Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Year 6 Leaders 2010: Recently, a very mature group of Year 5 students presented their speeches to a number of staff members and students in Years 4 & 5. I was informed that the students’ speeches were well prepared and very entertaining. I congratulate the students in the way they put their cases forward to the members of the audience.

As I mentioned prior to the presentations, all students are leaders in this community and they will all be playing a vital role in the Leadership Ministry Groups introduced this year.

Congratulations to the following students who were elected, by their peers and staff members, to lead the school community in 2010:

**HEAD BOY**
Stefan Vecchio

**DEPUTY HEAD BOY**
Hayden Mumby

**HEAD GIRL**
Sinead Duffin

**DEPUTY HEAD GIRL**
Eloise Haselhurst (absent)

**PASCAL LEADERS**
Taylah Mitchell
Isaac Mackean

**COLUMBANUS LEADERS**
Sophia Morgan
Joshua Naylor

**RUSSELL LEADERS**
Ashleigh Mackenzie
Aaron Siroen (absent)

Students Not Returning in 2010: Parents, of students not returning in 2010 (excluding Year 6 students), are requested to officially notify the school, in writing, as soon as possible so that the Leadership Team can coordinate class lists for 2010. Parents can also e-mail Karen Meleca at admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au.

Overdue 2009 School Fees: School fee payments are now over due for those families not on a plan. All accounts will need to be finalised ASAP.

End of Year Celebration: I am looking forward to seeing all the students in Years 3 – 6 at the Year 6 Graduation celebration next week. Please read the flyer our Assistant Principal Mrs Dwyer sent home last week explaining the changes to our end of year celebrations.

**THE NEWSLETTER IS GOING PAPERLESS IN 2010!**
Please register on the school’s website to receive notification of when the newsletter has been uploaded. **2 weeks to go.**

**PRINCIPAL**
Greg Martin

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**PICTURE**
Images of staff and students.

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**PARISH PRIEST**
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Almondbury St Bayswater
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parish@stcolumbasbayswater.org.au
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**PARISH MASS TIMES**
Saturday – Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday – Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
Parish Youth Mass – Last Saturday of each month.
26th November 2009

**TERM 4 DATES**
School Times: 8.30am-3.00pm
Recess: 10.40am-11.00am
Lunch 12.45pm-1.30pm

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**ATTACHMENTS**
- Ice Summer Holiday Programs.
- Advent in Pre-Primary.
REFLECTION
Jesus, you are already among us.
You are not a stranger,
but rather a beloved friend.
Help us this Advent to grow in love and friendship with
you.
Help us to prepare our minds and hearts
to celebrate your birth.
Amen

PRAYER

Pastoral Care would like to thank the families of our school for their
support of the weekly raffles. We have been able to assist families in a
number of different ways and also pass on congratulations for special
occasions during the year. Mother's Day and Father's Day give
Pastoral Care an opportunity to celebrate with families and have some
fun so thank you for joining in! There is a real sense of community
within our school and the support of Pastoral Care is one of the ways
we see this.

Tomorrow is the last day of raffles. As a way of saying thank you, 3
family names will be drawn randomly from all the families in our
school. One family will receive a Christmas Hamper to enjoy together
and 2 other families will receive a smaller yummy gift. The gifts will
come home from school tomorrow or when your child is next at school.

Thank you all very much and we look forward to the New Year!
St Columba's Pastoral Care

Week - 8 04/12/09

Kindy – No Raffle
Pre-Primary – No Raffle
Year One – No Raffle
Year Two – No Raffle
Year Three – No Raffle
Year Four – No Raffle
Year Five – No Raffle
Year Six – No Raffle

Happy Birthday this week to........

STUDENTS

Ashleigh Pedretti Kindy
Thomas Wild Kindy
Lachlan Compton Year 3
Tyler Woolfe Year 4
Molly Lightfoot Year 6
Isabelle Gillians Year 6

PARISH CLEANING ROSTER – TERM 3, 2009

The key to clean the parish is located at the school office.
Once you have finished cleaning please remember to lock
the hall and return the key to the office. If you are unable
to do your roster on the day allocated, please swap with
someone or contact me at the numbers listed below. If
your contact details are incorrect, please contact me.
Thank you for volunteering your time, it is greatly
appreciated.

