Dear Parents,

Today we celebrate the feast of Mary MacKillop. Mary MacKillop is not only the first Australian to be recognised by the Church as a Saint, she is truly a very Australian saint. She was a prodigious hard worker who put the needs of others before herself. She exhibited something of the larrikin spirit: constantly in dispute with authority but pressing on, regardless. She used the strengths of others but also didn’t tolerate those who were not genuine. Her commitment to the schooling of children from poor and rural communities established a model of Catholic education that continues to today. A Saint for and of Australia!

CONFIRMATION
Our Year 6 children are preparing for Confirmation that will be administered on Friday 16th August at 7pm. Tonight there is a Confirmation Family Night commencing at 7pm in the Hall. On Friday 9th August the children will be visited by our Regional Bishop, Bishop Elliot.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY
Next Thursday, 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The children will be attending the Parish Mass on Thursday at 9am. All parents and families are most welcome to join us as we celebrate this important feast.

CHESS CLUB
Our Chess club is up and running on Monday at lunchtime. Children participating are reminded to bring $5 per session. A reminder that $5 for the first two weeks is owed.

CONCERT UPDATE
“MAGIC AT THE MUSEUM” - Thursday 19th September
Attached to this week’s Newsletter you will find a ticket order form. At this stage tickets are on sale for parents and siblings not attending COHR. Once these have been finalised extra tickets will be made available. We will not be designating seats this year. So it may be possible to purchase extra tickets later and have extended family and friends seated together.

There is a possibility of a dress rehearsal in the final week of term which may enable some family members to attend if this is not possible on the night of the 19th September.

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 at 6.30pm) on Monday 26th August. This is a VERY informative session looking at online behaviours fur us as educators as well as family. Each session runs for about 1 – 1 1/2 hrs. Please save the date.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
The Staff will be participating in a professional learning day on Friday 6th September.

TERM THREE DATES
August
Thursday 8th Confirmation Family Night
Thursday 15th Feast of the Assumption of Mary
Friday 16th Confirmation 7pm
Monday 26th Cyber safety parent meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday 28th 3/4 Excursion; Parents Association Meeting
Friday 30th 1/2 movie night

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

FATHER’S DAY RAFFLE DONATIONS
We are looking for donations for our Father’s Day raffle. We would greatly appreciate any chocolate or biscuit packs. Please place your donations in the basket placed in the foyer.

Thank you in advance.

Cinzia and Rosie

AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Come and Join After School Care This week
Fun things to do and make: Anything goes, Painting, Colouring In, Undo the human knot, Smartie bingo, Tennis, 40/40, and Line Tiggy are just a few of the fun things we will be up to this week. Call Cherie on 0412 958 605 or drop by and see her today!

HOT JAM DOUGHNUTS
A form has been sent home today regarding a doughnut day being held at school on Thursday 22 August. Completed forms need to be returned, by Thursday 15 August, with money, in a clearly marked envelope. Please note that doughnuts will be purchased based on the number of orders placed. No late orders will be accepted. Parent helpers are needed from 10-11:30am on the day (Thursday 22 August). If you can help, please leave your name at the office.

With Best Wishes

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL
We remember Saint Mary MacKillop.
Our question was: How did Mary MacKillop show the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

Mary MacKillop showed **courage** to receive money from the rich and give to the poor.
*Liam H and James T*

Mary MacKillop showed **knowledge** in how to teach others – children and adults.
*Hayley R, Danielle P, Carla F*

Mary MacKillop showed the gift of **understanding** because she understood people’s needs and how to help them.
*Elena K, Leah P and Stevie G*

Mary MacKillop showed **right judgement** by giving food and money to the people who were poor and building an education for kids.
*Andre H and Jack S*

Mary MacKillop Prayer

*Ever generous God,*

*You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing hope and encouragement to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.*

*With confidence in your generous providence and joining with Saint Mary MacKillop we ask that you grant our request.*

*We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live with courage, trust and openness.*

*Ever generous God hear our prayer. We ask this through Christ Jesus. Amen*

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Mary MacKillop showed **wisdom** because she built schools and she taught children so that they could have a better education. She also helped the children have a better future.
*Sofia M, Katia B and Tiana D*

Mary MacKillop showed **reverence** when she helped others and prayed for people who were sick and unwell because she was selfless and that’s how she became a saint.
*Eamon M, Lachie S and Mitchell F*

Mary MacKillop showed **wonder and awe** when she made the school and was amazed about how many children didn’t have an education.
*Jarrod C and James M*
MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
Married couples, we encourage you to prioritise your relationship. It underpins your family life. Please join us for a Marriage Encounter weekend. Our weekend helps you to remember why you married and gives you skills to maintain your love for each other. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around catholic values but you don’t need to be catholic to attend. There is no group sharing.
Our next weekends in 2013 are on: 9-11 August and 18-20 October in Melbourne.
For further information and bookings contact Marianne & Marcel Van den Bronk (03) 9733 0997 or Email vicbookings@wwme.org.au

OAKLEIGH CHARGERS AFL 9S
6-week program
Modified AFL games with 9 players per side.
Game is non-contact and played with tag belts to replace tackling.
Each session will involve skill development prior to a modified match.
Sessions are conducted by Level 1 Accredited Coaches in a fun and safe environment.
For girls and boys aged 7 — 12
Cost for 6 weeks: $30 (Includes Oakleigh Chargers football & AFL 9s medallion)
First Session: Wednesday 14th August 4.15 – 5.15pm Oakleigh Chargers FC – Warrawee Park, Warrigal Rd Oakleigh
To register visit www.oakleighchargers aflvc.com.au
For enquiries contact Oakleigh Chargers Office Ph: 9563 0588

ASTHMA FOUNDATION
Do your children have asthma or allergies?
Are you a part of the local footy team, scouts club or netball club?
Do you worry about your children’s asthma when they are not at home?
Learn practical strategies for helping your children to live well with asthma each day from people who know. Join The Asthma Foundation of Victoria’s online forum. Ask a question, share your story, meet with others in your area. Call (03) 9326 7088 for more information or follow the link below.
forum.asthma.org.au

OAKLEIGH EAST
Dipping into science
STUDENTS at Christ Our Holy Redeemer School think jumping into freezing water in the middle of an Antarctic winter sounds like great fun. Casey Station’s “dipping pool” ritual is one of the many anecdotes the grade 5 and 6 students have learned from Antarctic scientist Michael Salinas.
The class was partnered with Mr Salinas through the CSIRO Scientists and Mathematicians in Schools program. Guided by teachers Jennifer Smith and Antonietta Corp, students have been researching everything from Antarctic flora and fauna to core drilling and weather experiments.
“Even the quieter students, when you get them alone or in a small group, can tell you all about Antarctica,” Mrs Corp said.
The students also guide a lot of the research we do, which means that they’re taking responsibility for their own learning.”

Tiffany, Maddie and Luca share photos and stories with an Antarctic scientist.
Christ Our Holy Redeemer Primary School proudly presents:

**MAGiC AT THE MUSEUM**

Please complete the following form to order tickets and return it to school with the full payment so that your order can be processed. There will be no designated seats.

The family ticket is for all families of our school and is aimed at assisting in covering the costs involved in staging the concert.

Family Name:_______________________    Eldest Child’s Class:______

**Family Ticket   $30** (For all school families)

☐ Number of Adults

☐ Number of Children in your immediate family who do not attend COHR   $30

☐ Please tick this box if you require disabled access for anyone attending.

Orders must be placed between August 12\(^{th}\) – 16th.

After this date we will be able to gauge how many extra tickets will be available for sale.