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A huge thank you to Eugene Potito, for once again coordinating the celebration, and all the other staff members who were involved behind the scenes. Thank you also to the Year 3-5 students who attended the celebration and sang in the choir.

To all the 2015 Graduates, I congratulate you on your achievements and wish you all the best as you take the next step in your journey of life.

Staff Allocation 2016:
Due to the recent appointment of Pete Merry as Assistant Principal at St Helena's Ellenbrook, the Leadership Team members have decided to make a change to the 2016 Staffing Structure since it was announced at the recent AGM. Please take note of the following changes:

- Eugene Potito will be teaching Year 4 in 2016, replacing Pete Merry.
- Anni Schelfhout has been employed in Pre-Primary, replacing Caroline Brewer, who has been seconded to St Joseph's Kununurra for two years, and will be returning in 2018.
- Amanda Dillon has been employed as a Special Needs Educational Assistant in Kindergarten.
- The Leadership Team is currently in the process of employing a Year 6 teacher. Interviews will be held next week and an appointment will be made by the Friday of the last day of school. The community members will be advised of the appointment in due course.

Attached to this newsletter is the amended Staff Allocation for 2016.

Whole School Mass, Christmas Mass, PP Nativity, PP Graduation and PP Carol Singing:
As mentioned in the flyer that went home to all Pre-Primary parents, the Pre-Primary children will be performing the Nativity Play in the 'End of Year Whole School Mass' this Friday 4th, commencing at 9.00am. All families, especially the Pre-Primary Parents, are invited to attend the celebration. Pre-primary parents are requested to refer to the Pre-Primary note attached to this newsletter.

End of Year Celebrations:
For the first time last year the staff decided to coordinate water sports at school and not travel to Caversham. The event was a huge success hence we have decided to continue on the new tradition. Attached to this newsletter is the flyer sent home today by all staff as well as the 'Great Escape' note sent home to all Year 6 parents previously.

Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten End of Year Activities:
Please refer to the attached documents for all the planned activities for Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten.
From the Principal’s Desk (Cont’d)

Uniform Shop Coordinators:

On behalf of the school community, I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank both Kathleen Ziino and Tammy Doyle for the time and effort they have put into the Uniform Shop over the last few years. Their efforts and commitment to the school are greatly appreciated.

For now, all future orders or enquiries are to be directed to Lisa Slocum on 92082700 or emailed to slocum.lisa@cathednet.wa.edu.au (emailed preferred).

2016 Class Lists:

As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, the class lists will be displayed in the notice boards by Monday afternoon. As you can all appreciate, the teachers have spent many hours getting the right balance in each class. I am certain you can also appreciate that it is impossible to accommodate every parent’s request hence changes will not be made to the lists. Please be mindful we have endeavoured to ensure all students have some friend in their classes. Thank you for your support with the above.

Greg Martin

GREG MARTIN
Principal

Farewell to the Year Six cohort of 2015:

I would like to thank the parents of the year sixes who will not be returning next year. I hope that in part, this community, our community has assisted you in raising and educating your child and developing the foundations for their graduation to high school, but more importantly, strengthening them as a young person to meet the challenges and awes of life. I hope high school and the new phase of education is a fulfilling and fruitful as has been here at St Columba’s.

I also, on behalf of the School Board would like to wish you happy and safe holidays, a holy festive Christmas, and a prosperous New Year 2016.

Mar Hube
Board Chair
Here’s more from Michael Grose for families in our community with younger children

www.parentingideas.com

Which Type of Parent are You???

There are three types of parents.

There are those who walk in front of their kids; there are those who walk behind their kids; and those who walk beside their children.

‘Walk in front’ parents love to lead the way. “Let’s go” is their mantra. This is the style for task-oriented, busy, enthusiastic types. I was this type of parent when my kids were young. It’s the style I default to. The trouble was, I may have thought I was leading but my children didn’t always follow!

‘Walk behind’ parents usually push their kids hard. “Come on” is their mantra. This is the style for parents with high expectations and parents with a lot on their plate. This style is exhausting as you always seem to be pushing harder than you want. It’s doubly hard when kids are resistant.

‘Walk beside’ parents do a great deal with their children. “Let’s do it” is their mantra. This is the style preferred by relationship-driven, inclusive types. This was my wife’s preferred style. She was a hands-on parent who spent much of her time teaching, talking and explaining to kids. This style is time-consuming, and can make it hard for parents to have their own time.

So which style do you naturally default to?

Effective parents adapt to different situations, and different children. There will be times when you should be a ‘walk in front’ parent, just as there are times when your kids will want you to be a ‘walk beside’ parent, particularly when life doesn’t go their way.

There are times, and some kids, who need to be pushed hard. They need someone to ‘walk behind’ them and push like mad. You may have been one of these types of kids yourself.

The trouble is, if you are always pushing like mad then resentment can build up. If you find yourself always ‘walking behind’ then you need to spend some time ‘walking beside’ your child to build some good will.

Similarly, if you are a ‘walk in front’ parent (more likely to be a male) always miles ahead of your kids you may need to slow down and spend some time ‘walking beside’ your kids. They’ll appreciate the change.

What style does my child need right now?

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There is a better question to ask than "What style do you default to?"
That is, "What style does my child need right now?"

Ask that question often enough, and respond appropriately and you’ll find your effectiveness as a mum or a dad will increase astronomically as you’ll be meeting the needs of your child.

You may prefer one style but try not to get stuck in that style. Remember, great parents are adaptable, rather than inflexible. Try practising different styles so you get used to how each style feels. You’ll also discover the styles that your kids feel most comfortable with.

So explore, experiment and grow as a parent. Your kids will benefit from your flexibility and self-knowledge.

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Last day of school for students is Friday 11th December. OSHC will be open Monday 14th - Friday 18th December and Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd December. For bookings contact Jess on the above number/email. OSHC will re-open after Christmas/New Year on Monday 4th Jan, 2016.

Instrumental Music Enrolments 2016

Due to an increasing wait list for instrumental lessons, I will be offering shared lessons (for beginners only) starting in 2016. To register your interest, please email me: musicellegance@gmail.com, or call me directly on 0412 362713. Please note that if you are already on the wait list, your child will take priority.

Regards

Louise Tayler-Lloyd
Ph: 0412 362713
Canteen News

Sushi will be available on **FRIDAY'S ONLY** from the Canteen in Term 4. Sushi can be pre-ordered on **Monday's only** as it is made fresh and delivered on Friday mornings. No late orders can be accepted.

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There are lots of days that require parent help in term 4. Parents can add their name to the roster via the above website. Any queries please contact Sheryl Milonas in the Canteen.
Community News

Christmas in the Park!
Christmas is a time of community, carols, family and celebration. Enjoy an evening of free fun for the whole family.
4pm: Lots of activities including bouncy castles, super slide, sumo suits, competitions, face painting and more.
6.30pm: Main event on the main stage including Christmas Carols and Santa!
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Sunday 13th December 4-8pm
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www.tcgimpact.com/christmas

Celebrate Christmas Lunch:
If you are on your own this Christmas, or perhaps life is tough right now, we would like to invite you to our FREE 'Celebrate Christmas Lunch' where you can share in a special meal and meet some new people. The 'Celebrate Christmas Lunch' will be a place of conversation, companionship and celebration for everyone who attends.
Sunday 13 December, RA Cook Pavilion, Bedford.
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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.
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