader: Miss Emily Shannon

Literacy Leader: Miss Michella Pradel

Deputy Principal: Mrs Antonietta Corp

Principal: Mr Thomas Coghlan

As previously mentioned, Sue Daly (Prep D), Karin Dornbierer (Visual Arts – Mondays) and Connie Antenucci (Performing Arts) are not returning in 2016. Sue, Karin and Connie have made a considerable impact over the past 4 years.

Sue Daly has been a remarkable teacher for many children commencing their formal schooling. Her expertise, her enthusiasm and her dedication are traits that shine through her work. We can be very thankful of the positive impact she had here at COHR, not only with the students in her care but of her support and advice she shares with the staff. Karin Dornbierer is also leaving with a positive legacy – the students have benefitted by being involved in a high quality Visual Arts program. Karin has also shared her expertise with the staff, and we hope to build on the skills the students have developed during her program.

We also farewell Connie Antenucci, who has conducted our Performing Arts program with much enthusiasm as evidenced by her wonderful assistance with this year's Concert.

Thanks Sue, Karin and Connie.



YEAR 6 ASSEMBLY

Families are also invited to the Year 6 assembly on Tuesday at 2:30pm in the school hall. This is an opportunity for the students to share some of their school stories, their videos and their singing and dancing talents with the whole school.

NEXT WEEK

<u>Monday 14th</u>	Advent assembly 9am Cleaning day Transition – children gather with their new class at 12:50
<u>Tuesday 15th</u>	End of year Thanksgiving Mass 10am Yr 6 Final assembly – 2:30pm ... Anna Burke – Federal member for Chisholm will present Graduation Certificates
<u>Wednesday 16th</u>	Final Assembly 9am Children dismissed at 3:30pm
<u>Thursday 17th</u>	School Office closes at 3pm

EARLY NEXT YEAR

Beginning of the Year Morning tea

All parents are warmly invited to a Welcome Morning Tea on Friday 29th January as we welcome new families – especially those commencing in Prep. The morning tea will be in the Hall from 9am.

Information Nights

Early next year each level will be conducting information nights to inform parents about the outline of the year, general expectations and a Curriculum overview. All meetings will commence at 7pm and will conclude by 8am.

The session dates are as follows:

Monday 8th February: Years 5 & 6

Tuesday 9th February: Years 1 & 2

Thursday 10th February: Years 3 & 4

The Prep Foundation dates will be advertised next year.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Todesco family (Angelica 3/4JP) on the passing of her Great Grandmother last week.

PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Thursd 24th December (Christmas Eve)

9:00am Mass at COHR

5:00pm Carols in the Church at SH

5:30pm Vigil Family Mass at SH

6:30pm Carols in the Church at COHR

7:00pm Vigil Family Mass at COHR

10:00pm Polish Vigil Mass at SH

Midnight Mass

Midnight Mass at Christ Our Holy Redeemer is at Midnight, with Carols starting at 11:30pm

Midnight Mass (in Italian) at Sacred Heart

May I also take this opportunity to wish every family a joyous and Holy Christmas.

Happy Christmas,

Thomas Coghlan

PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

Term 1

January

Wednesday 27	Staff return
Thursday 28	Yrs 1 – 6 commence 'O' Week program commences
Friday 29	Foundation commences 9am Welcome morning tea

February

Wednesday 3	No Foundation
Thursday 4	Opening of School year Mass 9:15am Family Fish'n'Chip night
Monday 8	Yr 5 & 6 Information night 7pm
Tuesday 9	Yr 1 & 2 Information night 7pm
Wednesday 10	Ash Wednesday 11am Mass No Foundation
Thursday 11	Yr 3 & 4 Information night 7pm
Friday 12	5/6 Basketball clinic
Sunday 14	First Sunday of Lent
Monday 15	Cartooning Workshop incursion
Wednesday 17	5/6 ANZAC experience excursion Parish Council
Thursday 18	Education Board meeting 7:30pm
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 School Photos
Monday 29	

March

Wednesday 2	Foundation students at school
Wednesday 9	Parents Association meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 10 & Friday 11	School Closure days
Monday 14	Labour day Holiday
Wednesday 16	OPEN Day Education Board AGM
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 at 2:30 for Easter holidays

