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Dear Parents,

Sunday's Gospel is a reminder of the importance of prayer. When Jesus tells this parable about the widow and the judge, he is actually painting a picture about God for his disciples. This is not to suggest that God needs to be worn down by persistence but rather it is a description of what God is not. If such a wicked and unjust judge can eventually be worn down, how much more quickly will God respond to a just cause? Yet the parable is told to reinforce the need to pray continually. The continuous prayer is not to wear God down – like the judge – but rather to demonstrate the genuine need.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION SOCIAL NIGHT

Tomorrow night's "Rotary Oakleigh COHR Stakes" is going to be a great night – an opportunity to come together as a community as well as raising funds for our school.

As you know by now the night will have a fun focus of horse racing – tying in with the Spring Racing. During the night there will also be a silent auction, the auction of some major prizes and games and raffles. Some of the Auction items include signed Richmond and North Melbourne Football jumpers, rounds of Golf at Huntingdale and Riversdale golf clubs. The funds raised during the night will go to building up our computer resources. Bookings are still available and can be made through the Office. You are welcome to add your name to the table sheets in the Foyer. The \$25 payment may also be made at the Office. For more information, please refer to the attached flyer.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEDNESDAY

As part of Mission week we have nominated Wednesday 23rd October as Social Justice Wednesday. During the day the students are invited to wear 'crazy' socks with their Sports Uniform. The 'cost' of wearing the crazy socks will be a (minimum) \$2 donation. We are also supporting the efforts of Rachel Terkelsen (mother of Eve Feeney 1/2SP) who is raising much needed funds to support asylum seekers in our local community. As Rachel has run the Melbourne Marathon, we thought that the children could run a 'mini' marathon around the oval and that we would add the cumulative total.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As Melbourne's spring weather is very changeable, students may wear either their winter or summer uniform until the Melbourne Cup after which they will be expected in their summer uniform. However, school hats are compulsory and are required to be worn when the children are outside. Please ensure you child's name is clearly marked on their hat.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the Galluccio family (Lochlan 5/6K, Felicia 3/4JP & Tayla 1/2SP) on the safe arrival of their beautiful twin baby boys Mason and Dominic who arrived on Monday.

MISSION MASS

Today, I will accompany some of our school leaders to the Annual Mission Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. This special Mass marks the beginning of 'Mission Week.'

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY ~ Wednesday 16th October

Thanks for your wonderful response in joining in on the 'Walk to School' day. I'll include the data gathered by the students for next week's Newsletter.

FETE COMMITTEE

Please note: The Fete Committee (2014) meeting will now be held next week on Thursday 24th October at 7:30pm in the Hall. All parents are most welcome, and the Committee would love to hear of ideas that could enhance and strengthen our Fete.

ICY POLES

Icy Poles have commenced again this term, they will be 50c.

TERM FOUR DATES

Some of the dates for next term are as follows:

October

- Thursday 17th Mission Mass (St Patrick's Cathedral)
- Friday 18th Parents' Association: Horse Racing Social
- Tuesday 22nd Yr 6 Graduation photos
- Wednesday 23rd Social Justice Wednesday
- Friday 25th World Teachers' Day

November

- Friday 1st Feast of All Saints
- Saturday 2nd Feast of All Souls
- Monday 4th School closure day
- Tuesday 5th Melbourne Cup holiday
- Wednesday 13th Prep (2014) Parent meeting
- Wednesday 20th Prep Orientation
- Public Speaking finals
- Parents' Association meeting
- Wednesday 27th Education Board meeting

December

- Friday 6th Christmas Party/Carols in the Park
- Thursday 12th Yr 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner
- Friday 13th Reports sent home
- Monday 16th Parent/teacher interviews
- Tuesday 17th End of Year School Mass
- Year 6 Assembly
- Thursday 19th Children dismissed at 2:30pm

With best wishes,

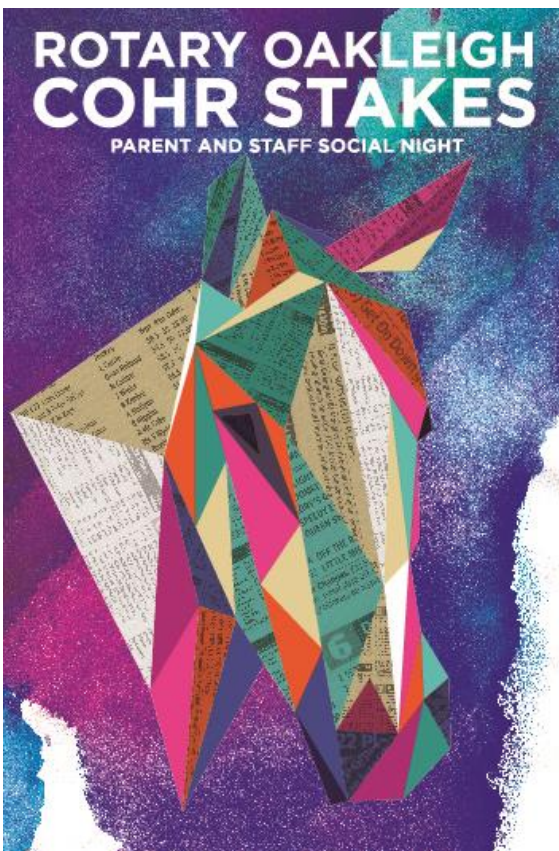
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PRINCIPAL

