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Dear Parents,

On Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the Gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

WALK-A-THON

Thanks for the wonderful response to the Walk-a-Thon. So far we have raised over \$3200. Families that contributed more than \$5 and who have returned their money, have been entered into a Raffle. Lucky winners will be drawn at Assembly tomorrow.

As indicated, funds raised will go towards the purchase of new computers. Yesterday we took delivery of 30 tablets that will be configured to our network over the next few weeks.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

There will be school closure day on Friday 7th June during which the staff will be undertaking some professional training.

PREP ENROLMENTS

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

MOTHERS' DAY RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners of the Mother's Day raffle:

Prep D Sienna Romagnino
 Prep H Mary Bulatao
 1/2W Despina Kydas
 1/2SP Pete Nikolopoulos
 1/2G Abbey McKeown
 3/4L Ben Harris
 3/4S Tiffany Carlson
 3/4EP Jake Greenaway
 3/4JP Olivia Hunt
 5/6K Peter Hunt
 5/6P Liam Heverin
 5/6CS Olivia Christodouloupoulos

SEASONS REMINDER

Tomorrow 17th May is the day we would like 'Seasons' forms returned, if you want your child to be a part of the program. If you want further information Sr Patricia Keogh is available to help you any Mon - Thurs morning from 8.15am.

CROSS COUNTRY

Good luck to the 40 Years 3 – 6 children who will be competing in the District Cross country tomorrow at Nortons Park Reserve, Wantirna South.

EDUCATION BOARD

At the last meeting of the Education Board, we ratified the operational Guidelines for the Board. It was determined that the next meeting of the Education Board – Thursday 13th June would be its Annual General meeting. There are two parent members who are retiring after their period on the Board has concluded. The Education Board will be seeking two parents to fill those positions. Parents who are interested in joining the Education Board should indicate to me in writing their wish to join the Board. If there are more than two parents nominating to join the Board, an election will be held at the AGM.

The Board's functions include assisting the Parish Priest & Principal:

- ⊕ In the formulation and review of school policy;
- ⊕ By offering informed guidance regarding the school's financial operation;
- ⊕ With the provision of quality education;
- ⊕ In accordance with diocesan guidelines the selection of a principal when an appointment is being made;
- ⊕ Developing school/community relationships and encouraging home/school interaction;
- ⊕ To welcome of parents and children new to the school;
- ⊕ To develop strategies for the local promotion of Catholic Education as required;
- ⊕ To support the priorities of the School for fund raising and the expenditure of funds raised for the school by various groups
- ⊕ To support the work of the Parents' Association
- ⊕ To support the maintenance of the school buildings/property
- ⊕ To enhance the learning environment
- ⊕ To ensure our school identity is maintained

FIRST EUCHARIST

Our Yr 4 children are preparing to receive the Eucharist on Sunday 2nd June. They will participate in a Reflection day on Wednesday 29th May. There will be a Family Workshop for the children and their parents on Thursday 30th May at 7pm in the Hall.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NALPAN) has been undertaken by our Year 3 and 5 students. 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.mcricri.edu.au/truthaboutcats>

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

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

Thank you for participating in CATS!

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

TERM TWO DATES

May

Friday 17th District Cross country

Sunday 19th Pentecost Sunday

Wednesday 22nd CATS study team
Parent Association meeting

Friday 24th Inter School sport

Wednesday 29th Eucharist Reflection day

Thursday 30th Eucharist Family Workshop

June

Sunday 2nd First Eucharist (1pm & 3pm)

Friday 7th School Closure day

Monday 10th Queen's Birthday holiday

Wednesday 12th Power of One Incursion

Thursday 13th Education Board

Friday 14th Inter school sport

Friday 21st Mid-Year Reports sent home

Tuesday 25th Parent/Teacher interviews 4pm-6pm

Wednesday 26th Parent/Teacher interviews 3pm-6pm
Children dismissed at 2:30pm

Friday 28th End of Term – children dismissed at 2:30

CONDOLENCES

Our prayers and thoughts are with Nicholas and Thomas Atkins, and their parents, whose great grandmother passed away.

