Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe we are near the end of another school year. With only 5 more days of school remaining this will be the final newsletter for 2016. As we conclude the 2016 school year we reflect on all that has been achieved. I continue to be amazed at how much we can fit into the school calendar (and I have only been here for half of the year!). There have been many wonderful opportunities for the children to engage in purposeful learning and the experiences have been rich and varied. I congratulate all the children on their efforts this year and hope that the Christmas break will offer them rest and refresh them for another productive year in 2017.

I am very grateful to the wonderful staff here at COHR who continue to support and implement the programs on offer. They are certainly a dedicated team and have contributed to another successful year of learning.

Thank you to all family members who have contributed to Christ Our Holy Redeemer throughout 2016. Your assistance and support around the school has been greatly appreciated. This year’s Fete was an amazing insight into the incredible community here at COHR. My sincere thanks on behalf of the staff and the children who benefit from your ongoing commitment and generous contribution to our school.

I am also aware that we have 17 families leaving the school, most of whom their youngest child is finishing Primary school. We thank you for your contribution to our school over the many years you have been associated with COHR.

2017 STAFFING

Our staffing for 2017 is as follows:

Foundation
Prep H Mrs Nicole Russell
Prep G Miss Georgina Laming

Level 2
1/2 IP Mrs Ilona Cetrola
1/2 C Miss Sarah Counihan
1/2 S Mrs Emily Stafford
1/2 PM Miss Elise Pape/ Mrs Leah Macdonald (Tues)

Level 3
3/4 IP Mrs Jill Palermo
3/4 HM Mrs Jo Hunt & Mrs Leah Macdonald (Wed)
3/4 S Miss Kristy Sly
3/4 F Mr Mark Finlay

Level 4
5/6 W Miss Tanya Weston
5/6 HK Miss Ivana Kakala
5/6 JK Mr John Killeen
5/6 F Miss Emily Faella

Student Services
Reading Recovery: Mrs Michelle Seel
Student Wellbeing: Mrs Michelle Seel
Chaplain: To be appointed
Student Support: Mrs Franca Paduano
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 – Wednesday
Performing Art: Mrs Naomi Fornaro (Thursdays & Fridays)

Physical Education
PE & Sports: Mrs Sue Tobin (Thursdays & 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: Mrs Emily Stafford
Literacy Leader: Miss Elise Pape
Teaching and Learning: Miss Michelle Pradel
Deputy Principal: Miss Michelle Pradel
Principal: Mr Brendan Welsford

You will notice that we have introduced an additional Year 5/6 class next year. After consultation with staff and with the support of the School Education Board it was felt that 4 classes of 21-22 students would provide an opportunity for a better learning environment rather than having 3 classes with 29 students in each.

Due to space constraints we will be using the library as a classroom next year. The logistics of using this space as a classroom and library have been carefully considered. A building program for an additional classroom is already in the pipeline to help cater for this need.

Class groupings for 2017 have now been finalised and students will have a ‘Going Up’ visit on Monday 12th when they will be notified of their 2017 class and teacher. A
considerable amount of time is spent on these groupings, taking into consideration the academic, social and behavioural needs of each of the students. Once finalized it is extremely difficult to make changes to these groupings. Requests by parents to have their child/children placed with certain teachers is not something we consider based on personal preference.

Farewell to Grade 6 Children
Our Grade 6 children will participate in a special mass, dinner and ceremony tonight, 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 tomorrow. 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. If anyone is able to bring a plate to help with catering it would be appreciated. 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.

FAREWELL to ANTONIETTA CORP
On Wednesday 14th December we will hold our final Advent Prayer service. Following this service we will take the opportunity to say a special thanks and farewell to Antonietta Corp for her committed years of service to Christ Our Holy Redeemer. This assembly will be held in the hall. All parents and students, past and present, are welcome to attend.

COHR CHRISTMAS PARTY - CANCELLED
The family Christmas party for 2016 has been cancelled due to the forecast of inclement weather.

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

NEXT WEEK
Monday 12th Advent assembly 9am/Farewell to Sr Patricia
Transition – children gather with their new class at 12:40
Tuesday 13th Yr 6 Final assembly – 2:30pm
Wednesday 14th Advent Assembly/Farewell to Antonietta Corp
Thursday 15th 9am - End of Year School Mass
3.30pm School Concludes

May the peace of Christ be with you and your families this Christmas.

Brendan Welsford
Principal

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

RUNNING CLUB
There will be running club tomorrow.

THANK YOU
To all the past and present families, I would sincerely like to thank you for your continued hard work, dedication and commitment to building the wonderful community that it is at COHR. I feel very privileged to have been a part of your community. I have truly enjoyed my classroom teaching and the various leadership roles I have had here at COHR. They have enabled me to grow so much more professionally and also to contribute in different ways and have an impact on the school environment.

I would especially like to thank you for your support and friendship and the relationships developed over the years. I know that support will continue here, as you do value the education of your children and you are working alongside staff who are very dedicated, collaborative, interested in learning and keep abreast of changes in education.

The teaching profession brings many challenges, but also allows you the opportunity to experience such creativity, new learning, and sense of fun that children bring. I have so many wonderful memories, particularly here at COHR that will always remain with me in a very special way. Thank you, Antonietta Corp

‘Thank you’ are only two small words, but today I say them from the depths of my heart. Eleven wonderful years spent at COHR, a community of very supporting and caring people.

How fortunate I have been to finish my fifty years in Catholic Education in such a caring and loving school. So many wonderful relationships I have made and I know that you will all continue to be a great community who watch out for each other.

I have seen so many changes in education over the years and I know that the values that we have set, will be continued by the teachers and community of this wonderful school community. My prayers will always be with my friends of COHR, love and best wishes,

Sr. Patricia Keogh rrdm
**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.

**HOT DOG DAY**
Hot Dog day will be on Wednesday 14th December.

**ROCK STAR CARPARK AUCTION**
Auction will run from 12th - 15th December. The winner will be announced at 9am on the 15th.

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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.

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## Term 2 2017

### April
- **17**  Easter Monday
- **18**  Term 2 Begins
- **24**  Anzac day Service 9.00am
- **25**  ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY
- **26**  Children dismissed 2.30pm

### May
- **1**  5/6 CAMP-CANBERRA
- **2**  5/6 CAMP-CANBERRA
- **3**  5/6 CAMP-CANBERRA
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### June
- **9**  NAPLAN
- **10**  NAPLAN
- **11**  NAPLAN

- **15**  Prep family Faith Night
- **16**  Walk-A-Thon
- **17**  1/2 Family Faith Night
- **18**  District X Country

- **22**  Parent Information Night – Confirmation SH 7pm
- **29**  QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

### PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
- **29**  5/6 CAMP-CANBERRA

### WELLBEING WEEK – (26-29 JUNE)
- **26**  Report to go Home
- **28**  End of Term
- **30**  Student Finish 2.30pm
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