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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2013 school year.

I hope and trust that all families enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and a break from the routine of helping your children be ready for school.

Our school motto of: *'That they may be one'* provides us with a strong sense of community and of coming together to support the children in their learning and development. We will continue to strive to develop a 'safe, nurturing, inclusive school based on acceptance and respect for all and strong Gospel values' (from our School Vision Statement).

I look forward to a very successful year.

Please refer to the school calendar for important dates. These dates will be updated as the year progresses.

ASSEMBLY

There will be a brief assembly tomorrow morning. Regular Friday morning assemblies will commence Friday week.

SCHOOL MASS

We will come together next Thursday 7th February at 9am to celebrate the beginning of the school year. All are very welcome to join with us at Mass.

LUNCH ORDERS

Following the positive response to our survey late last year we have opted to use Classroom Cuisine as our lunch order service.

All orders must be placed on line before 8.30am. School have no access to the service and **will not** be able to place late orders.

Presently lunch orders may be ordered for Mondays.

Please refer to the attached flyer.

SCHOOL HATS

A reminder that children are required to have their school hats for recess, lunchtimes and PE. Please, please ensure hats are clearly named.

HOLIDAY WORKS

During the holidays the wireless network was upgraded. This will enable greatly improved wireless access throughout the school. We also upgraded the school's servers to allow greater capacity to host all our devices.

Also the sails over the Adventure playground were cleaned and repaired.

SCHOOL FEES

Statements for school fees were sent out yesterday for the first instalment.

CONDOLENCES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Gaiardo family (Charlie 3/4S) on the sudden passing of their grandfather (Elissa's father) over the holidays.

2013 STAFFING

Prep 'H'	Tracey Heenan
Prep 'D'	Sue Daly
1/2 'W'	Jo White
1/2 'SP'	Phil Solari (Tues – Fri) & Franca Paduano (Mon)
1/2 'G'	Karen Gosling
3/4 'EP'	Elise Pape
3/4 'S'	Emily Shannon
3/4 'JP'	Jill Palermo
3/4 'L'	Georgina Laming
5/6 'K'	John Killeen
5/6 'P'	Michella Pradel
5/6 'CS'	Antonietta Corp (Wed – Fri) & Jennifer Smith (Mon- Tues)
Student Services	Michelle Seel & Sr Patricia Keogh
LOTE	Marisa Lucia (Tues & Fri)
Performing Arts:	Connie Antenucci (Thurs & Fri)
ICT/Library:	Karen Wakeling (Tues, Thurs & Fri)
PE:	Sue Tobin (Thurs & Fri)
Visual Art:	Karin Dornbierer (Mon)
Chaplain:	Sr Patricia Keogh
Admin Officers:	Virginia Macdonald (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) & Pru Barratt (Tues, Wed)
Integration Aides:	Lorraine Hill
	Sue Jenkins
	Isabelle Georgalas
Principal:	Tom Coghlan

A special a warm welcome to our new staff: Michella Pradel (5/6), Jill Palermo (3/4), Georgina Laming (3/4) and Karen Gosling (1/2), and Isabelle Georgalas (Teacher aide). I know that you will make them feel welcome and at home here at Christ Our Holy Redeemer.

SCHOOL LEADERS

Congratulations to the following children who will be our school leaders in 2013:

School Captains:

Jessica Tod & Fletcher Ford

Sports Captains:

Kinnaird (Blue): Angela Torcasio & Danielle Pontidis

O'Brien (Red): Hayley Ryan & Zac Fisher

Slattery (Green): Macy Dell'Arciprete & Alex Palermo

Watson (Gold): Amelia Skapetis & Lochlan Gallucio

Environment Captains:

Tiffany Vu & Gemma Pisano

ICT Captains:

Peter Hunt & Ned Callander

Social Justice Captains:

Lauren Cleary & Maddie Nolan-Biondic

Arts Captains:

Elena Koutsoubos & Carla Formoso

TIMETABLE

There are a few small changes to the timetable this year. It is as follows:

8:35 – 8:45

8:45 Music to prepare for school

8:50 Bell

8:55 Learning Session One commences

11:10 -11:20 Supervised eating

11:20 – 11:40 Recess

11:40 – 1:10 Learning Session Two

1:10 – 1:20 Supervised eating

1:20 – 2:00 Play

2:00 – 3:30 Learning Session Three

Children are not expected at school before 8:35 as they will not be supervised. They may move into class at 8:45, ready to begin the learning program at 8:55. You will note the recess is 10 minutes later. This enables a slightly longer learning block in the mornings.

SACRAMENTAL & FAITH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Reconciliation:

Children with families may receive the Sacrament on either:

Saturday 16th & 23rd March and Saturday 13th & 20th April

Family Night/Parent Information night: Wednesday 6th March 7pm @ Sacred Heart

Commitment weekend: 24th February ... children receive an Act of Contrition during the Penitential Rite at Mass and return it to school on the Monday.

