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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. I thank you all for giving of your time and talent to make a difference to our community. 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 JP 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 IK 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 Michella Pradel
 Deputy Principal: Miss Michella 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.

Blessed

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 rndm

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.

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.

Term 1 2017

1	JANUARY 30 Staff Return	31 Students Return (Grades 1-6)	FEBRUARY 1 Preps Begin (8.45am - 1.00pm)	2 Preps Full Day	3 Preps Full Day	4	5
	ORIENTAION WEEK – (31 st January - 3 rd February)						
2	6	7	8 No Preps	9 Beginning of year Mass	10 Fish & Chip Night	11	12
	13	14	15 No Preps	16 District Swimming 6.30 – 8.00am	17 Prep Parent Information Night	18	19
3	20 5/6 Parent Information Night	21 3/4 Parent Information Night	22 1/2 Parent Information Night	23 No Preps	24 School Photos	25 Reconciliation Commitment Mass SH 5.30pm COHR 7.00pm	26
	27	28	MARCH 1 Ash Wednesday Mass 10.30am COHR	2 Reconciliation Family Night COHR 7.00pm	3	4	5
4	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13 Labour Day Holiday	14	15	16 OPEN DAY	17 Combined Schools Mass 11.00am@ COHR	18	19
5	20	21	22 Canberra Camp Info Night	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	30	31 Holy Week Liturgy End of Term Student Finish 2.30pm		

Term 2 2017

1	17 Easter Monday	18 Term 2 Begins Alleluia Liturgy	19	20 OPEN DAY	21	22	23
2	24 Anzac day Service 9.00am	25 ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY	26 Children dismissed 2.30pm	27	28	29	30
PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS							
3	MAY 1 5/6 CAMP- CANBERRA	2 5/6 CAMP- CANBERRA	3 5/6 CAMP- CANBERRA	4 5/6 CAMP- CANBERRA RE Network Reconciliation Ceremonies	5 5/6 CAMP- CANBERRA	6	7
4	8	9 NAPLAN	10 NAPLAN	11 NAPLAN Mother's Day Stall	12	13	14 Mother's Day
5	15	16 Prep family Faith Night	17 Walk-A-Thon 1/2 Family Faith Night	18 District X Country	19	20	21
FAMILY WEEK – (15-19 MAY)							
6	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
7	29	30	31	JUNE 1	2	3 Confirmation Commitment Mass SH 5.30pm COHR 7.00pm	4
8	5	6	7 Parent Information Night – Confirmation SH 7pm	8	9	10	11
9	12 QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	13	14	15	16	17	18
10	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
11	26	27	28	29 Report to go Home	30 End of Term Student Finish 2.30pm	WELLBEING WEEK – (26-29 JUNE)	

Term 3 2017

1	JULY 17 Term 3 Begins	18	19	20	21	22	23
2	24	25	26 Grandparents/Special Friends Day Mass 11.30	27	28	29	30
Book Fair							
			Confirmation Family Night BBQ @ S.H. 6.30pm				
3	31	AUGUST 1	2 Children Dismissed at 2.30pm	3	4	5	6
PARENT TEACHER							
4	7	8	9 Confirmation Reflection Day	10	11 School Sports	12	13
5	14	15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary Mass 11.30am	16	17	18 Confirmation @ COHR 7.00pm	19	20
6	21	22 Book Dress Up Day	23	24	25	26	27
Book Week							
7	28 District Aths Knox Aths Track	29	30	31 Father's Day Stall	SEPTEMBER 1	2	3 Father's Day
8	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9	11	12	13 School Concert	14	15	16	17
10	18	19	20	21	22 End of Term Student Finish 2.30pm		

Term 4 2017

1	OCTOBER 9 Term 3 Begins	10	11	12	13	14	15
2	16	17	18 Prep 2018 Information Night	19	20	21	22
3	23	24 Year 4 Camp Information Night	25 Feast Day Mass 10.00am	26	27	28	29
4	30	31	NOVEMBER 1	2 Eucharist Walk- through Mass 7.00pm	3	4	5
5	6 Melbourne Cup Holiday	7	8 Eucharist Reflection Day (COHR)	9 Year 4 Camp	10 Year 4 Camp 11.00am Remembrance Day	11	12
6	13	14	15 Prep Orientation Day 1.	16	17	18	19 Eucharist @ 1.30pm & 3.30pm
7	20	21	22 Prep Orientation Day 2.	23	24	25	26
8	27	28	29 Prep Orientation Day 3.	30	DECEMBER 1 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	2	3
9	4 Advent 1	5	6	7	8	8	10
10	11 Advent 2	12	13	14 Grade 6 Graduation Mass 6.00pm & Dinner	15	16	17
11	18 Meet the teacher Advent 3.	19 End of Year Mass 9.15am	20	21	22 Advent 4 End of Term Student Finish 2.30pm	23	24

