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Dear Parents,

We are now entering the final weeks of our Lenten season. As part of our Lenten preparation at school we will conclude our term with a reflective prayer service in the hall tomorrow afternoon at 2pm. As we journey through the remainder of Lent let us keep Christ at the centre of all our words and actions and let us focus our lives more clearly on walking in the way of Christ and living a Christian life.



*Jesus,
 The night before your death,
 you asked your friends to remain with you.
 This Lent,
 In the midst of all the busyness,
 remind me to be present with you,
 And stay with you,
 To remain with you.
 Here.
 Now.
 Amen.*

The Parish (COHR) Holy Week timetable is as follows:

COHR	
<u>Thursday 13th April (Holy Thursday)</u>	7.00pm
<u>Friday 14th April (Good Friday)</u>	9.30am 3.00pm
<u>Saturday 15th April</u>	7.00pm
<u>Sunday 16th April (Easter Sunday)</u>	8.00am 11.00am

Term 1, while a short term, has certainly been a busy and productive one. I congratulate the children on all their efforts this term. A special congratulations to our amazing Prep students who have completed their first term at primary school. It is amazing how much they have learnt in the short time they have been at school. I am sure, like the rest of the students (and teachers!), that they are ready for a well-deserved break.

A special thank you to our wonderful parents who have contributed to make Christ Our Holy Redeemer the positive and vibrant community it is.

PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS/STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES

Interviews and conferences will be held in the second week of term two (**Wednesday 26th April and Thursday 27th April**). Notices will be sent home tomorrow which will give you your pin and username in order to book a time through the PTO site.

Bookings can be made through PTO online as follows.:

- Go to the COHR website, www.cohroakeast.catholic.edu.au
- Click on the PTO icon (located on the home page under the Annual Report button).
- Enter your surname/log in and PIN which will be sent home tomorrow

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Winter uniform is expected to be worn after ANZAC Day. Students are certainly welcome to wear the winter uniform at the start of the term if the weather is cool however we would expect that all children transfer to the winter uniform by April 26th.

PORTFOLIOS

Portfolios will be sent home tomorrow. 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.

The students in 1/2SC will be sharing their learning at assembly tomorrow.

CHOIR

Please be advised that due to a fault in the PA system in the hall the choir will be unable to perform tomorrow (Friday 31st March). We apologise for this and will reschedule for the beginning of Term 2.

I hope you have a lovely break, enjoying the time with your children.

Please keep safe if you are travelling and I pray you have a happy and holy Easter.

A REMINDER THAT THE SCHOOL TERM FINISHES AT 2.30PM THIS FRIDAY.

Take Care

Brendan Welsford
 Principal

TERM ONE DATES

MARCH

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

TERM TWO

APRIL

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

FOOTY TIPPING COMPETITION

A big thank you to all of the families who supported the Footy Tipping Competition by purchasing a ticket. We made \$490.00 profit from sales of the tickets. This money will be used by the school to directly benefit our children. Be sure to read the ticket carefully and follow the instructions. This weeks tips needs to be entered by 6pm today (Thursday March 30). If you do not put your tip in by the cut off time and date, you will be eliminated from the competition. Happy tipping and Good luck!

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

Thank you for your collections to date. Could we please ask that all boxes are returned to the school by the end of the first week in Term 2.

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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Children's Church Choir practice will begin on Thursdays straight after school. Lucy Rogers will pick the children up from the school foyer and take them to the church. All children are welcome to join the choir and parents are needed to help with the children.

They will be singing for the Mother's Day [11.00am](#) Mass.

Kind Regards
Lucy Rogers

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!
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.

HOT CROSS BUNS

Thank you to the Iverson family for supplying the Hot Cross Buns this year.

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 tomorrow.

APRONS

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

Hello,

In this seasons of Lent, we remember that Jesus died for us and he is someone who sacrificed his life. His resurrection gives us strength in our beliefs. We will come together as a school to pray for God's blessings during Holy Week and Easter.

You are welcome to join us:

On Friday morning during Assembly prayer, we will reflect on Holy Thursday.

After lunch, we will gather together in the hall to reflect on Good Friday.

When we return to school next term, we will celebrate the feast of Easter.



Holy Week

Combined Schools Day was a good example of coming together as a community. There were people having lots of fun and meeting new friends - even the dome was busy! Our school Open Day was a good opportunity to show-off all the learning that is happening at our school.

Thank you to all the people who have helped to make this term enjoyable and a great success.

We wish everyone to have fun and safe holidays.

Happy Easter to all families.

From your School Captains,

Claudia and Jack