Dear Parents,

When we read in Sunday’s Gospel that we are ‘not to worry’, the word, worry, might better be translated as distracted. Jesus says not to be distracted or consumed by the pursuit of money, food and nice clothes. He says that it is the gentiles — those who do not know the love of God — who set their hearts on attaining these things. We are immersed in a culture in society that values these outward signs of success above all else. The challenge is to avoid being caught up in the distractions of our material society. One way to do that is through regular prayer and reflection. Greg Sunter

The notion of prayer and reflection is great timing as we commence the Season of Lent next Wednesday 5th March as one of the focuses of Lent is prayer. We pray that here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer, we continue to ‘be in the present moment’ and appreciate all that occurs around us — our achievements, our challenges, the way in which we support members of our community.

There will be a Mass at 11:15am to mark the beginning of Lent that will be attended by the years P7-4. All families are most welcome to attend.

INFORMATION NIGHT — Reconciliation

An Information night for Year 3 children and their parents will be held at the Sacred Heart Hall on tonight commencing at 7pm.

SHROVE TUESDAY

Shrove Tuesday — more commonly known as Pancake Tuesday — is the day before Lent commences. Once again our parents will be making and cooking pancakes for the children. Please see the attached note.

Thank you to the Perri family for kindly donating the ingredients.

ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be a Parish Mass at 11.15am on Wednesday to mark the beginning of Lent. The Yr 5/6’s will have a special prayer service in the afternoon at Sovereign Hill.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION AGM

Last night was the AGM of our Parents Association. There was much energy and ideas at the meeting — please read Sarah’s report and the office bearers for 2014.

PREPS

Our Preps will commence coming to school on Wednesdays from next week. We are delighted with the manner in which our Preps have transitioned into school and are settling into the routine of school life.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY — Monday 17th MARCH

Georgina Manning, who presented the Parent seminar, will be working with the staff on Monday 17th March. This will be a school closure day for this term.

YEAR 5/6 CAMP

Next Wednesday morning our year 5/6 students will depart for their school Camp – this year at Sovereign Hill. At Sovereign Hill they will engage in a number of activities, including lessons entitled ‘Living in the Past’, ‘Secret Chambers’ and ‘Gold Fever’, view gold being melted and poured into ingots, view a Pantomime, pan for gold and view ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’ sound and light show. We will return at around 2.30pm on Friday.

Staff attending with the students are: Antonietta Corp, Jennifer Smith, John Killeen, Michelle Pradel, Michelle Seel, Lorraine Hill and Georgina Laming, along with myself. Alannah Rowell will replace Georgina in 3/4L and Jill Palermo will be acting Principal.

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

This year we have entered some exhibits for the Catholic Visual Arts Exhibition. The Exhibition runs from Saturday 15th March to Friday 21st March at the Catholic Leadership Centre (cnr of Hoddle Street and Victoria Parade, East Melbourne). If you are able to take and or collect our works could you please let me know. Our entries need to be delivered to the Leadership Centre on Tuesday 11th March (between 9am and 2pm).

ENROLMENTS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS

A reminder that enrolments for Yr 7 in Catholic Secondary schools close tomorrow – Friday 28th February. Enrolments for Government Secondary school occur later in the year.

ICY POLES

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

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.

SCHOOL BANKING DAY — Tuesday

SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that children are required to have their school hats for recess, lunchtimes and PE.
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
Closing Date for EMA applications is 28th February (tomorrow). 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.

