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Dear Parents,

On Sunday we celebrate the feast of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. The Ascension celebrates Jesus returning to God and his glorification at God's right hand. The Ascension also celebrates an experience of the early Christian communities. There was a time when they knew Jesus of Nazareth. He lived among them and they were attracted by his vision of God's reign. Then, following his death, there were brief moments of his presence. And yet, when they gathered to share their memories and to celebrate the Lord's Supper, they knew that he was still a presence in their midst. In fact, in the absence of Jesus of Nazareth, they had a new certainty of faith and an enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel message. And of course, that it our challenge – that we, like the early Christians, spread the good news of the Gospel by our words and actions.

WALK-A-THON

As you are aware the money raised from the proceeds of the Walk-a-Thon will be directed to the new computers the school has recently purchased. Please return money raised to school by next Monday at the latest. We can then draw the prize winners of the raffle.

EDUCATION BOARD

Our Education Board's next meeting is tonight 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

A special thank you to those who set up and worked on the Mother's Day stall. It was wonderful to see so many people here. A special thank you to Cinzia Dell'Arciprete and Mel Capomolla.

WORKING BEE

Thank you to the many parents (and children) who attended the Working Bee last Friday. The garden beds were readied for the next stage of our Kitchen Garden development.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NALPAN) will be undertaken next week on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The timetable for tests is as follows:

Tuesday 14th	Before Recess: Language Conventions
	Before Lunch: Writing
Wednesday 15th	Before Recess: Reading
Thursday 16th	Before Recess: Numeracy

It is expected that NAPLAN reports will be sent to the school near the end of Term 3.

CATS Study

The CATS study: The Childhood to Adolescence Transition Study



The CATS study is returning to Christ our Holy Redeemer School on 22nd May 2013!

If your child is in grade 4 and participated in the CATS study last year, we will be back with our iPads and measuring stations this year to conduct the next annual session.

Watch our video which explains what CATS is all about: <http://www.mcri.edu.au/truthaboutcats>

If you have any questions about the study please contact the study team on (03) 9345 6732 or email cats@mcri.edu.au

More information is on our website <http://www.mcri.edu.au/cats>

Thank you for participating in CATS!

George Patton (Project Director), Lisa Mundy (Project Manager) and the CATS team

TERM TWO DATES

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Thursday 9 th	Mother's Day Stall
Wednesday 15 th	Kitchen garden planning meeting 6:30pm
Friday 17 th	District Cross country
Sunday 19 th	Pentecost Sunday
Wednesday 22 nd	CATS study team Parent association meeting
Friday 24 th	Inter School sport
Wednesday 29 th	Eucharist Reflection day (Yr 4)
Thursday 30 th	Eucharist Family Workshop

June

Sunday 2 nd	First Eucharist (1pm & 3pm)
Friday 7 th	School Closure day
Monday 10 th	Queen's birthday holiday
Wednesday 12 th	Power of One Incursion
Thursday 13 th	Education Board
Friday 14 th	Inter school sport
Friday 21 st	Mid-Year Reports sent home
Tuesday 25 th	Parent/teacher interviews 4pm-6pm
Wednesday 26 th	Parent/Teacher interviews 3pm-6pm Children dismissed at 2:30pm
Friday 28 th	End of Term – children dismissed at 2:30

Hoping all mothers enjoy their special day on Sunday.

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

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.

Michelle Seel

Wellbeing Coordinator



ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

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

INVITATION FOR PREP PARENTS

Prep parents are invited to join us for morning tea!

When: Friday 10th May (after assembly)

Where: Lazy Moe's

90-97 Warrigal Rd Oakleigh

YOUTH LEADERSHIP VICTORIA

We hope all Mum's have a wonderful Mother's day, and your children spoil you.

A reminder that Before School Care is now open every day from 7am to 8:45am with breakfast being served until 8am and fun activities.

Next week's activities we will be doing fun and interesting Science experiments! Can you put a straw through a potato, have you made crystals, paint with homemade puff paint and find out what happens when you mix baking soda and vinegar together!

Come and enjoy the fun! Call Cherie on 0412 958 605 or stop at the hall today!



OUTBREAK OF CRYPTOSPORIDIUM INFECTION

An outbreak of Cryptosporidium infection is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria.

The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swim clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves when swimming.

Crypto is a parasitic infection that causes gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems.

During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.

All swimming pool patrons are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto

parasites are not killed by the normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without realising, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped.

Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water where appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

GOD COULD NOT BE
EVERYWHERE. AND,
THEREFORE HE INVENTED
MOTHERS



WISHING YOU A MOTHER'S
DAY FILLED WITH LOVE AND
BLESSINGS.

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY