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Dear Parents,

Sunday's Gospel – the parable of the Prodigal Son – is perhaps the most famous and well known. It is also very appropriate in this time of Lent as our Year 3 children prepare to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In Luke's Gospel there are three well known parables the Prodigal Son and two other shorter parables – the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin. The Gospel of Luke – more so than any of the others – has a very strong focus on the message of Jesus being addressed to and welcomed by the outcasts and marginalised; in other words, the 'lost' of his society. Rather than being embarrassed by the accusation that he ate with sinners, Jesus would have worn those words like a badge of honour. It was exactly what his mission and ministry was all about – being one with the poor; the outcast; the sinful; the lost. The three parables, and particularly the parable of the prodigal son, demonstrate the joy of a loving God when one who was lost returns. The extravagant welcome the prodigal son receives from his father is symbolic of the extravagance of God's love that will be poured out for any 'sinner' who returns to God. The image near the conclusion of the parable – with the father arms outstretched and hands open - is very similar to our school's symbol. Let us reach out to others in our community who may need our friendship and support.



SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY – FRIDAY 8th MARCH

Tomorrow, Friday – 8th March staff will participate in a professional learning day. The main focus of the day will be the new National curriculum; in particular we will be looking at the English curriculum.

PARENT HELPERS PROGRAM

There are two separate sessions for parents wishing to assist in the classroom. The first for new parent helpers is on Wednesday 20th March at 2:30pm until 3:30pm. The second – for parents wishing to help out in grades 1 – 6 will be on Wednesday 27th March from 2:30pm until 3:30pm. Any parent wishing to assist with the children is asked to obtain a Working with Children's Check.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

At COHR our second hand uniform sales are obtained from donated items. These items are then sold for between \$2 - \$6. If you have any items that you no longer require, your donation would be gratefully accepted. We will be holding a uniform sale before the end of term 1.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to John and Elisha Killeen on the arrival of their second daughter Willow Harriett last Friday.

SPORTS DAY

Our Annual Sports day will be held on Monday 25th March at Duncan MacKinnon Reserve (corner of South and Murrumbeena Roads). The children will be dismissed at 1:10pm to enable the sports to commence at 3:30. As you may be aware, the grandstand has been demolished, so it will be the case of parents needing to bring their own chairs. The Parents' Association will once again organize a BBQ and drinks. It is expected the Sports will conclude around 7pm.

DATES

March

- 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

With Best Wishes

Tom Coghlan
 PRINCIPAL

SWIMMING

Congratulations to the children who participated in the swimming trials on Thursday 21st Feb at 7am. You all performed well and we were very proud of your efforts. We were able to send to Division Level 9/10 girls freestyle team

- Julia Kendall
- Sienna Dal Santo Fusco
- Holly McKeown
- Ruby Ford

9/10 boys freestyle team

- Will Iverson
- Will Bancovich
- Jonah Guergues
- Theo Makrogiannidis

Will Bancovich represented the District in 9/10 backstroke and came 2nd so he will go on to the next level. We wish Will every success tomorrow.

Yours in sport
 Sue Tobin.

AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the After School Care. Due to the increase of numbers, we are now requiring families to book in as early as possible for care on any day in order for the appropriate staff to child ratio. 24 hours would be ideal, staff understand that this is not always possible. Thank you from staff and management.

AFL OAKLEIGH AUSKICK

Oakleigh Auskick commences the 2013 season on Saturday 6th April and continues each Saturday morning until 31st August. Oakleigh Auskick operates throughout the school holidays. Starting time is 9am with the younger groups finishing at 10.30am and the older groups finishing at 11am. Girls and Boys from 5-12 years are eligible. Children must be at least 5 years of age to register with Auskick.

Venue: Oakleigh South Primary School Riley St South Oakleigh

Please Note – this year AFL Auskicks are unable to accept and process registrations and payments manually at the venue, this must be done on-line at www.aflauskick.com.au. The cost is \$80 for the season plus \$2.78 fee charged by the on-line service provider. If you register before Monday 15th April you will receive a bonus of two adult and 2 children's AFL match tickets. Auskickers also receive a backpack, football, cap, footy cards and other goodies when they register. Backpacks will be available to be collected on Sat 23rd March (9 – 11am). or of a Saturday morning throughout the season. Families are required to assist with the running of the program and a roster system applies. Experienced Group Leader/Coaches oversee the program.

Oakleigh Auskick Coordinator

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CHILDRENS CHOIR

The Children's Church Choir practice began on Thursday 28th Feb straight after school. Lucy Rogers will pick up the children in the school foyer straight after school on Thursday and bring them to the church. All children are welcome to participate. Parents are very welcome to stay during practice or must pick up their children by 4.15pm from the church. The children will be taught to sing by Dawn D'Monte a singing and music teacher and Lucy Rogers her assistant.

MATHS IN 1/2G



In 1/2G we have been learning about breaking up numbers. We have made bags with different numbers in them to help us break up the numbers. Here is what we discovered:



Amelia and Ellen “We found out that $10 + 5 + 5 + 5 = 25$ and $20 + 5 = 25$ ”



Monica and Thomas “We made $5 + 5 + 2 = 12$ and $10 + 2 = 12$ ”

Gisele and Bridie “We made $20 + 1 = 21$ and $10 + 10 + 1 = 21$ ”

Jonathan and Andreas “We found out that $20 + 3 = 23$ and $10 + 10 + 3 = 23$ ”

Niki and Elias “We made $40 + 20 + 7 = 70$ and $70 + 7 = 70$ ”

