Dear Parents and Students

"Before all else dear friends, live together in harmony and be of one in mind and heart on the way to God" (St Augustine)

Welcome back. I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable six week break. It was so wonderful to see all the children’s happy faces as they walked to their new classrooms to be greeted by their new teachers.

I welcome to the school community our new staff members – Pamela Holloway (Pre-Kindy), Megan McKie (Pre-Primary Green Teacher Assistant) and Catherine Breen (Kindergarten and Special Needs Teacher Assistant). I also welcome back Olivia Ioppolo from her year’s leave. May they all experience the wonderful joy of working at our wonderful school.

DOUBLE STREAM SCHOOL AND CAPITAL WORKS: At the last City of Bayswater Council meeting in 2011, the council approved the submission for the school to go double stream. Over the next few months, the School Board will be working very closely with the architects and the Catholic Education Office to design and construct four new classrooms where the amphi-theatre is currently located, between the library and Kindergarten/Year 4 classrooms. I anticipate construction to commence late Term Two and will be completed by the end of Term One, 2013. The above is only an estimate timeline and the community will be advised of the construction timeline as soon as it has been issued to me.

YEARLY PLANNER AND SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR: The 2012 Yearly Planner has been uploaded to the school’s website and the website calendar has been

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.

Parish Priest: Fr Minh-Thuy

Parish Mass Times

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Parish Youth Mass—Last Saturday of each month.

Term 1 Dates: Wed. 1 Feb—Thu. 5 Apr

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*PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE PLANNER FOR REGULAR UPDATES TO THE CALENDAR
From the Principal’s Desk (continued)

updated with the 2012 scheduled events. The website calendar is updated daily and parents are requested to check the calendar regularly.

**Website Registration and Website Notifications (New Parents):** To all the new (and current parents) at the school, below is a ‘step by step’ process to register for the school website’s ‘subscriptions’ component. As soon as a document has been uploaded on to the website, those members who have checked the notification button will automatically receive an email informing them of the upload or change. For example as soon as the newsletter has been uploaded on to the website, members will receive the following notification:

Greetings, (Username).

1. Your subscriptions on Saint Columba’s Catholic Primary School
2. notify you of the following changes since the previous digest:
3. Author: martin.greg
4. Title: Term 3 - Issue 24
6. Direct unsubscribe link (content type):
8. This is an automated message. Please do NOT reply to the sender address!
9. To manage your subscriptions go to

Members are able to manage their own subscriptions in each module. To be notified of any updates, members are requested to complete the following:

1. Register as a member.
2. Log on to the website.
3. Select the newsletter at the top of the page and select subscribe. Tick the subscribe box and press save.
4. You will now receive notification when the newsletter has been uploaded.
5. Repeat the above process for notifications you would like to receive from each tab, for example receiving notification when ‘Curriculum’ in the ‘School’ tab has been updated – follow steps 1-4.

A reminder that you have to be registered to receive notifications from the website. If you have any queries or require assistance with the above process, please contact a member of the school’s admin. team who will talk you through the procedures.

**Family Details Form:** All parents are requested to complete the Family Details Form sent home today and return it to the eldest child’s classroom teacher by Wednesday 8th February at the latest. Please note that ALL forms need to be signed in the medical attention section, even if no details have changed.

**New School Uniform:** A number of parents have asked the question if the students were permitted to “mix & match” the old uniform with the new uniform. Yes, this is permitted during the change-over period of three years, until 2015. In 2015, all students will be expected to be in the correct school uniform. The classroom teachers will clarify this further during the parent information sessions over the next few weeks.

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**Greg Martin**

**GREG MARTIN**

**Principal**
Uniform Shop News

School hats have now arrived. Please come to the Uniform Shop to collect your order.

Should you have any questions please contact Uniform Shop Coordinator, Pauline Moran (year 4 & year 1) on 0412 712 128. Thank you.

Parish Cleaning Coordinator

We are looking for a Parish Cleaning Coordinator for 2012.

Jill Brazil has completed a wonderful job over the last two years and is now ready to hand over the reins to the next person. Jill has indicated she is happy to pass on her templates and explain the process undertaken over the last two years.

If you would like to support the school and parish and are interested in taking on the role in 2012, please contact Sheryl Milonas on 9271 7181 or email at admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au. Your support in taking on this role is greatly appreciated.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Jill for her efforts and hard work over the last two years. We greatly appreciate her commitment to both the parish and the school.

School Banking (belated notice)

Congratulations to the following students who have received certificates for their incredible efforts in saving through the school banking program.

Sophia Giacci - Gold Certificate
Ashton Giacci - Gold Certificate
Alyssa Giacci - Gold Certificate
Ashleigh Pedretti - Outstanding Certificate
Olivia Pedretti - Outstanding Certificate

Keep up the fantastic work guys.

