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As we come nearer to the end of Lent, the weekend's Gospel is another reminder of God's unfailing love for us. The Gospel tell of an accused woman being brought before Jesus. This entire scene is a conspiratorial 'set-up' to trap Jesus. Jewish law dictated that adultery was to be punished by death for both parties. However, the Roman occupation had forbidden the Jewish authorities to carry out the death penalty. By bringing the woman to Jesus they sought to place him in a no-win situation. If he upheld the Jewish law and ordered the death penalty, then he was flaunting Roman law. If he did not uphold the law then he could be branded as a false teacher. They thought it was a perfect trap! The words Jesus speaks to the accused woman could as easily be addressed to each of us. We all feel at times that we've done the wrong thing – something we don't deserve to be forgiven for. However, Jesus says to us, I know you've done the wrong thing, and you are already forgiven, but you need to make a commitment to change and not repeat the error. It is Jesus' promise not to give up on us – not to forget about us – that we can draw strength from as we try to respond to his challenge to change. We look to Jesus as our model: may he continue to bless and guide us.



COHR MOVIE NIGHT

It was wonderful to have so many families attend our first moonlight cinema night. The evening was a great success with proceeds of \$1,515 being raised for our playground. Many thanks to Antoinette Tartaro, the Neophytou family, the Iverson family and our cinema sponsors.

COHR SCHOOL SPORTS

The School sports event is being held next week, Thursday 17th March with children enthusiastically practising team chants and sporting events. It is important to note that school will finish at 2:30pm with the sports beginning at 3:30pm. We ask that children be picked up as soon as possible to allow staff time to make their way towards Davies reserve to enable a prompt 3:30 start. It's expected the Sports will conclude around 7pm.

CONGRATUALIONS

Congratulations to Olivia Hunt who competed in the Regional Swimming finals in both the Backstroke and Butterfly. Olivia came 3rd in Backstroke and 6th in Butterfly, just missing out on making the State finals. Liana competed in the Breaststroke and came 10th qualifying also for the finals. A great effort. Well done to Olivia and Liana.

P.A. MEETING

The Parents Association are seeking the assistance of parents to help with a number of tasks on Sports Day (Thursday 17th March). There are two rosters in the Foyer – the BBQ and canteen. We are also seeking the help of parents at around 2pm to assist with the set up for the Sports.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

A reminder to all families the school is closed for Thursday and Friday this week. As reported the staff will be working on the Self-Reflection document for the school review next term. The Review is an essential element of the School

Improvement framework of Catholic Education Melbourne that has two purposes:

1. to satisfy legitimate expectations of government and sector authorities about accountability for the outcomes of schooling
 2. to assist schools to improve student learning outcomes
- The Framework incorporates the following four accountability components:

1. Assessing school improvement progress via an internal School Self-Reflection Report and on an External Review every four years
2. Managing risk and compliance with legislation and regulation via a Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) checklist
3. Planning for improvement via a four year School Improvement Plan and related Annual Action Plan.
4. Reporting on progress via an Annual Report to the Community.

We have completed the VRQA documentation, and as stated the staff will be working on the Self-Reflection Report on Thursday and Friday.

The Out of School Hours program is operating, however bookings are essential.

COHR OPEN DAY

We have our school Open day on Wednesday 16th March. We have produced a promotional film that will be shown as prospective parents arrive in the Foyer.



PORTFOLIOS

This term the portfolios will be sent home on Tuesday 22nd March in the last week of this term. We ask that they are returned by the end of the term so we can have them ready for parent and teacher meetings.

INTERVIEW TIMES

Log on details will be sent home today to enable you to book your interview time on Wednesday 13th April (3pm – 6:30pm) and Thursday 14th April (4pm – 6:30pm). Children will be dismissed at 2:30pm on Wednesday 13th April. Access to PTO Online opens Wed 16th March and closes on 21st March at 5.00pm

Interview times are of 10 minute duration. We would like the Years 3 – 6 students to participate in the interview.

Bookings can be made on PTO Online, as follows:

- Go to the COHR website, www.cohroakeast.catholic.edu.au
- Click on the PTO icon (located on the homepage under the Annual Report button).
- Enter your Surname/Login and PIN, which is attached.

Full instructions are provided once you log in.

COMBINED SCHOOLS MASS

Wednesday 23rd March - the Annual Combined School Mass will this year be celebrated at Sacred Heart Primary School. During the day the students from both schools will join in combined activities together and come together at a special Mass in the Hall at 11:15. Parents are most welcome to join us at Mass. A sausage and drink will be provided for lunch on the day.

Parent helpers will be needed for this day. If you can assist please phone the office and leave your name.

PARENT HELPERS MEETING

There will be two meetings on **Tuesday 15th March**, one at 9am and the other at 3pm for any parents interested in helping in any classroom or on excursion throughout the year. At this meeting we will look at our parent helper policy, including protocols for parent helpers at Christ Our Holy Redeemer School. The policy will be made available to parents if needed.

If you would like to be involved as a parent helper and are unable to attend these sessions, please let the office know and information can be forwarded to you.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Hot Cross Bun orders need to be returned to the office, no later than Tuesday 15th March

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

Issue 2 is out, however we are not sending the pamphlet home due to the shortness of this term. If you would like to make an order you can collect Issue 2 from the office. Orders will need to be placed by Wednesday 17th March.

TERM ONE DATES

March

Thur 10 & Fri 11	School Closure days
Monday 14	Labour day Holiday
Wednesday 16	OPEN Day
Thursday 17	St Patrick's day – Sports day
Sunday 20	Palm Sunday
Wednesday 23	Combined schools Mass – Sacred Heart PS, Oakleigh
Thursday 24	Holy Thursday Children dismissed for Easter holidays at 12 noon

Term 2

April

Monday 11	Term 2 commences
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With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
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