Reflections on Mercy

Brief reflections on mercy and concrete suggestions of how we can live out the mercy that God offers us all. These are perfect for busy days since they help us to slow down for just a few minutes and think about the gifts God has blessed us with and how we can share them.

What does mercy look like through the eyes of another person? We know how we would like people to act with mercy toward us, but what is mercy to a family member, our co-worker, or the person we walk by every day? For each of us, there are particular things that are meaningful to us and speak to our need for mercy. In spite of these differences, we are still able to minister to one another, because the love of God surpasses our differences and draws us all into the one Body of Christ. In order to show others the love of God through acts of mercy and compassion, we need to be attentive to their needs and the way in which God is working in their lives.

1. Volunteer some of your time this month at a place where you will meet a variety of people—for instance, a local community centre or a homeless shelter. Though everyone might have different needs, all are searching for the love and mercy of God. Reflect on the way your need for God’s love is similar to their need for God’s love.

2. Spend some time talking with a younger or older relative or friend. Sometimes we ignore those whose perspective on life is different or far removed from ours (being much younger or much older than us). Listen to what is important to them, recognizing God’s love acting in their life and the way in which you can best act with mercy and compassion toward them.

Be Allergy Aware!

Families are reminded that St. Columba’s is an Allergy-friendly school. Please DO NOT bring nuts or nut by-products onto the school grounds. Some of the foods to avoid are Muesli Bars with peanuts, Nutella products, peanut butter and any other foods containing traces of nuts.
Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

For all enquiries and bookings please call Jess on 9208 2723, or email: oshc@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will be open every Wednesday at 1.00pm to 2.30pm. Order forms can be found on the website. Orders can be paid for at the office, by cash/cheque/eftpos, and placed in the locked box just outside the office. Any orders that cannot be picked up from the uniform shop on Wednesday’s, can be picked up on a Friday morning between 9.00am and 9.30am. NO PURCHASES can be made at this time. Orders cannot be left at the office for collection. You will be notified when the order is ready to be picked up.

As of Term 3, uniform shop prices have been revised. An updated order form/price list can be found on the website.

Save the Date

Please put 28 October 2016 into your diaries. The P&F will be holding their annual fundraising night and this year we will be celebrating the 80’s (style, movies anything 80’s you have).
The entertainment this year will be the band 80’s Inc. So save the date and start getting those outfits prepared.

Next P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held Tuesday 16 August. Hope to see you there.

St Columba’s Parent Group

All parents are invited to join the St Columba’s Parents Group for our second meeting on Tuesday, 26th July at 1.30pm (not the 19th as previously advertised). We will meet in the Parish hall. All parents are welcome, and if you have young children then please feel free to bring them along.

Please let Fr Minh-Thuy or myself know if you have any queries, Michelle Hofmann (stcolumbasparentsgroup@gmail.com).
Here’s more from Michael Grose for families in our community with younger children

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Tips for parents to behave at kids’ sport

www.parentingideas.com.au

There is nothing like kids’ sport to bring out the worst in parents. Whether it’s parent meddling with coaches; abusing the opposition; giving advice to the officials; or simply being super-competitive it seems that it’s parents, not the players, game plans or tactics that keep junior sports coaches awake at night, and potentially away from continuing in their volunteer roles.

If you’re a parent who can relate to any of the above, here’s some advice guaranteed to help:

1. Get a job

Junior sport is run by volunteers so there is no shortage of jobs. My coaching mates tell me that parents who are volunteers rarely behave poorly. Presumably, this is due to the fact that they see the bigger picture i.e. that children can play sport for many different reasons including to make friends, be part of a team and have fun. While winning increases in importance the older kids become most participants see well beyond winning as reasons for sports participation. So if you struggle to contain yourself at your child’s sport then it’s simple - volunteer to help. Even offer your services as a coach.
2. Watch someone else’s child

One of the biggest problems with junior sport is that most parents tend to focus on their own children. While their eyes are firmly focused on their child they dissect every move their youngster makes. Sound familiar, if so I suggest you are taking your role as a parent too far. Better to keep it simple. That is, encourage your child’s participation; provide the means for them to participate well; and encourage them to behave well toward participants on both sides. If you struggle with this, then I suggest that you start tracking another child’s form for a game or two – any child, but your own. This may help you take your child’s sport less personally and enjoy it for what it is – a healthy endeavour that should be enjoyable for everyone.

3. Say this

If you find yourself offering your child plenty of well-meaning advice before, during and after a game you may actually be turning your child off sport. It’s the coach’s job to coach and mentor, while it’s your role to support your child and, of course, the coach. That’s a great formula for success. Rather than give advice say, “I love to watch you play.” It’s a simple statement of approval that says to your child “I don’t care how well you play. I just love the fact that you are taking part.”

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Canteen

Attached to this newsletter is an updated Canteen Menu for Term 3, along with a ‘What’s New to the Canteen’ flyer. Please also note that as from Term 3 there will be no Eftpos available in the Canteen.

We are in urgent need to helpers for term 3. Please add your name to the roster via www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

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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 (e.g., 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 are greatly appreciated.

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  Scarlett Francis
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  - PP White Week 2 William Buckley
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  - Year 3 Green Week 2 Caleb High
  - Year 3 White Week 2 Holly De Luca
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  - Year 4 White Week 2 Oliver Coates
  - Year 5 Week 2 Angus Dodd
  - Year 6 Week 2 Tobey Grant

Pastoral Care Raffle

Week 1 No Raffle
And
Week 2 (29/7/16)
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