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Dear Parents,

Sunday's Gospel, like last week's comes from the Last Supper in John's Gospel. Jesus tells his disciples that he is going away. Jesus leaves his peace with them and promises the Holy Spirit will be with them. The gospel was written 60 or more years after the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the community of believers were coming to terms with the continued absence of Jesus. Their challenge, just as is ours, was to keep alive the memory and message of Jesus. Let's continue to keep the message of Jesus alive and vibrant in our community here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer.

Our prayers and thoughts are with Phil Solari whose father died last Thursday.

WALK-A-THON

A huge 'thank you' to the many parents who assisted with yesterday's Walk-a-Thon – either by walking with the children, being a marshal around the course, helping with the drinks, doughnuts and hot dogs ... it was wonderful to see so many parents. Please return money raised to school by next Monday at the latest. We can then draw the prize winners and the raffle.

WORKING BEE

A reminder of the Working Bee on Friday. We are hoping to move some equipment from the Hall to under the Hall, clean the Hall chairs, removes the trees and plants from our proposed kitchen garden area and tidy up the store room. It commences shortly after school and will conclude at around 5:30pm with a Sausage Sizzle.

FAMILY FAITH NIGHT (Preps and 1/2's)

A family faith night for parents and children of Prep and Year 1/2 will be held next Wednesday 8th May commencing at 6.30pm. It is expected that it will conclude around 7.30pm.

FAMILY MASS

All families are invited to the family Mass on Tuesday morning 7th May at 9:15am to celebrate Family Week. After Mass, families are welcome to stay for a short time to share morning tea together with their children.

EDUCATION BOARD

Our Education Board's next meeting is Thursday 9th May commencing at 7:30pm.

PREP ENROLMENTS

A reminder that enrolments for Prep next year from current families close on **Friday 24th May**.

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

Children will be able to purchase a special gift for their mother at the Mothers' day stall next Thursday 9th May. The cost of presents ranges from \$1 - \$8. Please bring a bag to carry your gifts home safely.

COMPREHENSION FOCUS GROUPS - COHR CAFÉ CLUB

Next week on Wednesday we will commence our new comprehension focus groups from Year 1 to 6. This is a new initiative that we will try over the next four weeks. The idea is for every student to be a part of a small group for a 30 minute intensive lesson on a specific comprehension strategy. The strategies are based on the work of Gail Boushey and Joan Moser. Café stands for **Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Extending** vocabulary. Remember to ask your child what strategy they are working on, and what book was read aloud and discussed with them.

TERM TWO DATES

May

- Friday 3rd Working Bee
- Sunday 5th Eucharist Commitment Mass
- Tuesday 7th Family Mass at 9:15am
- Wednesday 8th Family faith Night (Prep – Yr2)

INTER SCHOOL SPORT

The winter season of Inter School Sport commences tomorrow. Our first game is a home game playing Oakleigh PS. Football, Netball and Volleystars will be at school, while Soccer will be at Brickmakers Park. All games are in the afternoon. Parent helpers are more than welcome.

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

CONDOLENCES

Our prayers and thoughts are with Zac and Cooper Fisher and their parents whose great grandmother passed away over the weekend.

KITCHEN GARDEN – CALL FOR ASSISTANCE

We are calling on any parents who are able to assist us with the construction of some raised garden beds for our Kitchen Garden. There will be a meeting on Wednesday 15th May at 6.30pm. If you are able to help please let me know or leave your name at the office.

Also a big thank you to Fergus Callander, Matthew Girolami and Jenny Girolami for calculating the amount of sleepers we need to purchase to build our Kitchen Garden – great maths skills and strategies!

Michelle Seel Wellbeing Coordinator

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment Books can be purchased from the school office at a cost of \$65.

Mini Vinnies 2013



Mr Tony McCumstie spoke to our newly formed Mini Vinnies this week. He reminded us that we help others for the dignity of every human being. Mr McCumstie also spoke about seeing a need and responding to it. We don't always have to come up with new ideas each time but that what we do continues to help others. Mr McCumstie suggested that a book drive would be a wonderful way for St Vincent De Paul to raise money, some of which could also be sent to refugee centres here.

Book Drive

Picture Story Books!
Chapter Books!
Books for older readers!



Clean out your bookshelves of books you no longer need and help the work carried out by St Vincent De Paul.

We ask that you place these books in the foyer of the school in the boxes provided.

Your Mini Vinnies group will keep reminding you over the next few weeks.

*Thank you
Lauren and Maddie
(Social Justice Leaders)*

Family Week Mass

Next Tuesday, **May 7th at 9:15am**, Father John will celebrate our Family Mass. We have been focusing on the value of love and also the love of families and celebrating families.

