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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term Three! I hope that the holidays provided a break of routine and that the children are refreshed and ready for another term. As usual it will be another busy Term with our Year 6 students preparing for Confirmation (Friday 16th August) and of course the Concert (Thursday 19th September)

Like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality. This theme has featured in the gospel readings for the last couple of weeks. It is a theme that the writer returns to over and over again throughout the gospel to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people.

CONFIRMATION COMMITMENT MASS

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

KITCHEN GARDEN WINNERS

As you may be aware, Christ Our Holy Redeemer School won the \$1000 grant for our vegetable patch. There is an article and a couple of photos in this week's Waverley Leader. Thank you to all those parents and children who came to school during the holidays for a photo shoot!! Thanks, also to all those who voted online for us to win.

Remember the building of the garden beds is on **Monday 29th July (all day)**. Also at the working bee, the following Friday, we will need to complete the raised garden beds.

GRANDPARENTS DAY

Grandparent's day will be held on Wednesday 24th 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.

In the past we have had a couple of grandparents speak for a short time about their role as a grandparent. This is usually after Communion. If anyone would like to be involved this way, perhaps be a part of the offertory procession or read please let the office know.

CYBER SAFETY

This 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 26th 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 closer to the date.

NEWS FROM THE CLASSROOM

Today ten senior students attended a Mock Parliament, led by Anna Burke, our Federal Member. This was held at Orchard Grove Primary School, Blackburn South. Our students were accompanied by Jennifer Smith. During the Mock Parliament, the No Homework Bill was debated. Each student was asked to write a 1-2 minute speech either supporting the No Homework Bill or speaking against it. We look forward to hearing about the session and will print some comments in next week's newsletter.

During the week, the 5/6CS class was visited by Jill from CSIRO. She was very interested to hear about our connection we have with Michael Salinas, a scientist based at Casey Station, Antarctica. Jill, along with a reporter from the Waverley Leader, was impressed with the new understandings we now have through this partnership and our continued support of the Science in Schools Program.

BOOK FAIR

Today Grade 5\6, 1\2, 3\4JP & 3\4EP visited the Book Fair. Tomorrow Friday, the Preps, 3\4L & 3\4S grades will visit. At the visit your child completed a wish list. This list is simply a guide for you to the books that have interested your child. Please discuss these suggestions and make your choice or choices.

Please note there is no obligation on parents to purchase books but if you would like to place an order the form must be returned promptly and no later than the morning of Wednesday 24th July. Payment is accepted by cash / cheque (made out to COHR) or credit card with minimum transaction \$20 (see details on back of wish list or visit library). Please note that children must place orders, by putting orders in class buckets or library box, there will be no selling at the viewing times.

Parents are more than welcome to view the books and make orders.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

Karen Wakeling
 School Librarian

PARENT BOOK FAIR TIMES

Friday 19th July: 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Mon/ Tues/ Wed 22-24 July: 8.30am – 9.00am

Mon/Tues 22-23 July: 3.15pm – 4.00pm

LEADERSHIP STUDY TOUR

As mentioned in the last newsletter, I am currently participating in a Leadership Study Tour for Principals of the South East Zone. The program is being conducted at the National College for School Leadership in Nottingham, England from Monday 15th July until Friday 19th July. 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 25th July.

TERM THREE STUDY DATES

July

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

August

Thursday 1 st	Education Board
Friday 2 nd	Working Bee
Wednesday 7 th	Confirmation Reflection Day
Thursday 8 th	Confirmation Family Night
Thursday 15 th	Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Friday 16 th	Confirmation
Wednesday 28 th	Parents Association Meeting

September

Friday 6 th	School closure day
Tuesday 10 th	Inter School Athletics Carnival
Thursday 12 th	Education Board meeting
Thursday 19 th	Concert
Friday 20 th	Term ends

With best wishes

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL



We're digging it

Will, Fergus and Stephanie can't wait to get started on planting the veggie garden at Christ Our Holy Redeemer Primary School, after the Oakleigh East school took out the \$1000 Leader Local Grant for Monash.
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PRACTICAL WAY OF LEARNING

STUDENTS at Christ Our Holy Redeemer School will learn about maths, health and the environment, by getting their hands dirty in their new vegetable patch.

The Oakleigh East primary school beat other worthwhile community groups and projects to receive the \$1000 Leader Local Grant for Monash.

The school's well-being co-ordinator Michelle Seel said two enterprising Grade 1 students approached her last year with the idea.

"They had drawn a picture of a veggie garden and had written down some ideas about what they could plant. One grew veggies at home and knew how much fun it was," she said.

It also occurred to Mrs Seel that gardening could be

educational for the children too. "We want them to research and find out what sort of vegetables you would grow at what time of the year, what they need and how far apart they should be planted," she said.

Calculating how far apart the plants would need to be, how high they would grow and their likely yield would also require real-life maths skills from the students.

The gardening project will also help nurture an understanding of environmental issues and healthy eating. "Some children don't know what some vegetables are. It's amazing, I've heard children saying, 'what's a parsnip?'," Mrs Seel said.

For more information on Leader Local Grants, go to leaderlocalgrants.com.au

