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Dear Parents,

As part of our Easter preparation throughout Lent, classes have accessed a resource titled 'The Lent Event' which includes stories, reflections and songs to help us deepen and enhance this precious season in the Church year.



*God living among us,  
 your Word tells us that we have a unique role to play in the  
 history of your people.  
 May our prayer, fasting, and acts of charity help us to be  
 followers of Your Word.  
 God living among us,  
 we are grateful for the people in our lives and in our school  
 who are willing to walk with us.  
 You are spirit and life.  
 Amen.*

This week we also recognised Harmony Day (Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March), a nation-wide event to celebrate what makes each Australian unique and to share what we have in common.

**We pray that we may live in unity and deep respect for our land.**  
**May all Australians become one heart and one soul in your love.**  
**We ask this prayer through Jesus Christ.**  
**Amen**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We would like to congratulate Mrs Jill Palermo and her husband Cam on the announcement of their pregnancy. This is wonderful news and it is a very exciting time for both of them and for their family.

**THANK YOU**

Many thanks to the parents and helpers who generously volunteered their time and effort to run the Hot Dog lunch for us on Tuesday. It was wonderful to see the high number of people working together to make this a successful fundraising event. There has been a few events over the past two weeks (including the Movie Night last Friday evening) and we greatly appreciate all of your preparation, work and effort. Thank you!

**PATIENCE AND CONSIDERATION ARE THE KEY**

In relation to parking around the school and picking up/dropping off children it is important that we are patient with our own children, with other parents and with our neighbours. These are issues faced by all schools and it is important that we remain patient and consider others as we work towards ensuring the safety of all children. Please refrain from parking on Ferntree Gully Rd, between Leroux St and the Huntingdale Road as this blocks the vision of those trying to exit our school driveway.

**SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD**

Nominations for the Education Board are sought from interested parents. We are looking to have representation from the junior school ie. Prep, Year 1 or Year 2. Interested parents are invited to nominate themselves in writing addressed to me by the end of Term. Thank you to parents who have done so already.

**CHANGES TO THE YEAR 7 ENROLMENT PROCESS**

The timing of the Year 7 enrolment process into Catholic Secondary Colleges will change for the 2019 intake. The timeline for Year 7 2019 applications is as follows;

**2019 Secondary School Enrolments**

- March 2017 – applications to colleges open for current Year 5 students
- 25 August 2017 – all applications to colleges close.
- 13 October 2017 – offers of places to prospective 2019 Year 7 students are to be posted.
- 27 October 2017 – the final date for families to accept offers made.

**PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS/STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES**

Interviews and conferences will be held in the second week of term two (**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**). Notices will be sent home in order to book a time through the PTO site. As Mrs Jo Hunt and Mrs Emily Stafford are away during this time, their times are scheduled for the last week of this term.

**PSW UPDATE**

Thank you to parents for contacting the office with details in regards to the fraying of school bags. We have been in communication with the manager – at this stage, there are 17 families with these particular bags. We hope to hear a response from them soon. If you need to add your name to the list, please do so at the office.

**UNIFORM**

A reminder students are expected to wear full school uniform including black school shoes (not runners), apart from their allocated sport days. On allocated sport days, students may wear their runners and sports uniform. We ask that parents notify teachers via email or a written note if there are changes for a specific reason.

**PORTFOLIOS**

Portfolios will be sent home next Friday afternoon. This is an opportunity for students to share some of the learning with family and friends.

In addition, there is a Parent Response page and we invite you to write supportive comments to your child in regards to their learning progress.

## EASTER IS APPROACHING

As part of our school Catholic Identity, we recognise Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a pivotal event in our faith. As such, we aim to reinforce this aspect through activities and prayers pertaining to Lent, Holy Week and Easter. As much as the ritual of giving Easter eggs is a common social action in today's society, we would like to highlight the religious importance and ask students and families to refrain from giving Easter eggs to other students.

We look forward to viewing 3/4JP as they present their learning at Assembly tomorrow.

The students in 1/2SC will be sharing their learning at assembly next week (Friday 31st March).

At assembly next week (Friday 31st March) the COHR choir will be performing a song they have been learning this term. We would love to see you there!

Take care and enjoy the rest of the week

Brendan Welsford  
Principal

## TERM ONE DATES

### MARCH

Wed 29<sup>th</sup>/Thur 30<sup>th</sup> Parent meetings for students in 3/4HM and 1/2HM  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Portfolios are sent home.  
End of Term Prayer Service @ 2pm (Hall)  
Term 1 finishes. Students dismissed at 2.30pm

## TERM TWO

### APRIL

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Term Two begins for all students  
Students return portfolios to school  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> COHR Open Day

## SEASONS

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that the 'Seasons' program will begin early in Term 2.

Seasons is a peer support program for young people who have experienced the loss of a significant person in their lives. This loss and change is essentially because of death or separation and divorce within the family unit.

When we experience loss we may look for support and encouragement as we adjust to the loss. The changes in our lives that occur because of this loss, challenge us to find 'inner and outer resources' to help us to cope and reconcile our lives.

