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As I sat in the car, not knowing what to do, I commenced proof reading the Early Learning Program the Early Childhood Team had formulated. The program details the importance of developing the whole child as well as catering for the needs of each individual student in the early childhood years. This program encompasses the importance of play as well as many other areas.

I proceeded to read an article Mrs Chelsea Deluca had sent me on the importance of play and how early academics does not strengthen the young child’s development, but can instead undermine it. I realise I have raised this point in previous newsletters, but the more I read about the importance of play in schools, the more I am convinced it’s imperative we have the ‘play’ environments set up in the early childhood areas.

For those of us, and I am including myself, who believe formalised education is important for the children to develop their skills and knowledge, there is a place for explicit teaching, individualised programs, and formal learning. It isn’t just about fun and games in the younger years, it’s about learning, but learning through play based environments.

For those of you interested in in reading the article, please follow the link below:


Also attached to this newsletter is the Early Learning Program.

Wedding:
On behalf of the school community, I would like to wish Ms Laura Gotti and her fiancé Michael all the best as they tie the knot on Saturday, 16th May, at St Lawrence Church Balcatta, at 2.00pm. Ms Gotti will be known as Mrs Dawson when she returns after her honeymoon.

In reference to the above, Laura will absent from school from Thursday 14th May until her return on Wednesday, 27th May. The wonderful Mrs Trish Dawson (I don’t think they will be related through marriage) will be the relief teacher in Year 1 during Laura’s absence.

Laura and Michael, may the Sacrament of Marriage bring you all the joys and happiness in life. We look forward to your return in a couple of weeks.

Uniforms:
The children have been given a two week grace period this term before the winter uniform becomes compulsory. We’re now in week 3 and have noticed a number of students still wearing the school’s summer uniform as well as incorrect sports uniforms/sports shoes.

I formally request that all students now wear the school’s winter uniform as well as the correct shoes, sports shoes, and sports uniform. All staff members have been asked to monitor this more closely. Any queries please refer to the on-line uniform policy or liaise with your child’s classroom teacher.
Camp:
I will be heading down to camp on Wednesday to visit the Year 6 students. I’m looking forward to speaking to the students about what they have been up to and seeing the camp photos. I am certain Mr Potito will upload the photos when he returns from camp.

Undercover Area Access:
Please be advised that the undercover area is out of bounds, including parents. If you have a pram, and you have parked your vehicle on Milne St, the only access to the school is at the main entrance on Milne St. The staff have noticed a number of parents with prams accessing the lift from the undercover area. The builder has been advised and will be blocking off the areas by the end of the week.

In the interests of Occupational Health & Safety, I request all families do not access the canteen nor the lift, via the undercover area. I apologise for the inconvenience but the safety of all community members is of my greatest concern.

Double parking and Mounting Kerbs/Damaging Sprinklers:
Over the last few weeks, the office has been receiving phone calls from upset neighbours on Milne St. Apparently parents have been double parked, have been mounting kerbs and in the process damaging sprinklers. I once again request, as I have done so many times before, for all parents not to illegally double park their vehicles or park on verges. The neighbours have called the rangers and he/she will no doubt be visiting the area(s) in the near future, to issue infringement notices.

Mother’s day Morning Tea:
Reminder that this Friday after our Mother’s Day Mass, we invite all Mums/Grandmothers for morning tea in the Church hall.

Greg Martin
GREG MARTIN
Principal
Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be closed this Friday, 8th May, 2015, due to the Mother’s Day Mass/morning Tea.

Please also be advised that the following items are still on backorder:

Black Track Jackets (ETA 1/6/15)
Size 8 Polo Shirts (ETA 8/6/15)

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Kathleen Ziino & Tammy Doyle
Uniform Shop Co-ordinators

Scholastic Bookclub

Thank you to all those families who went on-line and ordered their Scholastic books from Issue Three. ORDERS NEED TO BE PLACED BY WEDNESDAY 6th MAY.

Can I please remind all families that the school no longer puts in the orders or accepts any payments (cash, cheque or credit card!). ALL ORDERS ARE NOW MADE AND PAID FOR ON-LINE BY THE FAMILY.

All you need to do is go to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or you can download the app.

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Leesa Vinciullo
Bookclub Co-ordinator
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Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Please direct all enquiries relating to OSHC to our OSHC Supervisor - Rebecca Shaw on 9208 2723 or email oshc@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au

Netball News

Emeralds had a Loss
Diamonds won against The Pearlers
Opals drew with St Maria Goretti
Pearls lost against Redcliffe Rascals
Sapphires lost against St Maria Goretti
Next P&F meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 12th May
In the Library.

SAVE THE DATE!
Bogan Bingo
Friday 7th August, 2015

Bunning’s Sausage Sizzle

St Columba’s is holding a sausage sizzle at Bunnings Morley on **Sunday 17th May** to raise money towards upgrading the IT facilities within the school.