TERM ONE

**February**

- **Thursday 27th** Information Night - Reconciliation (Yr3)
- **Friday 28th** Enrolments for Catholic secondary schools close

**March**

- **Monday 3rd** School Photo day
- **Wednesday 5th** Ash Wednesday
- **Friday 7th** Yr 5 & 6 leave for Camp
- **Wednesday 10th** Labour Day holiday
- **Thursday 13th** Education Board meeting
- **Friday 14th** Yr 3/4L Assembly
- **Saturday 15th** Catholic Education Visual Arts Exhibition
- **Monday 17th** School Closure day
- **Thursday 20th** Mass for schools at St Patrick’s Cathedral
- **Friday 21st** National Day against Bullying & Violence
- **Wednesday 26th** Parents’ Association meeting
- **Friday 28th** Yr 5/6 CS Assembly
- **Monday 31st** School Sports day (children dismissed at 2:30pm)

**April**

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

With thanks

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

YOUTH LEADERSHIP VICTORIA
My name is Kim Issa. I am the new coordinator at Before and After school care, which is now in the hall. I am currently in my final year of my degree in Education. I will be here every day and am looking forward to being a part of this school community.

If you have any queries please feel free to pop into the hall between 7-9am or 3-6pm.

If you wish to book your child in I ask that you call or text in advance 0412 958 605 to let me know so that I am better equipped to cater for the children. Thank you

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing.

Our next weekends in 2014 are on: 4-6 April, 13-15 June and 15-17 August in Melbourne.

For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

DISTRICT SWIMMING TRIALS
I would like to thank all those who came to the swimming trials on Thursday 13th Feb, the children who swam and their families. They competed against other schools in our District in a time trial situation.

Unfortunately only one child could go through in each age level and stroke. Our children performed very well and I am very proud of their efforts.

The children who came second in individual events and could not go on but performed very well were:


I would like to congratulate all the children who will go on to the Monash Waverly Division Swimming Competition next Thursday 27th February.

Michael Amedeo - Back stroke
Sofia Montibeller - Free and Breast stroke
Charlie Gaiardo - Freestyle
Liana Montibeller - Breast stroke
Lucia Bancovich - Back stroke
Olivia Hunt - Freestyle

**Freestyle Relay Teams**
12yr girls - Giselle McFarland, Katia Brancatella, Grace Higgins and Sofia Montibeller.
10yr boys - Michael Amedeo, Jonah Guergues, Charlie Gaiardo and Jack Iverson.

As you can see we have a great deal of talent in the swimming area. Well done to everyone! Sue Tobin

UNDERSTANDING ADOLESCENT BOYS
Parents and Teachers are invited to an evening with Dr. Ian Lillico Understanding Adolescent Boys!

Tuesday March 4th, 2014 7pm to 9pm
De La Salle College 1318 High St, Malvern

This presentation covers boys at home and at school. It gives parents and teachers’ strategies to help boys in their growth into adults and compares childhood and adolescence. The role of parents and the teachers, nature and other factors impacting on boys’ success are explained.

Please see flier in the foyer for more information.
The Parents Association AGM was held last night in the hall. Thank you to all those parents who attended. In 2013 the Parents Association raised over $20,000 to go towards ICT at Christ Our Holy Redeemer. At the end of the year $50 000 was transferred to the school account. These funds were directed to the purchasing of the 60 tablets that are in use in the 3/4 and 5/6 levels. There are still class representatives required for 3/4JP and 1/2CM. Please contact the office if you are interested.

**2014 PARENT ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE**

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Dear COHR Families,

Our Parents Association have been kind enough to offer to make Pancakes for all students throughout the school Tuesday 4th March. The pancakes will be served as morning tea, so all children will still need to bring their lunch on Tuesday.

As you would be aware the pancakes contain flour, eggs, dairy products and are topped with jam or sugar. If you do not want your child to have pancakes, please fill in the form below and return it to school by Monday 3rd March. If we do not receive anything we will assume your child is allowed to have pancakes.

Helping out:

- **On the day**
  Any parents who can help on the day please arrive at 9.00am to assist with the cooking and serving of the pancakes.

- **The day before**
  On Monday afternoon 3rd March parents will be meeting in the hall at 2:00pm to mix the pancake batter, if you are able help please come along (if you have a mixer please bring that too)

Kind regards,

Tom Coghlan
Principal

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**PANCAKE TUESDAY 4th MARCH**

I do not want my child ________________________ class _____

to be given pancakes to eat on Pancake Tuesday.

Parent's Name:________________________ Signature:________________________