Seasons provides an opportunity for young people to express, acknowledge, normalise and integrate their grief. We have been trained to guide this process.

If your child is part of a single parent or step-family or has experienced the loss of a significant person, this will be an

opportunity for him/her to share with someone, what is happening on the inside. In order to properly facilitate the program, we only have places for a certain number of children.

### The Seasons program will be organised as follows:

- sessions will be held at school.
- will comprise of 8 weekly sessions
- the group will have no more than 6 children.
- the group will be facilitated by Franca Paduano (a specially trained staff member)

If you would like your child to be apart of this program please NOTIFY THE OFFICE OR Franca Paduano directly no later than Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Contact will be made with the parents whose child has been accepted into the program.

[fpaduano@cohroakeast.catholic.edu.au](mailto:fpaduano@cohroakeast.catholic.edu.au)

## CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers go to the DeMarco family (Julian 3/4RS) on the passing of his great grandfather yesterday.

## PARENT'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

This year the Parents Association is fundraising with the Entertainment™ Book & Digital Membership – it is just \$70 and gives you over \$20,000 worth of value!

We will be sending an Entertainment™ Book Pack home with each family next week. If you do not wish to purchase an Entertainment™ Membership, simply return the Book to school. To purchase either the Entertainment™ Book or the Entertainment™ Digital Membership just follow the purchase instructions on the enclosed letter.

### ICYPOLES

Icy poles will be sold tomorrow for 50c. The money raised from the sale of icypoles during March, will be going to Caritas Australia as part of our Project Compassion contributions.

### CLASS REPS

Thank you to those parents who have offered to be class reps for 2017. There are still a few vacancies for the following classes;

1/2IC x 1, 5/6F x 2, 5/6W x 1, 5/6J x 1

Please let the office know if you are able to assist by being a class rep for one of these classes.

### CAR PARK AUCTION

The 'Rock Star' car park is to be auctioned off for Term 2. This will take the form of a silent auction and bids can be made through the office. The winner will be announced at assembly on the last day of term.

### APRONS

We still have plenty of aprons for sale. They are available in the office for \$20.00

### MOVIE NIGHT

A Big thank you to all that attended the Moonlight Cinema. It was a great success, we raised just over \$1600 for the school which is a great effort for a fun night out. The night wouldn't have been possible without our major Sponsor

Ray White - George Midas and GFE (Thornton Family). Also our school families for providing the Fairyfloss/popocorn stand, sausage sizzle - Bakers Delight and calamari stands. Thanks again for a great night! Door prize raffle drawn this Friday at Assembly



## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and COHR is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2017.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. **If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.**

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

Students can begin recording books either on their record sheet or online. All children have been registered to be part of this challenge. To log in as a student you must use your given username and password that has been registered through the school. Parents and children are able to access the internet site, view the details and add books when completed. Booklists are also in our library.

### **STUDENT LOGIN**

Go to <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/> *click on Student Login*

The username for all children begins with *cohr*\_\_\_\_\_

*P – 2 usernames are christian name & first letter of surname*

*3 – 6 usernames are initial of christian name and full surname*

The password for all children is similar and ends with 3166 *eg: \_\_\_\_\_3166*

*P – 2 passwords are christian name & first letter of surname*

*3 – 6 passwords are initial of christian name and full surname*

*(no spaces and all lower case – eg: cohrkarenw OR cohrkwakeling & kwakeling3166)*

Username: *cohr*\_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_3166

Any questions please ask or email us.

Thank You

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Livinia & Rose

Literature Captains



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### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**Definitions:** *Department* refers to the Victorian Department of Education and Training,  
*Person* refers to the child/adult listed below in the consent declaration.

#### 1. Privacy Protection

The Department takes its privacy obligations seriously and any personal information collected or used by the Department will be handled in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic). This law sets out what we must do when the Department collects, uses, handles and destroys personal information. Personal information includes personal details such as an individual's name and school that could be used to identify an individual.

#### 2. Collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information

If you provide your consent your school will collect and disclose your child's first and last name, and the name of the school to the Department. The Department will then:

- Publish your child's name on its online Honour Roll located at:  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc) at the completion of the Challenge with no other identifying factors such as early childhood setting name.

#### 3. Accuracy, access to information and withdrawal of consent

The Department will endeavour to ensure that any personal information held about your child is up to date and accurate. You can access, correct and withdraw personal information held by the Department by written request in accordance with the Department's Information Privacy Policy located at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/privacypolicy.aspx>

Consent may be withdrawn at any time by writing to the Department's Privacy Unit on:

[privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:privacy.enquiries@edumail.vic.gov.au) .

***If you have any questions about this form, or if you need more information, please contact the PRC Challenge Coordinator at the Department [readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:readingchallenge@edumail.vic.gov.au) or (03) 9637 3624.***

**Yes I consent to my child's name appearing on the online Honour roll.**

Name of child: .....

Parent Signature: .....