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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 to not 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 P -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 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Georgina Manning, who presented the Parent seminar, will be working with the staff on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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, Michella 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 15<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the Catholic Leadership Centre (crn 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 11<sup>th</sup> March (between 9am and 2pm).

#### ENROLMENTS FOR CATHOLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS

A reminder that enrolments for Yr 7 in Catholic Secondary schools close tomorrow – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>RD</sup> 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](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> April 8am-9:30am** (opportunity to tidy school grounds before Open Day)
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 27 <sup>th</sup>	Information Night – Reconciliation (Yr3)
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Enrolments for Catholic secondary schools close

### March

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	School Photo day
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ash Wednesday Yr 5 & 6 leave for Camp
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5 & 6 return from Camp Yr 1/2W Assembly
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Labour Day holiday
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Education Board meeting
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 3/4L Assembly
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Catholic Education Visual Arts Exhibition
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	School Closure day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Mass for schools at St Patrick's Cathedral
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	National Day against Bullying & Violence Yr 3/4S Assembly
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Association meeting
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 5/6 CS Assembly
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup>	School Sports day (children dismissed at 2:30pm)

### April

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 1/2G Assembly Term 1 ends (children dismissed at 2:30pm)
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With thanks



Thomas Coghlan  
**PRINCIPAL**

## YOUTH LEADERSHIP VICOTRIA

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](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)

## DISTRICT SWIMMING TRIALS

I would like to thank all those who came to the swimming trials on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> 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:

Harry Chetwin, Theo Makrogiannidis, Will Iverson, Katia Brancatella, Sienna Dal Santo Fusco, Jack Iverson, Jonah Guergues and Tiffany Carlson.

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

11yr boys – Will Iverson, Theo Makrogiannidis, Harry Chetwin and Christian Heil

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.

## PARENTS ASSOCIATION

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

President/s	Clyde and Sarah Dias	
Vice President	Caroline Aldred	
Treasurer	Marie Francis and Rachel Bernardo	
Secretary	Carolyn Heil	
Pastoral Care	Grace Leslie	
Mother's/Father's Day	Cinzia Dell'Arciprete and Rosie Lucchese	
Icy Poles	Trish Stewart	
Class Representatives	Prep H	Sarah Arnott
	Prep D	Marita Baum
	1/2CM	Vacant
	1/2W	Briely Sheehan
		Vanessa Neet
		Janine Bird
	1/2G	Anna Perri
		Rosie Lucchese
	1/2SP	Caroline Aldred
		Sarah Dias
	3/4L	Jacinta Chetwin
	3/4S	Catherine Nolan Biondic
	3/4JP	Vacant
	3/4EP	Christine Morgan
		Christine Kell
5/6CS	Rachel Bernardo	
	Jenny Girolami	
5/6K	Maria Tod	
5/6P	Christine Iverson	
	Marie Francis	

# Pancake Day at COHR



Dear COHR Families,

Our Parents Association have been kind enough to offer to make Pancakes for all students throughout the school **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> 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 school by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH

I **do not** want my child \_\_\_\_\_ class \_\_\_\_\_

to be given pancakes to eat on Pancake Tuesday.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_