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Dear Parents,

As the term draws to an end, it also reminds us that Easter is close. In particular the time between Palm Sunday and Easter is when we follow closely the events of the season. We are called to walk with Jesus. "On Thursday watch him kneel and wash feet. Think about how he has served you and where you can serve others in his name. On Friday watch him stand with dignity against the forces of violence and oppression. Think about his sacrifice and ask for his strength to stand peacefully but forcefully for all those who are crucified by rejection, poverty, or oppression in our schools, cities, and world. On Saturday listen to all the readings at Mass. They tell of God's repeated attempts, since the beginning of time, to save us. Give your life anew to that God, and ask how you can help save God's world".

PARISH EASTER TIMES

Tuesday of Holy Week 31st March

11am Mass of Oils at St Patrick's Cathedral

7pm Mass at COHR

Confession: 30 minutes before Mass

Wednesday of Holy Week 1st April

9am Mass at SH

Confession after Mass

Holy Thursday 2nd April

Mass of the Last Supper:

5:30pm Mass (SH – Italian)

7pm Mass (COHR)

7pm Mass (SH)

Good Friday 3rd April

9:30am Stations of the Cross (COHR)

10am Stations of the Cross (SH – Italian)

11am Stations of the Cross (SH)

3pm Passion of the Lord (COHR & SH)

Holy Saturday 4th April

10 – 10:45 Confession (SH)

7pm Easter Vigil (COHR)

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Easter Sunday 5th April

8am Easter Mass (COHR)

9:45 Easter Mass (SH)

11am Easter Mass (COHR)

TERM ONE HIGHLIGHTS

- School Masses and celebrations
- Symbol/theme of the growing seed
- COHR Week, including the 5Rs (show Respect, be Reasonable, be Reflective, build Relationships, be Responsible)
- Incorporate 'zones of regulation' into our learning
- Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday
- Commencement of the Seasons Program
- Welcome of new staff, students and families within the school
- District swimming

- Building a Better Schoolyard program, including parent information evening
- Begin the First Eucharist sacramental program
- Incorporation of Project Compassion into our learning and reflection during the Lenten season
- Inquiry focus throughout the school (Civics and Citizenship, Humanities-History)
- Purchase of technology devices
- Staff PD – focus on Technology
- Regular use of the Google drive
- Student-centred programs and initiatives
- Prep Oral Language Reading program
- Continued development of the veggie garden
- Buddy program throughout the school
- Parent and family gatherings, such as the Fish 'n' Chip evening
- Development of Parents' Association, Education Board etc.
- Support for Claudia Heil/ Leukemia Foundation
- Working bees
- COHR Open day
- Sports day
- CEO Visual Arts exhibition
- Combined Schools Mass

COHR SCHOOL SPORTS

We were fortunate to be able to run many of the events last week before the rain set in. We would like to thank the many volunteers who assisted in running a well-organised program, as well as the encouragement and support from many family members. Thanks also to parents and volunteers who managed the canteen and sausage sizzle or who acted as judges for the afternoon. The team captains are to be commended for their efforts in leading each house team.

In addition, thanks to staff for their organisation, supervision and enthusiasm. A special thank you to Sue Tobin and John Killeen for their preparation for this event. Congratulations to Blue (Kinnaird) for winning the Spirit Award and to Red (O'Brien) as the overall winners on the day.

COMBINED SCHOOLS MASS AND CELEBRATIONS

An enormous thank you for all people involved in the preparation, organisation and participation in the Combined Schools Mass and Celebrations yesterday. Once again it showed the wonderful community we have here with so many parents giving of their time to ensure that day progressed smoothly. We received positive feedback for students, parents, staff, visitors, Deacon Leo and Father John. It was a wonderful example of a community coming together to celebrate – our theme for the day was "Coming Together, Growing Together." We celebrated Mass in the courtyard area, children from both schools enjoyed a sausage sizzle, played outside together and they also worked on activities in class, such

as 'get-to-know-you' activities - a great day was had by all!



