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Dear Parents,

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday. Throughout the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is portrayed as not only the champion of the poor and

outcast, but indeed being one with them. The witnesses to his birth in this gospel are lowly shepherds, not the wise men from the East. His parables and actions are addressed to the lost and the lowly. He eats with sinners and other outcasts – to the horror of Jewish leaders. Finally, at his death, Jesus is crucified as a criminal with other criminals. This gospel in particular addresses the message and ministry of Jesus to those on the margins of society.

As we begin Holy Week on Sunday celebrating Palm Sunday, we remember the being Jesus was and continues to be in our lives. We pray that we can recognise his presence amongst us here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer.



HOLY WEEK PRAYER SERVICE

Next Monday and Thursday morning, we will be holding a prayer service for Holy Week. You are welcome to attend. On Monday we will gather in the Church at 9am. The prayer service will focus on Palm Sunday. On Thursday we will gather in the Hall. The focus of this prayer service will be Holy Thursday and Good Friday. Following the prayer service will be a short Assembly.

COHR SCHOOL SPORTS

A reminder the sports begin at 3:30pm this afternoon. Due to the high temperature forecast, please remind your children to have their drink bottle (clearly named), a safety pin attached to their t-shirt and a hat. The Sports are held at Davies reserve off Huntingdale Road. Besides Huntingdale Rd, parking is available in adjacent streets – Talbot Ave and Wallace Ave for example. The children will be kept on the inside of the running track and we ask that parents keep to the outside of the track.

COHR OPEN DAY

Yesterday we welcomed a number of visitors to our school, with tours led by our senior students. Thank you to the parents who assisted with the beverages and food prepared in the Hall. We also launched a promotional film that will eventually be uploaded to our website.

Enrolments for the 2017 Foundation year are now open – they will close for current families on Friday 27th May and for new families on Friday 17th June.

STAFF CONFERENCE SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

Last week, the staff worked hard to develop the Self Reflection Report for the school review. It was a very successful two days, and the document is now in the editing stages.

TERM DATES

A reminder school finishes at 12:00pm next Thursday 24th March and Term 2 will begin on Monday 11th April.

PORTFOLIOS

Portfolios will be sent home next Tuesday (23rd March) and we ask they be returned by the end of the week if possible. Otherwise, please return them on the first day of Term 2. Thank you

COMBINED SCHOOL MASS

Next Wednesday we will join with Sacred Heart Primary School to celebrate Mass, enjoy lunch and take part in various activities. Children will be transported by bus to and from the school with Mass beginning at 11:15am. Mass will be at 11:15 in the Hall at Sacred Heart. You are welcome to attend. Please sign and return your child's permission notice as soon as possible. Thank you

INTERVIEW TIMES

Access to PTO Online opened yesterday, Wednesday 16th March and closes on Monday 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.

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

OSHC

We will be running a program from 12pm-6pm next Thursday due to the scheduled early finish. Cost will be \$25 per child, with a minimum 50% rebate from the CCB. Please let us know by next Wednesday (23rd) if you wish for your child/ren to attend.

Holiday program will be held at Amsleigh Park State School over the Easter break. For the program, prices and bookings please refer to the website www.ylv.com.au. Alternatively, contact us on 0412 958 605.

We wish you all the best for the remainder of term one. It has been a wonderful start to the year and we are sure that next term will be even better!

Kind Regards,
Sharni, Maddie, Leyya and Matthew

MR COGLAN'S FAREWELL

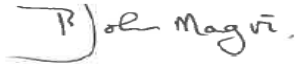
7th March, 2016

Dear Parents,

As a way of thanking and farewelling Mr Tom Coghlan I would like to invite all families to the Parish Mass on Saturday 19th March at 7:00pm. Following Mass, families and parishioners are invited to the Hall for the acknowledgement of his time both here and in Catholic Education.

I would also like to have an opportunity to gather with the staff for his farewell on Thursday 24th March for lunch. To enable this to occur, the school will finish at 12:00 noon. The Out of School Hours program will be available from 12:00 noon.

Yours sincerely,



Fr John Magri
(Parish Priest)

CHRIST OUR HOLY REDEEMER SPORTS BLOG

<http://cohersport.global2.vic.edu.au/>



Go to our Sports blog to see all the wonderful teaching and learning that is taking place in students sports programs.

There are photo stories of Sue Tobin's lessons, Interschool sports, Twilight Sports and many other activities the students participate in.

To keep updated with all the upcoming events and scores subscribe to the blog.