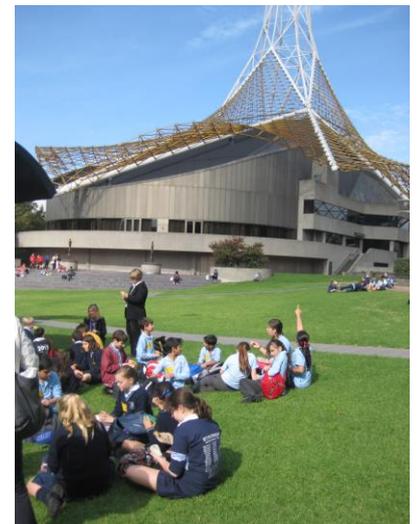
After mass, all families are invited to share morning tea. This will be held on the asphalt area (weather permitting) so it may be necessary to bring rugs on which to sit.

Family Faith Night

P-2 families and children are invited to attend our Family Faith Night next **Wednesday, May 8th in the hall**, starting at 6:30pm and finishing before 7:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to listen to story, share stories, pray together, and reflect.



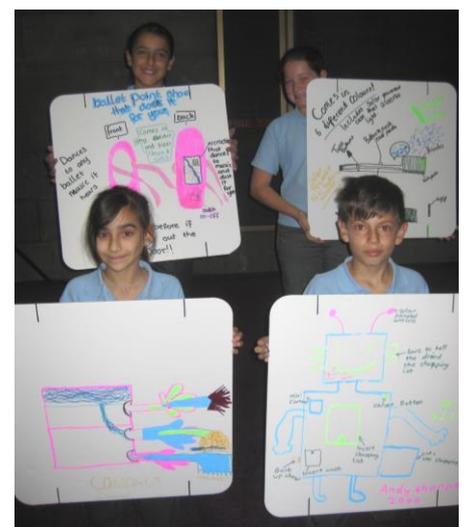
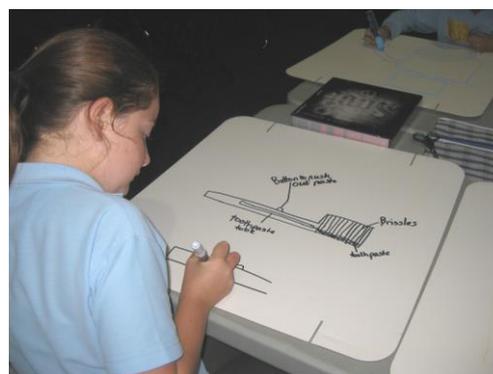
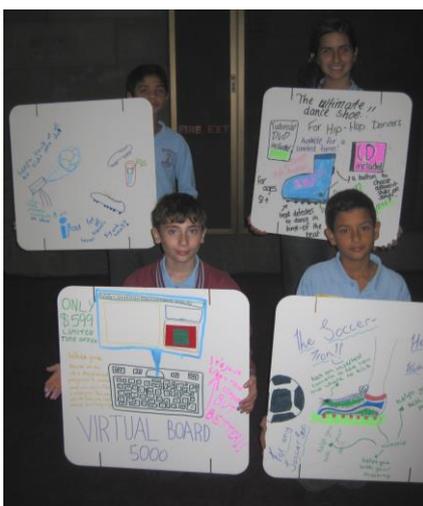
Gemma, Grace, Sebastien, Carla, Isabelle, Jarrod, Lochlan, Matthew



On Tuesday we had the opportunity to go to the National Gallery of Victoria to take part in an agIdeas workshop, where we thought more about design in our world. We then chose to improve an existing product which would be more effective in our daily lives. There were

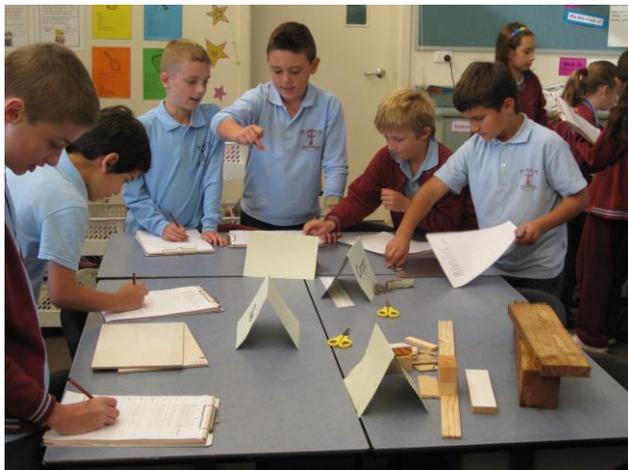
Prior to this we visited a pop up garden, called the Pop Up Patch. We saw many garden patches containing herbs, vegetables and sunflowers. Many neighbouring people use this space, including some famous restaurateurs!! And believe it or not, but the garden has popped up at the Federation Square car park!! You should visit it sometime.

We also walked along Hosier Lane, viewing the most amazing graffiti. There were many tourists doing the same thing. At the Ian Potter Centre we saw the VCE Top Arts Exhibition and really enjoyed the variety and fantastic artworks!! The Indigenous Art exhibition was another fabulous display. The detail in these art works was unbelievable.



Collecting Data

We have been exploring the different properties that materials have for our Inquiry unit 'How Does It Work?'



We had to collect data in order to classify our materials and find out whether they were hard, strong, soft, transparent, waterproof etc.



A checklist was used to tally our results to see how many different materials shared the same properties.



This is an accurate way to record data so that the information can be graphed easily...

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