Dear Parents,

Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and the commencement of a new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year A and features the Gospel of Matthew. (Year B features the Gospel of Mark and Year C, that we have just completed, features the Gospel of Luke). Matthew’s Gospel was written sometime in the 80s, approximately fifty years after the death and resurrection of Jesus. The two important feasts – Easter and Christmas are preceded by periods of preparation Lent (for Easter) and Advent (for Christmas). Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. One of the major symbols of the Advent season is the wreath. The encircling wreath is symbolic of God without beginning or end and the green foliage represents our hope in God. There are usually five candles in the wreath, a central white candle representing the light of Christ that came into the world and then four outside candles that are usually purple and rose coloured. The first candle is generally symbolic of Hope and Expectation. The third candle – the rose or pink candle – celebrates the Joy that is anticipated in the coming of Christ. The progressive lighting of the candles marks the journey towards the Nativity.

Amidst the signs of Christmas and toys we too need to be reminded that the focus of this time is Jesus. He can be lost amidst the glitter and excitement if we are not attentive.

COHR MARKET NIGHT –Tonight
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

UNALLOCATED SCHOOL FEES
We have had an amount of money deposited into our school account presumably for school fees. Unfortunately there was no name as a reference. If you have deposited into our account in the last week please contact the office.

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

RUNNING CLUB
There will be NO running club tomorrow morning as Mrs Tobin will be out for the day at a conference.

SCHOOL FEES
A reminder that all school fees for 2013 need to be finalised.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY –Friday 6th December
Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on the Oval on Friday 6th December between 5:00pm and 7:30pm. This is an opportunity for our school community to get together as the school year draws to a close. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and Jumping Castle ... and (possibly) a special visitor!

CAROLS IN THE PARK – Friday 6th December
Our School Choir will be singing at the annual Carols in the Park at Warrawee Park. They are scheduled to sing around 7:30pm.

NEXT WEEK’S VALUE
Next week we are concentrating on using respectful body language.

CONDOLENCES
Our thoughts and prayers are with the Capomolla family (Daniel 5/6P, Annalese 3/4S & Jessica PrepD) whose Grandfather passed away recently.

TERM FOUR DATES
November
Thursday 28th Market Night
December
Friday 6th Christmas Party/Carols in the Park
Thursday 12th Yr 6 Graduation Mass 6:30pm & Dinner
Friday 13th Reports sent home
Monday 16th Parent/teacher interviews
Tuesday 17th End of Year School Mass 9am
Thursday 19th Children dismissed at 2:30pm

CAR PARKING
Please note that exiting the school especially at pickup and drop off times is strictly via Ferntree Gully Road exit.

With best wishes,

Thomas Coghlan
PRINCIPAL

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY
The Parish requires children to take part in the Christmas Nativity on Christmas Eve, time to be confirmed but it’s usually at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7.00pm. The children will also learn Christmas hymns; Dawn and Lucy welcome all children who want to take part in this wonderful celebration.
Our Vegie Garden

Our first harvest of lettuce and bok choy made $66. We will use this money to buy more seeds and seedlings next year.
WELLBEING

St Patrick’s Netball Club Murrumbeena
invites players to join our Family Club.
Our Club plays all games on Saturday at Jells Park & train at St
Patrick’s PS, Murrumbeena.
All players welcome to participate in the 2014 Season.
Direct enquiries to the Club Secretary, Sandra Horrigan on 0438
110 370.

MONASH CITY FC GIRLS WANTED ALL AGES
Monash City FC is one of the fastest growing Junior Football Clubs in
Victoria and we aim to;
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juniors and junior players
☒ To lead the way in female football development and club coaching in Victoria
☒ Develop players sporting ability to play at the highest possible level and achieving
their full potential
☒ To foster strong and healthy players through education and training
☒ HAVE FUN!

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For dependents of concession card holders (Pension and Health Care Card), the service is FREE.

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To enroll your child in the program, please call us on 1300 552 509 or email us at Monashlink@monashlink.org.au, and we will offer you the first available appointment with our Dental Therapist. On the completion of dental care, your child will be placed on our recall system. When your child is due for a new check up, a reminder letter will be sent to your home address. Please be sure to let us know if your address or contact details change at any time.

If you or any member of your family are the holder or listed on a Pensioner Concession Card or a Health Care Card, you will be eligible for dental treatment at MonashLink.

If you do not hold a concession Card, MonashLink have a Private Dental Service “Monash Smiles” and a Specialist Orthodontist for all your family dental needs. This service is available week days and Saturday mornings. Hicaps available. For all enquiries please contact us on 1300 552 509

Maintaining your oral health is essential for your child’s general health and well being. Our Dental Therapists recommends that you help your child with the following oral hygiene habits until they are 12 years:

- Brush twice daily (morning & before sleeping)
- Brush for 3 minutes
- Always use a soft bristled toothbrush
- Change your toothbrush every 3 months
- Always floss between all teeth
- Have regular drinks of water after eating
- Always use a fluoride toothpaste