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan

PRINCIPAL

Before School Care 7-9am \$15

After School Care 3:30 -6pm \$19

Curriculum Day 7am-6pm \$45

If you receive C.C.B. and C.C.R. you are entitled to 50% off your weekly fees.

"M" is for May

Come join us for everything M. Music, Magic, Mind Teasers, and Much More.

Please come and speak to Cherie on 0412 958 605 or see her in the hall

YOUTH LEADERSHIP VICTORIA

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.

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ASHBURTON UNITED JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

The Club is looking for girls to play in an U12 girls' team, previous experience not necessary. Matches are usually at 10am on Sunday mornings. Training is Tuesdays at 6pm at Markham Reserve. For more information please contact Tess Walton 0413 481 696 or Piera Montibeller 0412 585 582. Or visit the website www.ashburtonsoccer.com.au

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM - SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

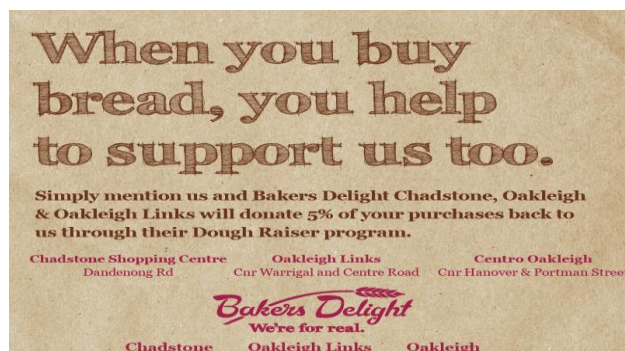
Alison Baker, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will be attending the school during term three to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents' consent). The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to visit or telephone the visiting primary school nurse if there are any general child health issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 161 473.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office.

BAKERS DELIGHT DOUGH RAISER PROGRAM

Christ Our Holy Redeemer is part of the Bakers Delight Dough Raiser program. When you mention COHR (or our Dough Raiser number – 3330) at Centro Oakleigh, Chadstone Shopping Centre or Oakleigh Links, Bakers Delight will donate 5% of your purchases back to the school. They have also donated some Bakers Delight vouchers that are now available in the foyer.



Year 1/2G has been learning about gifts of the Holy Spirit. They have identified gifts that they are asking God to help them with.

Health

Making sure I eat healthy food . Alyssa

Joy

I will be happy around people and make them smile. Jonathan

Prayerful

I will pray to Jesus every day. Talia T

Caring

When people fall down I will pick them up – Thomas

Confidence

By reading properly and not reading too fast - Matthew

Respect

By saying hello to my Mum and Dad – Niki
By playing with people who are lonely - James

Concentrating

When someone distracts me I will say “Stop it, I don’t like it” - Noah

Courage

Ask people if they believe in Jesus – Jamie B



Friendship

When someone is hurt I will ask them if they are OK.

Yasmin

I will care about my friends. Andreas

Love

Kissing and hugging my family – Nicholas

Helping people to do their work – Abbey

Giving Mum, Dad and Carla a kiss and hug everyday – Amelia

Sharing my toys with my friends – Elias

Loving people in my heart – Talia C

Caring by being nice to people – Gisele

Caring for people when they fall down – Christian

Hugging my family everyday – Jamie O

Showing my happiness by saying “I love you” to my Dad – Monica

If someone is hurt I will help them – Bridie

Telling my Mum, Dad and Allegra that I love them – Ava

By taking care of people around me – Angelica

I will make nice things for my brother - Ellen

Kindness

If I see someone who has no one to play with I will play with them – Xander

I will help my Mum and Dad by taking the rubbish bins out - Harry

Helpful

I will help other people up when they are hurt - Robbie