GALA DAY

Congratulations to the senior students who attended the Gala Day sports events last Friday. All students participated and displayed team spirit and co-operation towards their team mates or opposition. There are flags displayed in the foyer for teams who achieved higher results.

EDUCATION BOARD MEETING

The Education Board will be meeting this evening at 7:30pm in the staffroom.

ENROLMENTS

A reminder that enrolments for prep 2016 for current families close on 15th May. Enrolments packs can be collected from the office.

PARENT TEACHER/STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

PIN numbers were sent home last week for the PTO service. Please log onto the PTO site on our school website to book your interview time. The cut off time for bookings is 14th April at 12pm.

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

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

tiqbiz App

We are using an app to help improve our communication with our parents. So far 102 parents have downloaded the app. The tiqbiz app will enable us to notify you of news, messages, events and other communications. All you need to do is to download the tiqbiz app to your phone or tablet – it can be downloaded on to an android device, an iPhone or iPad or a Windows phone. We are hoping that all parents will join so that we can improve our communication with you.

END OF TERM

School will finish at 2:30pm tomorrow (Friday) afternoon for the end of term 1. There will be a school prayer service in the hall at 2:00pm and you are welcome to join us. School will resume for term 2 on Monday 13th April.

PARKING

I'm requesting that parents NOT park in Ferntree Gully road either side of the exit driveway (that is between Huntingdale and Leroux). A car parking in that position increases the difficulty of exiting the schools safely onto the busy Ferntree Gully road.

April

Sunday 5 th	Daylight saving ends
Monday 13 th	Term 2 commences
Wednesday 15 th	Parent/teacher interviews 3pm – 6:30pm
Thursday 16 th	School finishes at 2:30pm Parent/teacher interviews 4pm – 6:30pm
Monday 20 th	Yr 5/6's leave for Canberra
Tuesday 21 st	Monash Rotary ANZAC Service
Friday 24 th	Yr 5/6's return from Canberra
Saturday 25 th	ANZAC Day
Monday 27 th	'Building a Better School yard' program continues this week
Wednesday 29 th	Parents' Association Meeting

May

Monday 4 th	Family week commences
Tuesday 5 th	Family Faith Night - Prep
Wednesday 6 th	Walk-a-Thon
Thursday 7 th	Family Faith Night –Yrs 1/2 Family Week Mass
Sunday 10 th	Mothers' day stall
Tuesday 12 th	Mothers' day
Wednesday 13 th	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Thursday 14 th	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5)
Sunday 17 th	NAPLAN (Yrs 3 & 5) Reconciliation for Yr 4's
Wednesday 20 th	Ascension Sunday First Eucharist Reflection day Eucharist Family Workshop 7pm
Thursday 21 st	District Cross Country Education Board
Sunday 24 th	Pentecost Sunday: First Eucharist 2pm & 4pm
Monday 25 th	Our Lady Help of Christians (Patron of Australia)
Wednesday 27 th	Parents' Association

June

Friday 5 th	School closure day – First Aid staff training
Monday 8 th	Queen's Birthday holiday
Tuesday 9 th	Maths Week commences
Friday 12 th	Feast of Sacred Heart
Sat/Sun 13 th & 14 th	Eucharist Certificates distributed at any weekend Mass
Thursday 18 th	Confirmation Parent night 7pm
Friday 19 th	Disco (5 – 8pm)
Saturday 20 th	Confirmation Commitment Mass 5:30pm (SH) or 7pm (COHR)
Wednesday 24 th	Parents' Association
Friday 26 th	End term 2 – children dismissed at 2:30

Wishing every family and happy and Holy Easter.

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

Thanks everybody for supporting Claudia doing the Worlds Greatest Shave.

To date , with everyone's support, we have raised over \$6800!!

It is a great reflection on our school that this has been so successful, so thank you.

MISSION FUNDRAISER

There will be a Mission fundraiser at Christ Our Holy Redeemer on Monday 30th March at 1.15pm. Concert with big band and afternoon tea. \$12 per person. Please contact Mary 9544 9883 or Marie 9807 6365 to book.