Learning – Education

Professional Development Days (Last two days of Term 2)

Protective Behaviours: Topics to be covered during the Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} June PD Day.

- A personal safety program, which aims to promote resilience in children, young people, and adults, using empowerment strategies, clear communication, and awareness of ‘safe’ behaviours.
- To reduce violence in our community and prevent child abuse.

The program/PD will encourages people to:

- Assert their right to feel safe
- Listen to what their body tells them
- Follow up by taking action to either solve problems on their own or to seek assistance from other people.

Fr Joe Parkinson PD: Topics to be covered during the Friday 3\textsuperscript{rd} June PD Day.

\textbf{Vision of Education that we have at St Columba’s}

- Community of Faith – What does the Church say? What do we say?

\textbf{Unfolding the Vision}

- What are the implications for being a Community of Faith (how we care about each other, the ways in which we welcome the diversity of others)?
- Reality check on the St Columba’s Community and culture.
- How do we grow our community and culture?
- Conversations and celebrations inside and outside the classroom (the kind of conversations and celebrations we have).
Open Discussion: “What questions have you always wanted to ask about the Catholic Church?” (We will ask staff to list anything they want to talk about prior to the day and send it to Father Joe beforehand)

Engagement – Community

St Joseph’s School Wyndham Visit: St Joseph’s School Wyndham students will be visiting the school during Term 4 and will be using our facilities. Planned activities are being coordinated for the students, in both schools, to complete together.

Activities Planned:
- Purchase a book (Being coordinated by the P&F).
- Dress up day and parade.

More information will be disseminated to the community closer to the date.

Accountability - Stewardship/Governance

New Staff Member: Shelley Bayliss has been employed as a Special Needs Educational Assistant (EA) to support a student. Her appointment will be temporary, depending on the needs of the student as well as funding.

Stage 6 Building Program: The Stage 6 building program is moving very quickly. We recently completed an inspection of the multi-purpose rooms underneath the library. Defects have been documented and submitted to the builder for rectifying. I’m hoping the school will have possession of both areas by the beginning of Term 3. We’re also in the process of picking the furniture for the classrooms and multipurpose rooms.

Classroom Allocations 2016 (New Buildings):
- The new Year 4 Classroom will be the current Music Room – Classroom adjacent to the current Year 4 Classroom (2016).
- Music will move into the new larger multipurpose room down stairs (Possibly Semester 2, 2015 – To be decided). This area will also be used by OSHC if numbers increase.
- OSHC will move in to the new smaller multipurpose room downstairs (2016) – adjacent to the canteen and new toilets being constructed.
- Humanities and Science will remain in one of the old classrooms upstairs (2016).
- Year 5 will move into the new classroom downstairs (2016).
- Year 6 will move into the new classroom upstairs (2016)

Discipleship – Catholic Identity

Communion: The Year 4 students, as well as the after school catechist students, will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist this Sunday, commencing at 11.00am. An interactive workshop was held Monday night. Thanks again to Fr Minh-Thuy for his support during this celebration.
**St Columba’s Day:** The school celebrated St Columba’s Day with South Perth. This tradition will continue next year with our middle/upper students travelling to South Perth and their Junior students travelling to Bayswater.

I am considering the following for St Columba Day 2016:

- Inviting Grandparents to the St Columba Feast Day mass and morning tea.
- Open Day for grandparents. Grandparents will be invited to visit the classrooms between 10.00-10.40am.

More information will be disseminated to the community next year.

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