A huge thank you to all the students and parents for supporting the school banking program this year. Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and new year and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2012 for some more great rewarding saving. Please remember, if you wish your child to participate in the School banking program I will be available during the school holidays to advise and/or help you with this and can be contacted on 0439 827 434.

Marcia Mackenzie
School Banking Co-ordinator

URGENT!

Winter Uniform Orders

The FINAL day for placing orders for Winter Uniforms is NEXT TUESDAY, 7 February 2012.

Order forms may be downloaded from the school website at: http://web.stcolsbays.wa.edu.au/page/uniform-shop.
Parish Cleaning Roster

THANK YOU!
Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered their time. To those of you who are continuing on the roster this term, thank you for your on-going support. To the new volunteers, thank you for your very welcome help.

The parish hall cleaning takes about 1.5 hours or less if you have 2 people working together. The hall can be cleaned after school on Friday or on Saturday before 4pm. Please contact Jill Brazil on 0411 592 234 or jbrazil@iinet.net.au for further information.

The key to clean the parish hall is located at the school office and can be picked up on Friday afternoon. Once you have finished cleaning, please remember to lock the hall and return the key to the office on Monday morning.

If the date allocated does not suit, please call another team to arrange a date swap.

JILL BRAZIL

REMINDER: We desperately need somebody to take on the role of Roster Coordinator!

Canteen News

Would families please ensure that your account is kept in credit.

We are trying to complete the Canteen Roster for the year.

Please help where you can.
Thank you.

SHERYL MILONAS

Pastoral Care

Welcome back to a new school year. Last year has been a very busy one for Pastoral Care and we would like to thank everybody for their ongoing support.

Pastoral Care Raffles will be up and running again for Pre-Primary to Year six from 17 February. For both Kindy classes, we will start the raffles from 24 February. Kindy through to year 5 provide a book/pencils etc. Year 6 provides a cake. As we would like to keep costs low, we suggest a gift up to the value of $5.00.

The new rosters will be on your classroom doors and weekly in the school newsletter.

Thank you.
Important Notice for Parents of Children with Medical Alerts

For the protection of children with life-threatening conditions, the school must be made aware of, and kept up-to-date on, any disorders such as asthma, allergies, diabetes, etc. Both returning and new families dealing with this issue need to complete an Action Plan, obtainable from their doctor.

Families must also ensure that medical boxes (kept in the office) are checked and updated where necessary. For the protection of these children, the boxes should be checked as a matter of urgency.

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure the school is adequately equipped with a child’s medical requirements.

Calling all people who sew!

Do you have sewing ability? If you are willing to help produce costumes for our Lenten activities, please contact Naomi Martin on martin.naomi@cathednet.wa.edu.au. Thank you.

Holiday Birthday Wishes

Happy birthday to the following students, who celebrated birthdays in December.

Ella Teggerth
Luca Fragomeni
Samuel Kemp
Leah Savage
Olivia Petrella
Ethan Matthew
Ella Shanahan
Isabella Migliore
German Fernandez
Louis Wiinschl
Jack Lightfoot
Audrey French
Ewan Revell
Calvin Pham

Best wishes are also extended to those students who had birthdays in January:

Lauren Wolters
Kan Sweetman
Eloise Shah
Clancy Sheardown
Xia Xia Gunawan
Jett O’Rourke
Ricky Lam
Ryan Latham
Andre Fournier
Ashton Giacci
Dylan Burke
Myles Guazzelli
Monique Ward
Ben Gaudoin
Arwen Dias
Digby Pettit

Weston Marney
Brooke Thompson
Kathryn Figueiredo
Charlotte Dyer
Benjamin Dearle
Anthony Lomma
Xavier Brajevic
Roman Kaless
Lulu Byrne
Amy Bujok
Rosie Breen
Lachlan Higgins
Swimming training

Swimming training will commence next Monday, 6 February.

Training will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. at Bayswater Waves.

Leah Marrapodi

Your child’s saving journey starts here!

One of the most important skills your child will need to learn is saving. It’s something they can use to achieve financial independence later in life, and is equally as important as road safety, mathematics or learning to read.

That’s why we’re encouraging your child to participate in the School Banking program. It’s been running for over 80 years and is a fun, effective way for them to understand money management. It also gives back to the school through a formal commission structure, helping create a better educational environment for your child.

If you’re already in the School Banking program

Firstly, we’d like to say a big thank you for your continued support. This year we’ve got a whole new range of rewards items for your child to collect, including a handball, book light, pen pod and USB. So, remember to keep banking and collecting tokens.

