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Dear Parents,

This week's Gospel reading is about welcome and community. The reading begins with some Greeks wanting to meet Jesus. Why is it significant that they were Greeks? The Jews were very clear about the distinction between Jews and non-Jews (Gentiles). Regardless of their intentions and goodwill, a Gentile was simply not a Jew. Greeks, who worshipped an entire pantheon of gods, were regarded as almost as far from Jewish belief in one God as was possible. Yet Jesus made clear that his message was for everyone: Jew and Gentile alike. His death and resurrection would bring a 'rich harvest' of belief among Gentiles as well as Jews. We pray that in our school and parish community, we can work together to plant seeds of growth...in kindness, care, friendship, compassion and peace.

GOVERNMENT REBATE/CANBERRA TRIP

Our Senior students will soon be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. Our students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

ENROLMENTS

Yesterday we welcomed some new families to our school through our Open Day. There were 23 prospective new families through the school, ably escorted by our Year 5/6 students. Thanks to the parents who assisted with morning and afternoon tea - it was also a warm welcome.

Enrolments for current families will close on 15th May.

FIRST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASS

Yr 4 students preparing for First Communion are expected to attend a commitment Mass this weekend. Students and their families may choose between 5:30pm at Sacred Heart or 7pm here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer on Saturday 21st March.

COMBINED SCHOOLS MASS

Next Wednesday 25th March students from Sacred Heart Primary school will join us for a special Mass and activities. Last year Sacred Heart hosted COHR and it's our turn this year. Mass will be outdoors in the asphalt/basketball area commencing at 11am. We would love as many parents as possible to attend. We are also cooking 1000 sausages for a 'Sausage Sizzle' lunch and

will need some assistance with cooking and distributing the sausages and drinks.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th April.

Today parents will receive a letter that will include their log-in details to enable access to PTO – Parent Teacher Online. Once logged in, you will be able to choose a time for the Parent/Teacher interviews. If you have any concerns, or are unable to access the site, please call the Office and we will happily assist you.

www.parentteacheronline.com.au

Please note that that children will dismissed at 2:30pm on Wednesday 15th April to enable parent teacher interviews to commence.

SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD AGM

The next meeting of our Education Board will be next Thursday 26th March at 7:30pm in the Staffroom.

The AGM for the school Education Board has been postponed until early next term. Nominations for the Education Board are sought from interested parents. There will be two vacancies and interested parents are invited to nominate themselves in writing to me by the end of Term.

MULCH

Many thanks to Grace Leslie, Eloise Nidorfer, Greg Shanahan, Carolyn Heil, Christine Bombonati, Sarah Arnott, Briely Sheehan, John Bernardo, David Florio and Tim Oorloff for distributing the mulch around the reflective garden. Also many thanks to John Bernardo for the constant maintenance of our vegetable garden.

KITCHEN CLEANING

A huge thank you to Monica Florio, Angela Fazio and Terri Clancy for the hours of work spent cleaning out the kitchen hall. A very big task.

ICY POLES

All money raised from the sale of icy poles tomorrow will be donated to Claudia Heil's Greatest Shave campaign.

5/6 INCURSION

St John Ambulance will visit our school next Monday 23rd March to deliver free First Aid in Schools training to our students. Through the First Aid in Schools program, trained the St John presenter will lead our 5/6 students through tailored sessions on the importance of First Aid and what to do in the event of an emergency. Senior students will learn about delivering CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and the things they can do to assist in an emergency.

Students will be given a special piece of homework for parents to complete. We encourage you to "do your

homework" and go online with St John to see how much you know about First Aid. Are you First Aid READY? More information about the St John First Aid in Schools program can be found at: www.stjohnvic.com.au/schools

NO CROSS COUNTRY ON FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

INTER SCHOOL SPORT

Tomorrow our Yrs 5/6 students will be participating in their Summer Sport Gala day. Games will be played at the various venues:

Basketball – Oakleigh Recreation Centre

Softball and Rounders – Jells Park

Kanga Cricket – Princes Hwy Reserve

Parents are most welcome to come and support.

TERM DATES

March

Friday 20 th	Bullying – No Way day
Saturday 21 st	Eucharist Commitment Mass 5:30pm SH or 7pm COHR
Wednesday 25 th	The Annunciation of the Lord Combined Schools Mass (COHR) 11am
Thursday 26 th	Education Board 7:30pm
Friday 27 th	End term 1 – children dismissed at 2:30

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Have you seen our Hot Dog warmers?

Three of the large warmers used for Hot Dog Days are missing. Would anybody happen to know where these may be? They were last seen at the fete.

