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

LOT
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 Pisanò
ICT Captains:  
Peter Hunt & Ned Callander  
Social Justice Captains:  
Lauren Cleary & Maddie Nolan-Blondic  
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  
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
Wednesday 22nd
Wednesday 29th
Thursday 30th

Pentecost Sunday
Parents Association
Yr4 Eucharist reflection day
Eucharist Family Workshop

June
Friday 7th
Monday 10th
Wednesday 12th
Thursday 13th
Friday 21st
Tuesday 25th
Wednesday 26th
Friday 28th

School closure day
Queen’s birthday public holiday
Power of One incursion
Education Board
Mid-year Reports sent home
Parent/teacher interviews – 4pm-6pm
Parent/teacher interviews – 3pm-6pm
End of term 2:30pm

TERM THREE
July
Monday 15th
Thursday 18th
Sunday 21st
Tuesday 23rd
Wednesday 24th
Friday 26th

Term 3 commences
Confirmation Parent information night
Confirmation commitment Mass
Grandparents day
Parents Association
Working Bee

August
Wednesday 7th
Thursday 8th
Thursday 15th
Friday 16th
Monday 19th
Wednesday 28th

Yr6 Confirmation Reflection day
Feast of Mary MacKillop; Confirmation Family night
Feast of Assumption of Mary
Confirmation 7pm
Book Week “Read across the Universe”
Parents Association

September
Thursday 12th
Thursday 19th
Friday 20th

Education Board
Concert
End of term 2:30

TERM FOUR
October
Monday 7th
Thursday 10th
Wednesday 16th
Wednesday 23rd
Thursday 24th

Term 4 commence
Education Board
Walk to School day
Parents Association
COHR Feast day – Mass 9am

November
Monday 4th
Tuesday 5th
Wednesday 13th
Wednesday 20th
Wednesday 27th
Thursday 28th

School closure day
Melbourne Cup holiday
Prep (2014) Parent meeting
Prep Orientation; Final public speaking
Prep Orientation;
Parents Association
Education Board

December
Friday 6th
Monday 9th
Thursday 12th
Friday 13th
Tuesday 17th
Thursday 19th

Christmas Party
Student Leaders election
Graduation Mass & Dinner
Student leaders announced at Assembly; Reports sent home
End of year Mass; Yr6 Assembly 2:30
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
MOBILE: 0413 058 876