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Dear Parents,

As the term comes to an end, we, the school community can reflect on a very positive term. The children are to be congratulated for their endeavours throughout the term. Some of the highlights were:

Yr 5/6 Camp  
 Values program – ‘Love’ & ‘Inclusion’  
 Open Day  
 Assemblies & class presentations  
 Introduction of iPads to the Preps  
 A successful Walk-a-Thon  
 Eucharist Sacramental program  
 Family Week celebrations and Mass  
 Café Reading strategy groups  
 May Working Bee  
 Junior Family Faith Night  
 Winter Inter School Sport  
 Mothers’ Day Stall  
 Staff Professional Learning Days  
 June Hot Dog Day  
 Power of One incursion  
 Mid-Year reports & P/T interviews  
 Disco

I hope the holidays provide a time of rest and change from the daily routine and that the children are re-energised and ready for a busy term three.

**CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS**

Children preparing for Confirmation are expected to attend a Confirmation Commitment Mass on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July at the 11am Parish Mass. During the Mass the children will receive a copy of the Creed.

**SCHOOL DISCO**

Thank you to the many parents who assisted with the Disco last Friday. The children had a wonderful time.

**KITCHEN GARDEN**

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July we will be building the raised garden beds for our kitchen garden. If you are able to assist us at any time on this day please call the office to leave your name. At this stage we have one willing parent assisting.

**Garden Competition – HELP US WIN \$1000**

Help us win \$1000 in the Leader Newspaper competition to assist us in paying for the materials to build the raised garden beds for our Vegetable Garden.

HOW? – Go online and search leader local grants and register.

When you register you will be given 10 votes to use when voting opens on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

**Register Now.**

Voting period 24<sup>th</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> July

Our application is called “Christ Our Holy Redeemer Vegie Garden” in the Waverley/Oakleigh Monash Leader Link.

Get friends, family, neighbours, facebook friends etc to vote. We will need every vote possible to beat other applications.

Michelle Seel  
 Wellbeing Coordinator

**EDUCATION BOARD**

At the AGM of the Education Board last week two new parent representatives were elected – Nicole Firth and Angela Stopajnik. They are replacing retiring members – Trish Stewart and Trevor Stow. Both Trish and Trevor were long serving members and I would like to publically acknowledge their outstanding commitment to our school. During the meeting Justin Duckett was re-elected as Chair and Nicole Firth accepted nomination as Deputy Chair. Marg Ford was elected as secretary.

**GRANDPARENTS DAY**

Grandparent’s day will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Grandparents are invited to join with the children at Mass at 11am and then accompany the children back to school before being invited to the hall for morning tea. The Parents Association will be seeking assistance on the day to help with morning tea.

**CYBER SAFETY**

Next term we will be running an important program for the children, staff and parents relating to Cyber safety. ACMA (Australian Communications & Media Association) are coming to work with Year 3-6 students (afternoon), Staff (after school staff meeting) and Parents (early evening) on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August. This is a VERY informative session looking at online behaviours for us as educators as well as family. Each session runs for about 1 – 1 ½ hrs. Please save the date. More information regarding the parent meeting will be included in the newsletter next term.

**PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE**

As you may be know the Premier Reading Challenge is up and running. We participate every second year, and having participated last year will not be participating this year. However, families can register through the home schooling section. The link is as follows:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/parents/default.htm>

and then parents need to go to the parent guardian area and enrol on the following link, home-based reader registration and consent form (Word – 51kb)

**HOME TASK CLUB**

The Home Task Club will be starting again next term for students in Years 3 – 6 on Wednesday morning at 8.15am. The club assists students who need some assistance with some of the tasks and/or time management in completing the Home Task Grid. The Club is held in 5/6CS classroom and participation is by invitation. A letter will go home at the beginning of next term.

## LEADERSHIP STUDY TOUR

I will be participating in a Leadership Study Tour for Principals of the South East Zone. The program will be conducted at the National College for School Leadership in Nottingham., England from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July, (the first week of next term). The program will involve input from various speakers and visiting a number of schools. After a few days in London I'll return home arriving back in Australia on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July. During my time away, the school will be in the very capable hands of Antonietta Corp.

## TERM THREE DATES

July

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Term Three commences Yr 5/6 Excursion
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Confirmation Commitment Mass
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Grandparents Day Anna Burke visiting Yrs 5/6 Parents Association Meeting
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Garden Building Project

August

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Education Board
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Working Bee
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Reflection Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Family Night
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation

With best wishes

Thomas Coghlan

**PRINCIPAL**

## BREAD TIES

We are asking for your help in collecting bread tags from the loaves of bread which will be used to purchase a wheelchair for a local senior citizens home. Please leave at the school office.

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## OPEN SCHOOL MORNING

**Thursday, August 15 - 9am**

- campus tours conducted by students
- presentation by Principal, Ms Louise Gunther, and the College Leadership Team

**Our final Open Morning for 2013 will be:  
Term 4 - Tuesday, October 29, commencing 9am**

*N.B: Parking is limited in nearby streets.  
Please allow time to find a park as the session starts promptly at 9am.*

*For further information, please contact the College Registrar, Mrs Maria Nankervis on 9831 9600*