SACRED HEART ASYLUM SEEKERS CHARITY

The Sacred Heart Asylum Seeker Charity was established in Oakleigh in 2013 in response to the needs of asylum seekers living in our local area. Without permission to work and with limited, if any, government assistance, they are reliant on the support of charities like ours. We are holding our biennial fundraiser on Saturday 16th May. Our 2013 event welcomed over 350 guests with support from almost 70 businesses. This year, with catering by Oasis Bakery, we are expecting our fundraiser to be an even bigger success. We would be greatly appreciative of any donations you are able to offer for raffles, auctions and prizes. Tickets: trybooking.com/125298 Enquiries: Rachel Terkelsen 0439 338 368

CYCLONE PAM – VANUATO

Zagamas in Chadstone have asked if we can send out a request for help in collecting donations for the people affected by Cyclone Pam in Vanuato. Please see the flyer sent home to see what is needed. All donations can be left at the school office to be collected.

Anzac Day at COHR 2015 – 100 Years

2015 marks the centenary of our troops landing at Gallipoli. Our 5\6 students will be part of the commemorations in Canberra whilst on their school camp, and our Preps – 4 students will be learning about and reflecting on the importance of this day in class and Library lessons. We will hold an Anzac Day Ceremony at school on Friday 24th April at 9am during our school assembly time.

At our Friday assembly (Friday 24th April) we would love you to join us in commemorating the centenary of the Gallipoli landing. We would especially like to invite any of your family members that have served or who are currently serving to join with us in acknowledging the parts they have played in helping make Australia what it is today. Or maybe you have some memorabilia that we can put on show for the week. If anyone has a connection to someone that would like to even speak at our school ceremony, please email me at kwakeling@cohroakeast.catholic.edu.au

The symbol of remembrance for Anzac Day is rosemary. We would appreciate if you have some growing to be able to pick some twigs for your child's class, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Many Thanks

Karen Wakeling

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

How this term has flown by! We hope that you have all had a fantastic start to the year and that you have a safe and happy Easter break. We look forward to seeing you next term and sharing with you some of the exciting things that we have planned. If you have any queries regarding new or existing bookings please call Maddie, Sharni or Petronilla on **0412 958 605**, or pop in to see us. Alternatively, you can visit our website for more information www.ylv.com.au.

Here's a snapshot of what we have planned for next week...

Monday	Rabbit and chicken pompoms
Tuesday	Stained glass Easter egg
Wednesday	Potato Easter stamping
Thursday	Carrot bunting
Friday	Easter egg hunt

FOOTY TIPPING

Just a reminder to return your footy tipping tickets if you want to participate.

Matters

In Year 3/4!

In 3/4 Maths we have been learning about....
ADDITION & SUBTRACTION

VOCABULARY

There are lots of different ways to say...

Addition +	Subtraction -	Equivalence =
add total plus sum altogether more	minus take away difference subtract leave less	equals the same as balance

BLOGS

Want to know more?
Visit our class blogs and see some of our learning in Maths.

<http://epape.global2.vic.edu.au>
<http://34jp.global2.vic.edu.au>
<http://georginalaming.global2.vic.edu.au>

FACTS SNAP

This game will focus on the following skills:

- Mental Computation
- Fluency (Automatic recall of basic facts)
- Addition and Subtraction

Players: 2

You will need: A deck of playing cards

How to Play:

1. Remove all the picture cards from the deck of playing cards. Keep all the Aces as these will act as 1.
2. Shuffle cards and divide into two equal piles. Ensure that the cards are face down.
3. Choose your operation – Addition or Subtraction.
4. Each player has a pile of cards in front of them. At the same time, each player will turn over the first card of their pile. If your operation is addition, then players must add the value of the two cards. The first player to do so, wins those cards.
5. Repeat until both piles are finished.
6. The player who has collected the most cards, wins!

Variation:

Each player turns over two cards to make a 2 digit number. You may even like to turn over 3 cards to make a 3 digit number...

Joke

Q. Why did the student do multiplication problems on the floor?

A. The teacher told her not to use tables!

Q. Why was 6 afraid of 7?

A. Because 7, 8, 9!

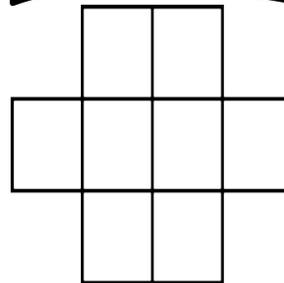


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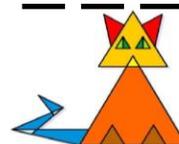


Week 9 in Term 2 is
MATHS WEEK
@ COHR

Brain Teaser



Can you insert the numbers 1 - 8 into the grid shown above? No two consecutive numbers can be next to each other, either



Did you count how many triangles are in this picture? **Answer: 20**