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
October
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
Parents’ Association meeting
Public Speaking finals
Education Board meeting

Wednesday 27th
Prep Orientation

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,

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 and better informed.

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.

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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