ASYLUM SEEKER GALA DINNER

Saturday 9th November at Sacred Heart Hall 6pm – 11pm. \$25 Adults \$10 Children (children 4 and under free). Includes dinner and entertainment. Buy in trivia, auctions, raffles, prizes, treasure chest & children's activities including toilet toss and laughing clowns. Donations of as-new toys and lollies for children's prizes, or items for raffles and auctions gratefully accepted. Please call Rachel Terkelsen on 0439 338 368 for enquiries or ticket purchases.



Only one day to go!



This totally interactive fully themed night will have you absorbed in the flurry of the race track and enthusiastically placing bets on the horses to bring them home!

Join us for a huge night of horse racing including 6 live race calls. Entry will get you \$10,000 funny money to bet with, customised race books and bent bookies to take your bets. Look out for the customised race call with some familiar nags as well as the Fashions on the Field event.

And as no night is complete without a little dancing, our DJ will pump out some hits to take us home.

**Friday 18th October
COHR School Hall
7.30-midnight**

**BYO Food and Drinks
\$25 per head**

Dress Code: anything goes

Tickets: Pre-Purchase using attached slip

THE ROTARY OAKLEIGH COHR STAKES

Name _____

Contact Number _____

Number of tickets _____ (\$25 each) Total amount enclosed: _____

Your tickets will be left at the school office for collection.

If you would rather have them go home with your eldest child please tick here

Childs name and class _____

ROTARY OAKLEIGH/COHR STAKES

The social event of the year is almost her but it is not too late to join a table! Just add your name to the table lists displayed in the foyer or contact Brigid Boyce on 0407 323 805.

Again a very big thank you to our major sponsor Rotary Oakleigh and our 6 race sponsors for the evening:

- ***Buxton***
- ***Oakleigh Dragons Junior Football Club***
- ***Watts Fencing***
- ***Commonwealth Bank***
- ***Ann Barker***
- ***Woodards***

In addition to this we have received an extremely generous donation of a Bosch Front Loading Washing Machine from the Aparo family, Berloni Appliances (RRP \$1499) which will be auctioned live on the night along with the following items:

- 2 x signed Richmond Jumpers
- 1 signed North Melbourne Jumper
- 1 round of golf for 4 at Huntingdale Golf Club
- 1 round of golf for 4 at Riversdale Gold Club

We are also lucky enough to have Peter Gigis, one of the directors of Buxton Real Estate Oakleigh conducting the live auctions for us. If you are interested in any of these items but can't make it on the night, be sure to arrange a proxy bidder.

Entry tickets can still be purchased via cash or cheque at the office or by cash only on the night.

There will also be numerous raffles, competitions and silent auctions so be sure to bring lots of real money to bid with!! Cash and cheques accepted on the night or larger purchases can be settled the following week.





'Social Justice Wednesday'

23rd October 2013

Christ Our Holy Redeemer will be holding Social justice Wednesday on the 23rd of October 2013.

This year we will join with Catholic Mission to learn more about the issues of mission and justice and to reach out to help children who are homeless and in desperate need in Mongolia and throughout the world.

On Social Justice Wednesday we will be holding a 'Crazy Sock Day'. We encourage you to wear crazy socks all over your body
What is the most creative way you can wear socks?
To take part in this day we ask for a gold coin donation.



Creator: Rachel Terkelsen
Close at Saturday, 16 August
2014

Social justice Wednesday will also be about helping people in our local community who are in need. Rachel is a Grade 1/2 parent and parishioner and together with Oakleigh Catholic Parishes is participating in the Melbourne Marathon to raise money for asylum seekers living in our local community. The money Rachel raises will be used to buy food, help with housing, medical treatment, travel costs, legal bills and integration assistance.

Rachel will run on Sunday 13th October and we wish her all the best.
This website is a link to Rachel's fundraising page.

<http://melbournemarathon2013.gofundraise.com.au/page/TerkelsenR>

On Social Justice Wednesday we will have our own Christ our Holy Redeemer Mini Marathon and again we ask for a gold coin donation to take part. More details to follow.

Help us to reach our goal of raising \$800.00 to go towards both of these Social Justice events.

'Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path'.

Pope Francis 2013

