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.

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 20\textsuperscript{TH} 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\textsuperscript{th}  Bullying – No Way day
Saturday 21\textsuperscript{st}  Eucharist Commitment Mass 5:30pm SH or 7pm COHR
Wednesday 25\textsuperscript{th}  The Annunciation of the Lord Combined Schools Mass (COHR) 11am
Thursday 26\textsuperscript{th}  Education Board 7:30pm
Friday 27\textsuperscript{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\textsuperscript{th}/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 24\textsuperscript{th} April at 9am during our school assembly time.
At our Friday assembly (Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} 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…

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

VOCABULARY
There are lots of different ways to say...

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In 3/4 Maths we have been learning about....

ADDITION & SUBTRACTION

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!

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 vertically, horizontally, or diagonally.

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

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
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Week 9 in Term 2 is MATHS WEEK @ COHR