New to School Banking? Here’s what you need to know

Saving within the School Banking program is all about how often your child deposits, not how much they deposit. And every time they do, regardless of how much it is, they receive a Dollarmites token. Once they have collected 10 tokens, they can trade them in for a reward. However, in the interest of fairness, and encouraging the right savings behaviour, we do ask that students don’t ‘pool’ their tokens to collect rewards (i.e. us tokens from other family and friends).

Get involved in the School Banking program and give you child a financial head start today.

For more information or to open an account, please come to the school banking area 8-8.45 a.m. Tuesdays, or call Marcia Mackenzie on 0439 827 434.
Financial Matters

School Fees: Annual statements are expected to be issued shortly.

All families are requested to complete the proposed payment schedule below and return to the office as soon as possible, please.

Direct Debit Authority: ALL families utilising the Direct Debit facility are requested to complete a new form to recommence Direct Debit payment of school fees. Forms are available at the office.

Health Care Card / Government Concession Card: Please ensure that the Office has a copy of your CURRENT Concession Card in order to be eligible for HCC discounts on tuition fees. New forms will need to be completed for this year. Please enquire at the front office.

Cash Payments at the School Office: Parents are advised that the office does not maintain a cash float. You are welcome to make cash payments at the office. However, please ensure you have the correct change.

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT): St Columba’s School bank account details are available at the front office.

Karen Melca
Finance Officer

St Columba’s School
2012 School Fees

FAMILY NAME:____________________     ELDEST CHILD’S
CLASS :____________________

I wish to pay my fees by the following option (Please circle a payment option)

Weekly  Fortnightly  Monthly  Yearly  Direct Debit  EFT

Signed: _________________________            Date: ________________________________
Social Worker News

1. Recognition:

Parental recognition is a high driver for most children. Quite simply, most kids like to please their parents so it helps to make a bit of a fuss about behaviours that you may be focusing on or encouraging in kids. Sometimes we are tempted to reward kids’ good behaviour with a treat or bribe. This is not smart as we need deep pockets when we go down the bribery path. Genuine parental recognition is generally sufficient.

Tips for using recognition to promote positive behaviour:

Make it physical. The impact of verbal feedback is magnified when it’s accompanied by genuine warm physical touch. It also helps to smile!

Make it immediate. Recognition is more effective when it’s immediate rather than when it’s revisited a few days later.

Make it imperfect. Give positive recognition when children begin to approximate the behaviour you want rather than wait for perfect behaviour.

2. Behaviour rehearsal:

Getting a child to practise is a great way to teach and reinforce a range of behaviours from how to behave in a restaurant, answering a telephone or speaking up when they visit the doctor. We often talk through with kids how they should act or what they should say in certain situations but it’s useful (and time-consuming) to role play situations or have kids tell you what they’ll say to grandma, their new teacher or that kid at school who maybe giving them a difficult time.

Tips for using recognition to promote positive behaviour:

Make it fun. Don’t make it like a lesson. Lighten up and have a little fun.

Make it preemptive. Teach before an event, as it is far more effective than after an event.

Make it regular. Make it habitual so that it becomes a normal part of your teaching and preparing kids for different situations.

3. Descriptive Feedback:

Accurate, descriptive feedback that’s given after children behave well can be a great teaching tool. Descriptive feedback involves telling kids what they have done well (“You solved that computer problem with your sister by taking it in turns. That’s what we call a compromise.”) There is no judgement, just accurate feedback. Research has shown that boys’ behaviour often improves when they receive accurate feedback about their appropriate behaviour.

Tips for using Descriptive feedback:

Make it specific: “That was great the way you came to the table the first time I asked.”

Focus on featured behaviours. Don’t go overboard and give feedback for everything. Overkill will cause it to lose it’s effect. Choose one or two behaviours to focus on at a time.

Give without qualifiers. “That’s great. You’re getting better at cleaning up.” NOT “That was good but you could have been quicker.”

These three broad strategies are applicable to kids of all ages, to different types of kids and to many different situations. You need to adapt them to suit.

Extract from Happy Kids newsletter by Michael Grose
www.parentingideas.com.au

Jennifer Maughan
School Social Worker
St Columba's Bayswater Wednesdays and alternate Thursdays
School of Music UWA
Young Voices Choir

From February 2012 Junior Music School is offering enthusiastic young singers in Years 5 - 8 an exciting opportunity to join a new choir dedicated to high quality choral singing.

The Young Voices Choir is for children aged 9 to 14. The choir will be led by Celia Christmass - an outstanding choral director and music educator with extensive experience teaching and conducting young people at local and national levels. Rehearsals will be held weekly on Saturday from 1pm - 2pm in the beautiful surrounds of The University of Western Australia. Occasional vocal day "camps" will be held at UWA as part of this ambitious innovation for young voices.

Further Information
Email: junior-music@uwa.edu.au
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.

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