Term 2

April

Monday 11	Term 2 commences
Wednesday 13	Parent/teacher interviews/ conferences 3pm to 6:30pm Children dismissed at 2:30
Thursday 14	Parent/teacher interviews/ conferences 4pm to 6:30pm
Tuesday 19	Monash ANZAC service Parish Council
Wednesday 20	Yr 3 Reconciliation 7pm SH Parents' Association meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 21	Yr 3 Reconciliation 7pm COHR
Monday 25	ANZAC day holiday
Tuesday 26	Yr 4 First Eucharist 'Walk through Mass' 7pm
Wednesday 27	Walk-a-Thon
Thursday 28	Education Board

May

Wednesday 4	Mothers' day stall (TBA)
Saturday 7	Yr 5/6 camp returning Friday First Eucharist Commitment Mass 5:30 SH or 7pm COHR
Sunday 8	Mothers' Day
Tuesday 10	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Wednesday 11	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5) Parents' Association meeting 7:30pm
Thursday 12	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Sunday 15	Pentecost Sunday
Tuesday 17	Family Faith night – Prep 7pm
Thursday 19	Family Faith night – Yr 1/2 7pm
Wednesday 25	First Eucharist Reflection day First Eucharist Family Workshop 7pm
Thursday 26	Education Board 7:30pm
Monday 30	School Review week

June

Thursday 2	First Eucharist Reconciliation service
Sunday 5	First Eucharist 9:30am and 2pm
Wednesday 8	Parents' Association 7:30pm
Monday 13	Queen's birthday holiday
Wednesday 15	Parish Council
Friday 17	Mid-Year Reports sent home Disco
Thursday 23	Education Board
Friday 24	End of term 2 – children dismissed 2:30pm

Term 3

July

Monday 11	Term 3 commences
Wednesday 13	Parent/teacher interviews/ conferences 3pm to 6:30pm Children dismissed at 2:30
Thursday 14	Parent/teacher interviews/ conferences 4pm to 6:30pm
Wednesday 20	Grandparents day 11am Mass Parents' Association/Fete 7:30pm
Thursday 21	Growing with Grace: Parent Information night 7pm
Saturday 23	Confirmation Commitment Mass 5:30pm SH or 7pm COHR
Tuesday 26	Confirmation Parent Information 7pm
Thursday 28	Education Board 7:30pm

August

Friday 5	Opening of Olympic Games
Monday 8	Beginning of "Maths Week"
Tuesday 9	COHR Athletic trials Yrs 3 – 6
Wednesday 10	Parents' Association/Fete 7:30pm
Monday 15	Feast of the Assumption – Mass 9:05am
Wednesday 17	Parish Council
Thursday 18	Confirmation Family night 6pm (commences with a Sausage Sizzle)
Monday 22	Beginning of "Book Week"
Tuesday 23	3/4 Growing with Grace information sessions 6pm – 7pm or 7:15pm to 8:15pm
Wednesday 24	5/6 Growing with Grace information session 7pm to 8:30pm
Wednesday 31	Confirmation Reflection day

September

Thursday 1	Fathers' day stall Confirmation Reconciliation service 2pm Education Board
Friday 2	Confirmation 7pm
Saturday 3	Masters BBQ
Sunday 4	Fathers' Day
Tuesday 13	Art Show
Wednesday 14	Parents' Association/Fete 7:30pm
Friday 16	End of term, students dismissed at 2:30pm

Term 4

October

Monday 3	Term 4 commences
Wednesday 12	Parents' Association/Fete 7:30pm
Wednesday 19	Italian day Parish Council
Wednesday 26	COHR Feast day Mass 10am
Thursday 27	Education Board 7:30pm
Monday 31	School Closure day

November

Tuesday 1	Melbourne Cup holiday
Wednesday 2	Prep Orientation – Parent Information 7pm
Wednesday 9	Parents' Association/Fete
Thursday 10	Yr 4 Camp (return Friday 11)
Wednesday 16	Prep Orientation – students 11:40 – 1:10 FETE
Friday 18	FETE
Wednesday 23	Prep Orientation – students 11:40 – 1:10
Thursday 24	Education Board
Sunday 27	First Sunday of Advent

December

Friday 2	Carols in the Park
Thursday 8	Yr 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner
Friday 9	Reports, class teacher information sent home PA Christmas Party
Tuesday 13	Yr 6 Final Assembly 2:30
Thursday 15	School Mass 9am
Friday 16	Children dismissed at 2:30pm