Kind regards Catherine Hunt. Ph: 9471 1551  MOB: 041
795 1428 EMAIL: mathunt@bigpond.com

Thank You Morning Tea For Volunteers

All parents and extended family members,
who have supported the School in many ways,
are invited to “Thank you Morning Tea “on
Wednesday 9th December, at 9.30am, in the
canteen area. For Catering purposes, I request
those attending the morning tea to contact
Sheryl Milonas by Monday the 7th of
December. Looking forward to seeing and
thanking all our wonderful Volunteers during
the morning tea.

Graduation News

We would like to ask anyone if they have a Bali
thatch umbrella that we could borrow for our
Graduation Dinner on Friday 11th December. If you
have one, can you please speak to Sheryl in the
canteen,
Thank you Year Six.

Canteen

CA.orientation of Week 8

Dear Mums and Dads,
Help is needed in the canteen. If you are able to help
even for a short time, it would be greatly appreciated.
Just pop into the canteen and put your name down on
the roster. Also just a reminder that Canteen is only
open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. As the
end of term is approaching very fast could you
please check that your accounts are up to date and
that there are in credit. Thank you Sheryl.

Week 8

Monday 7th December – Kim Mills
Tuesday 8th December - Help Needed
Thursday 10th December – Karen Mitchell
**Congratulations**

CONGRATULATIONS to Daniel Mackenzie Y2 for breaking the under 8 boys WA Little Athletics record for the 700m walks. Daniel took a whopping 26 seconds off his personal best time and now holds the WA Little Athletics record at 4 mins 51.5 seconds. Well done Daniel! (Daniel pictured with his walk coach Elaine Scott).

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS;

Included with today’s newsletter is a Price List/Order Form for Summer Uniforms. All items may be purchased this term. At this stage, the *summer dresses* are due to arrive in early December. We will keep you posted once they are available for collection. If you would like to pick up your order on the 28th January 2010 between 2pm-4pm, please fill out an Order Form and place in Uniform Shop box (located in the canteen area). This is the same day as the book/stationery collections and is usually fairly busy so purchases this term would be appreciated. Feel free to come in and try on sizes during opening times.

The Uniform Shop opening times for the remainder of the term are as follows: Please direct any enquiries to Caroline Morgan on 0410 857 688.

- **Friday 4/12/09** 8.45-9.15am
- **Tuesday 8/12/09** 3.00-3.15pm
- **Friday 11/12/09** 8.45-9.15am
- **Tuesday 15/12/09** 3.00-3.15pm (last shop day – school breaks up Thursday 17/12/09)

We are looking for assistance to help run the shop. No experience is required! Please feel free to drop by on Friday mornings from 8.45-9.15am or contact Caroline on 0410 857 688.

**St Vincent DePaul Christmas Appeal**

As Christmas is approaching we would like to help those less fortunate than us. We are asking St Columba’s families to donate food and gifts to this appeal. Any donations can be left in the classroom with the teacher. St Vincent DePaul will be collecting them on Thursday 10/12/09. Your kindness is appreciated.

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**Community News**

**Athena Calisthenics Club – TWO FREE TRIAL CLASSES.** Recreation and competing classes offered in Ballajura, Mirrabooka and Girrawheen. Now is the best time to come along and try calisthenics no matter what your age. The sport teaches children discipline, team work and confidence as well as coordination and physical fitness. Athena prides itself on the strong team spirit, team work and fun atmosphere of its classes. Contact Stephanie 9249 2533 for more details.

**TRANSITION PROGRAM**

Academic Task Force will again be conducting a Transition Program in Perth in late January 2010. The Primary objective of this initiative is to re-focus students’ minds after the long summer holidays on the skills necessary for success in years 7 and 8. The foundation of this program is a six hour learning skills course that will facilitate student-centred, independent learning initiatives. The classes will focus on such units as Time Management, Goal Setting and Learning Strategies. There is also a series of six hours revision programs in the three learning areas of Mathematics, Science and English. For more information please contact: Dr Pam Bagworth or Dr Robert Hallam on 08 9317 4421.

**School Community News**

Last term Jaimie-Lee and I went to all the classes and informed them of the Sun Rice competition that our school would be entering. We would just like to remind you to bring as many Sun Rice packets in as you can so that we can help other kids around the world that are less fortunate than us. We also have the opportunity to win $20 000 for our school. This competition ends on the 30th of November. Please help us make our school a better place and help others.

By Jaimie-lee and Cara Year six

**Lost Property**

LOST - girl's size 6 summer uniform. Last seen in the change rooms at Bayswater Tennis Club on Tuesday 24 November 2009. If found, please contact Paula on 0412 822 779.
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