Dear Parents,

As we continue to journey through Lent, let us reflect on the thought for the week: God lives in us. These prayers may be useful for yourselves and your children during this season of Lent.

Jesus, help me to be
the comfort
the support, the joy,
and the service
you want me to be for others.
Amen

Jesus my friend,
Thank you for being with me today.
I show you to others
By what I do and what I say.

Bless me and guide me
And teach me to act
With gentleness, kindness,
Patience and tact!
Amen

Take the time to read the RE page attached to the newsletter.

You may wish to log onto the COHR Religion blog for more links and information.

During this term, we are supporting the Caritas Project Compassion scheme to assist in building our Lenten understandings and actions.
http://recohr.global2.vic.edu.au/

tiqbiz App
We are using an app to help improve our communication with our parents. So far 64 parents have downloaded the app. The tiqbiz app will enable us to notify you of news, messages, events and other communications. All you need to do is to download the tiqbiz app to your phone or tablet – it can be downloaded on to an android device, an iPhone or iPad or a Windows phone.

THANK YOU - WORKING BEE
Many thanks to all the families, including students, past and present, who spent last Saturday morning working together to tidy our school grounds.

In the next fortnight we will order mulch for our Reflective Garden. If anyone has a spare 30-60 mins, between us we may be able to complete the task of covering the flowerbeds.

We still require someone who has a trailer who could deliver items borrowed from St John Vianney’s Mulgrave for last year’s fete. Please call the office if you are able to do this.

Thank you

PREP READING PROGRAM
Many thanks to all those involved in setting up the Enhancing Oral Reading Program in Prep. Special thanks to those parents who helped cut/sew the book bags. Thanks to Cinzia Dell’Arciprete, Anna Perri, Christine Morgan, Vanessa Guzzo, Lynne Caccamo, Louise Callander and Jacinta Chetwin.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH CHOIR
The Children’s Church Choir will begin practice on Thursday 12 March at approximately 3:40-4:15. All children are very welcome. Lucy Rogers will collect the children from the school foyer straight after school. Parents are very welcome to stay with their children if they wish. Dawn D’Monte and Lucy Rogers from the parish will conduct the choir. Any enquiries please call Lucy Rogers on 0432 730 799.

BE BRAVE AND SHAVE CAMPAIGN
Hi. My name is Claudia Heil, from 3/4B. I am going to shave off my hair on March 15th to help people with blood cancer as part of the Leukaemia Foundation’s “Be Brave and Shave Campaign.” Please consider sponsoring me by donating online at: http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/Claudiaheil

You could give it to Carolyn, (my mum) who can give you a tax deductible receipt. Also, you could pop a few coins in the money box on the office desk. I would love to raise as much money as possible!! Thank you

CONDOLENCES
Our thoughts and prayers are with Tom Coghlan and his family on the passing of his mother in law last week

TERM DATES
March
Friday 6th
School Closure day - ICT
Monday 9th
Labour Day holiday
Saturday 14th
Visual Arts Exhibition
Tuesday 17th
St Patrick’s Day
First Eucharist ‘Walk through Mass’ 7pm

Wednesday 18th
Open day
Thursday 19th
Sports Day
Friday 20th
Bullying – No Way day
Saturday 21st
Eucharist Commitment Mass 5:30pm SH or 7pm COHR

Wednesday 25th
The Annunciation of the Lord
Combined Schools Mass (COHR)

Thursday 26th
Education Board (AGM)
Friday 27th
End term 1 – children dismissed at 2:30
EDUCATION BOARD
Meeting to be advised

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Joshua Aldred for receiving 2 gold medals in level 1 trampolining.

CONGRATULATIONS
Well done to all the students who competed in the swimming carnival last week.
Congratulations to Olivia Hunt who came first in her backstroke event.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Stephanie Caccamo 5/6W who will be dancing in the Moomba Parade on Monday with her dancing team.

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION
Karin Dornbierer had entered some selected art pieces from students into the Visual Arts Exhibition for schools.
Viewing times for anyone wishing to see this exhibition is Saturday 22\textsuperscript{nd} March between the hours of 1.30pm – 4pm.
The exhibition is to be held at the Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Parade East Melbourne.
Catholic family life is an opportunity to recognise the grace of God in our daily lives. You are invited to nurture your family’s faith with the readings, reflections and activities below...

For more resources, check out our COHR Religion Blog – http://recohr.global2.vic.edu.au

**THIS SUNDAY’S GOSPEL**

*Year B – 3rd Sunday of Lent
John 2:13-25
Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up."

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, ‘Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.’ Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

**FAMILY CONNECTION**

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to reflect upon our worship of God. For Jesus and his Jewish contemporaries, the Temple was an important, holy place where they gathered to worship God. The Christian understanding of worship was transformed in light of Jesus’ Resurrection. In the Christian understanding, God is worshiped in a person, the person of Jesus Christ. As we read in today's Gospel, Jesus is himself the Temple that will be destroyed, but in three days God will raise him up again.

As you gather as a family, talk about places and times when you have experienced God’s presence. After his Resurrection, Jesus' disciples understood that Jesus was present with them as they gathered to pray and especially when they gathered to share a meal.

As a family, read this Sunday's Gospel together. Jesus teaches us that he is God's presence with us. Thank God for Jesus’ presence with us, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

**OUR FAMILY LENTEN JAR**

As a family, write down 20 tasks (one per a little slip of paper) and toss them into a jar. Each morning of Lent, pull one task out of the jar and aim to complete this task throughout the day.

Tasks may include:

- Going without the iPad for a day in order to spend time as a family.
- Write a family prayer together.
- Organise the kitchen pantry and donate some goods to a charity.

**FAMILY REFLECTION**

How do we live out in our own lives the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?
In Prep Maths we have been learning about.... **NUMBERS TO TEN**

**VOCABULARY**

- More
- Most
- Total
- **Subitise**: immediately knowing how many items are in a group.

![Show 7 dots](image)

**WHO HAS MORE?**

This game will focus on the following skills:
- Automatic recognition of dots 1-6 (subitising)
- Recognising a group as having more
- Accurate counting of a group of items

**Players**: 2

**You will need**: 2 dice, pegs

**How to Play**:
1. Each player rolls a die.
2. Player A identifies the number of dots on their die.
3. Player B identifies the number of dots on their die.
4. The player with the most dots takes a peg.
5. Play continues until one player has collected ten pegs making them the winner.

**Variation**: follow the same procedure but each player rolls two dice and finds the total.

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**Joke Time**

Why was the maths book sad?

A. Because it had too many problems!

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**Save the Date**

**Week 9 in Term 2 is MATHS WEEK @ COHR**

During this week we will be looking at how Maths is such a vital part of the real world through lots of fun games and activities.

Stay tuned for details!