Dear Parents,

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church’s liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week’s reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today’s gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent. This must have seemed bad news for the disciples. I can imagine that those many thousands who are suffering in the Philippines must be wondering what the future holds for them. Feelings of desolation, depression and despair may be overtaking them. This is understandable and tragic. In such circumstances hope is vital. St Augustine tells us hope is based on the justice God wants in this world, and will see done in the next. Let us pray that those presently suffering may be given signs of hope by the level of assistance that is beginning to filter in to the affected areas and towns. St Thomas Aquinas teaches us that hope, along with faith and love, is one of the prongs in the anchor of Christian belief. No matter how stormy are the waters, how much we are tossed and buffeted by life’s winds, this anchor keeps us rooted in God until calmer seas return. Hope is about holding on, come what may.

PREP ORIENTATION
Next year’s prep children have been invited to attend on Wednesday 20th and Wednesday 27th of November between 11:45 and 1:00. Parents are asked to bring the children to the Hall and they will be taken by staff to the classrooms for some activities. Parents are most welcome to remain in the Hall for a ‘cuppa.’

LUNCH ORDERS
Lunch orders will be available from Classroom Cuisine on Fridays for the remainder of the Term – commencing tomorrow. If promising, we will offer lunch orders on both Monday and Friday next year.

NEXT WEEK’S VALUE
Next week we are continuing to focus on respect – this time ‘Listening with Respect.’

CAR PARK
Once again I’m asking that we take care and show patience in the carpark. Next week I will attach some ‘Car Parking Protocols’ that the Education Board have worked on developing with the assistance of some interested parents.

PUBLIC SPEAKING
It has been wonderful to see and hear the Year 3 – 6 students working so diligently on writing their speeches and practising their public speaking skills. I think that we can be proud of all the children for their enthusiasm and willingness to ‘have a go.’

COHR MARKET NIGHT
Don’t forget the save the date for the COHR Market Night. When: Thursday November 28th Time: 6:30 – 9.30pm Place: Christ Our Holy Redeemer School Hall All profits raised from the night will be donated to the Peter Mac Callum Cancer Centre

FAMILY TENNIS DAY
Holy Redeemer Tennis Club will be hosting a family tennis day on Sunday 17th November from 2-4pm. All invited to join for a fun day.

ASYLUM SEEKERS GALA NIGHT
A huge thank you to all who volunteered their time to help out at the Asylum Seeker Gala Dinner on Saturday night. Almost 350 people attended raising $13,549.15 for the Sacred Heart Asylum Seeker Charity to be used for food, clothing, housing, medical treatment and general integration costs for asylum seekers living in our local community.

CONDOLENCES
Are thoughts and prayers are with the McKeown family (Holly 5/6K & Abbey 1/2G) on the sad loss of their Aunty last week.

TERM FOUR DATES

November
Wednesday 20th Prep Orientation
Public Speaking finals
Parents’ Association meeting
Wednesday 27th Prep Orientation
Education Board meeting
Market Night

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
Christ Our Holy Redeemer

Night Market

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THURSDAY
28TH NOVEMBER
6.30PM - 9.30PM
SCHOOL HALL

$2 ENTRY
STALLS
BAR
TAPAS
X-MAS SHOPPING
RAFFLES

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