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Dear Parents,
 Sunday's Gospel continues on from last week about prayer. Whereas the preceding passage emphasised the need for persistence in prayer, this passage is about the way in which we come before God in prayer. It is the tax collector, whose simple prayer is 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner,' who goes home at rights with God. In this simple prayer, the tax collector recognises that he is not in right relationship with God and asks for God's mercy. The prayer of the tax collector is the most honest of prayers. We can be encouraged that our prayer can be simple and not complicated.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION SOCIAL NIGHT

Last Friday night's "Rotary Oakleigh COHR Stakes" was a great success – even though 'Captain Coggers' didn't take out the main race of the night! More importantly, it was successful because parents rallied around and supported the wonderful effort of Brigid Boyce. Besides being lots of fun, the night raised just under \$6000. Once again THANKS to all who contributed to the night.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

The school will be closed on Monday 4th November. Staff will commence planning our curriculum for 2014 on the day.

WORLD TEACHERS DAY

Internationally World Teachers' Day is celebrated on the first Friday in October. However as this is usually during Australian school holidays, Australia celebrates the day on the last Friday in October of each year.

Celebrated in over 100 countries World Teachers' Day acknowledges the efforts of teachers. It is a day on which students, parents and community members can demonstrate their appreciation for the contributions that teachers have made in the classroom and to their community.

We can be proud of the wonderful and enthusiastic staff that we have here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer.

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY ~ Wednesday 16th October

Thank you for your participation in last week's Walk-to-School. The Environment captains (Tiffany & Gemma) collected some data about the day:

- Prep 'H' 62% of the class walked all or part of the way
- Prep 'D' 60% of the class walked all or part of the way
- 1/2 'G' 69% of the class walked all or part of the way
- 1/2 'SP' 61% of the class walked all or part of the way
- 1/2 'W' 88% of the class walked all or part of the way
- 3/4 'EP' 76% of the class walked all or part of the way
- 3/4 'JP' 84% of the class walked all or part of the way
- 3/4 'S' 72% of the class walked all or part of the way
- 5/6 'CS' 100% of the class walked all or part of the way
- 5/6 'K' 61% of the class walked all or part of the way
- 5/6 'P' 75% of the class walked all or part of the way

The following children walked the following number of steps:

- Prep 'H' Anna 1370 steps
- Prep 'D' Jessica 1479 steps
- 1/2 'G' Bridie 1122 steps
- 1/2 'SP' Claudia 702 steps
- 1/2 'W' Lucia 2334 steps
- 3/4 'L' Christian 1028 steps
- 3/4 'JP' Nicholas 1548 steps
- 3/4 'S' Tom 301 steps
- 5/6 'CS' Lawson 5176 steps
- 5/6 'K' Maddie 2060 steps
- 5/6 'P' Danielle 593 steps

FETE COMMITTEE

Please note: The Fete Committee (2014) meeting will now be held **tonight** 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.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Pick up a pre-loved uniform to get you through until the end of the year. All items less than \$5.

Second hand uniform sale next Wednesday 30th October before school and from 3-3.30pm.

*Please bring any unwanted uniform items before next Tuesday.

TERM FOUR DATES

<u>October</u>	
Friday 25 th	World Teachers' Day
<u>November</u>	
Friday 1 st	Feast of All Saints
Saturday 2 nd	Feast of All Souls
Monday 4 th	School closure day
Tuesday 5 th	Melbourne Cup holiday
Wednesday 13 th	Prep (2014) Parent meeting
Wednesday 20 th	Prep Orientation
	Public Speaking finals
	Parents' Association meeting
Wednesday 27 th	Prep Orientation
	Education Board meeting
<u>December</u>	
Friday 6 th	Christmas Party/Carols in the Park
Thursday 12 th	Yr 6 Graduation Mass & Dinner
Friday 13 th	Reports sent home
Monday 16 th	Parent/teacher interviews
Tuesday 17 th	End of Year School Mass
	Year 6 Assembly
Thursday 19 th	Children dismissed at 2:30pm

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE – Letter from Cherie

I would like to take this opportunity to clear up a few things that may have been misleading.

I have not left the program. I have been asked to assist a program whose coordinator had left and I have been working with their new staff member during her transition.

I am now back every morning and as of next week will be back Monday and Friday until the end of November. I will then be back full time.

I am very sorry for the miscommunication and confusion that has occurred and will work closer with the school community in ensuring that parents and families are better informed.

Are you good enough to ride in the Melbourne Cup? Do you know how to pick the winner? We are now taking expressions of interest for Monday 4th November, Melbourne Cup Eve. Please speak to Cherie and staff at the program or call Cherie on 0412 958 603.

Join us next week for a spooky good time as we have fun with ghosts, goblins and monsters.

CHILD TAX OFFSET

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the 'Child Tax Offset' and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

Have you missed out on thousands of dollars?

If your child was born between **1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004** you may be eligible to receive up to \$12,500 of entitlements.

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.

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DOLLARMITES BANKING

Simply make two or more school banking deposits from 21st October to 30th November and you will automatically be entered into the competition.

Just by saving you could win one of these great prizes:

60 x Apple iPod touch 16GB

100 x Adventure DVD Pack including Despicable Me, Despicable Me 2 and HOP

ASYLUM SEEKERS 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.