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Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week – with children busily learning their dance moves for the Concert, the Yr 3/4 excursion and the parent, student and staff meetings with the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) on Internet Safety Awareness as well the normal learning program.

Sunday's Gospel of Jesus eating with a leading Pharisee has a strong message about social justice. Jesus encourages us to give to those who cannot repay – to be graciously generous just as God gives without expecting anything in return.

**BOOK WEEK NEWS**

The 2013 Book Week theme is 'Read Across the Universe'. This term the students are being exposed to a selection of the short-listed books in the Early Childhood, Picture Story, Young Readers and Information categories from the Children's Book Council.

Book Week is an EXCITING week at COHR. Apart from fun activities in the library and classrooms, we also hold our annual **Book Character Parade**. This year we are dressing-up on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September and will start the day with our parade at 8.50am. After our parade all grades will participate in a buddy activity.

We encourage all children, pre-schoolers and even parents to present themselves as their favourite book character. It may be a character from the current short-listed books – Feel free to visit the library to view the short-listed books or for some assistance with ideas. No need to go and buy costumes or spend hours making them– just make use of bits and pieces at home as this is a fun day and the only prizes awarded are lots of applause, laughter and big smiles. Looking forward to seeing you 'in character' on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, ready to join our parade.

Karen Wakeling

**CYBER SAFETY**

Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the Cyber Safety Presentation on Monday night. Lesley, our presenter spoke to the 3-6 students in the afternoon about appropriate sites and apps to have and the importance of checking privacy settings especially with social media sites. The importance of a strong and secure password was discussed as well as keeping your private information private – not giving out your full name, phone number, password, date of birth to anyone. Also the posting of images or messages was explored and the responsibilities we have as online users. 'Think before you post' was the message delivered to the students. After school Lesley worked with the staff, alerting us to the different social media sites and apps that we need to be more aware of and how we can help educate our students about their prospective digital footprints. Lesley informed the parents about the amount of time students should spend on devices and the use and positioning of these in the household.

She encouraged parents to continue having conversations with their children about the family rules and consequences regarding the use of these devices so as a family they can work towards being safe online. Lesley gave out some tips on privacy settings, not just for social media sites but also for purchasing of different apps. It was a very informative session updating us all on the pros and cons of our use of technology and how we as users all need to be aware of these as we become more and more digital citizens. More information can be found at the ACMA Website (Australian Communications & Media Authority). [www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au)

**CONCERT "MAGIC AT THE MUSEUM" - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 7pm**

All families should now have received their family tickets. We have approx. 70 extra tickets to sell at \$10 each. These can be purchased from the school office.

**SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY**

The Staff will be participating in a professional learning day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**FATHERS' DAY STALL**

Thank you to the parents who organised and assisted with today's Fathers' Day stall. The children were very excited about buying that something special for their fathers.

**TERM THREE DATES**

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

With best wishes

Tom Coghlan  
 Principal

Wishing all fathers a wonderful Father's Day to all fathers on Sunday.

**A Special Prayer for Father's Day**

God, bless all the fathers in the world. Guide them to be good role models and loving to all their children. Help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

**Amen**

# FOOTY COLOURS HOT DOG DAY!

Come dressed in your favourite Football Team colours

Wednesday  
11<sup>th</sup>  
September



ORDERS DUE BACK BY NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER

PLEASE COMPLETE DETAILS BELOW FOR EACH CHILD ORDERING

Parent Helpers required from 12pm - 1:30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

If you are available please leave your name at the office.

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I am able to assist on Hot Dog Day from 12pm – 1.30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept

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Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_