Bunnings have given us the whole day to sell as many sausages as we can but we need lots of help!

We need volunteers to help out for a couple of hours so if you’re free between 8am-4.30pm we’d really appreciate the support. It’s a lot of fun and a great way to meet other parents!

There’s a roster on the window outside Greg’s office.

If you can’t help out on the day but you’re available to collect supplies in the week leading up to the event we’d love to hear from you! Email me, abbie@cathode.com.au or the P & F fundraising rep Steven Vincuillo— slvin@iinet.net.au

Thanks for your support!
Abbie Ehrhardt
Mother’s Day 2015

For in its origin, inspiration and intent, this day touches upon the deepest truths of our religious tradition. As we are reminded on this day, the most powerful gift that any mother can give is this sense that we are loved unconditionally. This is what each of us needs. Yet it's what only a few of us have experienced fully even in the most loving mothers. But what we have seen in part in a mother’s love, we see fully in the love of God. And its that love which supports and inspires us as we struggle to make God's love and God's justice real not only for ourselves and for our families, but for all the peoples of the world.

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility;
for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;
for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;
for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;
for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;
for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;
for those who have children they do not want;
for those who raise children on their own;
for those who have lost a child;
for those who care for the children of others;
for those whose children have left home;
and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,
and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,
living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others.

Amen.
Happy Mother’s Day

Jennifer Maughan

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Canteen News


**Term 2 Roster**

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There are still lots of days that require parent help for this term. Parents can add their name to the roster via the above website. Any queries please contact Sheryl Milonas in the Canteen.
Pastoral Care Raffle

Term rosters are placed on the classroom door and printed in the weekly newsletter for you to check when your child/children are due to donate the prize (one prize donated per child a year) for their class. The idea is to provide a small gift (eg book, puzzle, pencils etc) to the value of $5.

The child rostered to donate a prize is required to hand the prize to the class teacher on the morning.

Tickets are 20c each, with a maximum of 3 tickets.

Your participation and continued support is greatly appreciated.

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Happy Birthday!

Noah Smith  
PPW

Ruby Shanahan  
3W

Sienna Migliore  
3G

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Week 2  
(1/5/15)

Year 1 Green  
Week 3 No Raffle
Week 4 Chloe Byatt

Year 1 White  
Week 3 No Raffle
Week 4 Lucas Antonio

Year 2 Green  
Week 3 No Raffle
Week 4 Owen Peters

Year 2 White  
Week 3 No Raffle
Week 4 Sienna Ross

Year 1 Green  
Week 3 No Raffle
Week 4 Norah Hammond

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AND

Year 3 Green  
Week 3 No Raffle
Week 4 Alexandra Chernova

Year 3 White  
Week 3 No raffle
Week 4 Lachlan Marshall

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Week 3  
(8/5/15)

Year 2 White  
Week 3 No Raffle
Week 4 Bayla Ahuja

Year 4  
Week 3 No Raffle
Week 4 Sebastian Car

Year 5  
Week 3 No Raffle
Week 4 Stella Ashley

Year 6  
Week 3 No Raffle
Week 4 Rachel Askey

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***************Book Raffle**************
**Community News**

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**Mercedes College**

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Sunday, 17th May 2015 / 11.00am – 1.30pm

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**FUNDRAISING AND FRIENDRAISING** is the theme of this year's AGM and mini conference, being held at St Peter’s Catholic Primary School, 103 Wood Street, Inglewood on **Wednesday 27th May 2015** from 5pm-8.30pm.

We have **Mandy Weidmann**, CEO, The Fundraising Directory coming from Queensland to speak to us on how creative fundraising builds strong communities. The Fundraising Directory book will be complimentary for each parent who attends the evening.

We also have **Allan Blagaich**, CEO, School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA), coming to outline the changes to the curriculum from pre-primary to year 12. Allan is a wonderfully engaging speaker and is very happy to answer any questions you may have. We promise to squeeze the formalities of the AGM between our two guest speakers.

Light supper and drinks will be provided and there is plenty of on-site parking available. For more information and to register please go to [http://pffwa.eventbrite.com.au/](http://pffwa.eventbrite.com.au/) Registration is free for parents of affiliated schools, however everyone is welcome to attend. Please register for catering purposes by Friday 22nd May.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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Classifieds

Advertising space available!

$50.00 per term
for a business card-sized ad.

Contact admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au with your pdf and to arrange payment to the P&F.

Giving Back to the community.
As a past Parent of St Columba's, I know how important Fundraising is.
The following is my way of giving back to the school.
I will donate $50.00 to St Columba's Fundraising, upon the Settlement of each home that is listed with me through Parents, Friends or Family members.

I love my job as a Licensed Real Estate Agent

Kind Regards,
Dianne Sobelko

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