Confirmation:

Friday 16th August 7pm

Parent Information Night – Thursday 18th July 7pm @ COHR

Commitment Mass – weekend of 21st July ... children receive a scroll of a Creed during Mass when the creed is recited, and return it to school on the Monday

Reflection Day – Wednesday 7th August

Family Workshop – Thursday 8th August

Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates: Thursday 15th August 2pm

Eucharist

Sunday 2nd June – 1pm & 3pm

Parent Information “Talking Mass” – Wednesday 1st May 7pm

Commitment Mass – weekend of 5th May ... children receive the Our Father prayer during Mass and return it to school on the Monday.

Reflection day – Wednesday 29th May

Family Workshop – Thursday 30th May

Reconciliation for First Eucharist children – Thursday 30th May after 9am Mass

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2013

TERM ONE

January

Tuesday 29th Staff return

Wednesday 30th Years 1 – 6 commence
‘O’ Week commences

Thursday 31st Preps commence; Morning tea in Hall

February

Monday 4th ‘I Can Dance’ incursion

Thursday 7th Whole School Mass – 9am
Family Fish’n’Chip night

Monday 11th Parent chat

Tuesday 12th Parent chat

Wednesday 13th Ash Wednesday

Thursday 14th Education Board

Sunday 17th 1st Sunday of Lent

Thursday 21st Parent Information evening

Sunday 24th Yr3 Reconciliation commitment Mass

Wednesday 27th Parent Association AGM

March

Friday 1st Catholic Secondary enrolment due

Monday 4th School Photos

Wednesday 6th Parent Information night 7pm
Sacred Heart

Friday 8th School closure day

Monday 11th Labour Day public holiday

Thursday 14th Education Board

Saturday 16th Reconciliation (Yr 3)

Thursday 21st Harmony day

Saturday 23rd Reconciliation (Yr 3)

Sunday 24th Palm Sunday

Monday 25th School Sports day – Duncan MacKinnon

Wednesday 27th Parents Association

Thursday 28th Holy Thursday; Easter holidays – school finishes 2:30pm

TERM TWO

April

Wednesday 17th Yr 5/6 Camp

Wednesday 24th Open day; Parents Association

Thursday 25th ANZAC day holiday

May

Wednesday 1st Walk-a-thon; hot Dog day; Parents Association
Eucharist Night – parent information

Friday 3rd Working Bee

Sunday 5th Eucharist commitment Mass

Wednesday 8th Family Faith night

Thursday 9th Education Board

Sunday 12th Mothers’ day

Tuesday 14th NAPLAN – Yr3 & Yr5

Wednesday 15th NAPLAN – Yr3 & Yr5

Thursday 16th NAPLAN – Yr3 & Yr5

Sunday 19th Pentecost Sunday
 Wednesday 22nd Parents Association
 Wednesday 29th Yr4 Eucharist reflection day
 Thursday 30th Eucharist Family Workshop

June

Friday 7th School closure day
 Monday 10th Queen's birthday public holiday
 Wednesday 12th Power of One incursion
 Thursday 13th Education Board
 Friday 21st Mid-year Reports sent home
 Tuesday 25th Parent/teacher interviews – 4pm-6pm
 Wednesday 26th Parent/teacher interviews – 3pm-6pm
 School finishes at 2:30 for interviews
 Friday 28th End of term 2:30pm

TERM THREE

July

Monday 15th Term 3 commences
 Thursday 18th Confirmation Parent information night
 Sunday 21st Confirmation commitment Mass
 Tuesday 23rd Grandparents day
 Wednesday 24th Parents Association
 Friday 26th Working Bee

August

Wednesday 7th Yr6 Confirmation Reflection day
 Thursday 8th Feast of Mary MacKillop;
 Confirmation Family night
 Thursday 15th Feast of Assumption of Mary
 Friday 16th Confirmation 7pm
 Monday 19th Book Week "Read across the Universe"
 Wednesday 28th Parents Association

September

Thursday 12th Education Board
 Thursday 19th Concert
 Friday 20th End of term 2:30

TERM FOUR

October

Monday 7th Term 4 commence
 Thursday 10th Education Board
 Wednesday 16th Walk to School day
 Wednesday 23rd Parents Association
 Thursday 24th COHR Feast day – Mass 9am

November

Monday 4th School closure day
 Tuesday 5th Melbourne Cup holiday
 Wednesday 13th Prep (2014) Parent meeting
 Wednesday 20th Prep Orientation; Final public speaking
 Wednesday 27th Prep Orientation; Parents Association
 Thursday 28th Education Board

December

Friday 6th Christmas Party
 Monday 9th Student Leaders election
 Thursday 12th Graduation Mass & Dinner
 Friday 13th Student leaders announced at Assembly; Reports sent home
 Tuesday 17th End of year Mass; Yr6 Assembly 2:30
 Thursday 19th End of term 2:30

January 2014

Wednesday 29th School resumes

With Best Wishes

Tom Coghlan
 PRINCIPAL

MCNAMARA TENNIS

Enrol now for tennis lessons at Holy Redeemer Primary School.
 WHO: All age groups and standards/MLC hotshots for beginners 10 years and under.
 WHEN: Before school and Saturday mornings.
 Mums tennis program mid week AM
 Private lessons by arrangement for children and adults
 WHERE: Holy Redeemer tennis club
 PHONE: David McNamara (Tennis Australia Club Professional) HOME: 9803 5754
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