Dear Parents and Students

ANZAC DAY SERVICE: Anzac Day marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. The acronym ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, whose soldiers were known as Anzacs. Anzac Day remains one of the most important national occasions of both Australia and New Zealand. This is a rare instance of two countries not only sharing the same remembrance day, but making reference to both countries in its name.

Anzac Day will be celebrated during the school holiday hence we have decided to honour those who have fought for Australia in a special memorial service this Thursday, at 2.30 p.m. Thank you to Mrs Scott and the Year 6 students for coordinating the memorial service and to Mrs Lisa Baker who will once again be present at the event.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINE AND BULLYING: There is a book by Barry Dwyer entitled “Parents Teachers Partners” which deals with establishing and fostering the essential partnership between home and school. The collaboration between home and school is vital in providing our students with the best possible educational advantage and it is an area that we are always endeavouring to improve here at St Columba’s Primary School. I would like to share with you a summarised version of the information presented in this book on the area of ‘discipline’.

Every teacher knows the importance of classroom management. If children disrupt the class with loud talking, if they are rude and inconsiderate to others and disobedient to the teachers, worthwhile learning will not occur. As we know teachers use a variety of management techniques to control and direct the actions of their students. Sometimes the actions are not always popular with the students as the teachers’ actions may appear to the students as unfair or unreasoned. The best teachers are those who can maintain some discipline in the classroom while also maintaining a good working relationship with the students.

At St. Columba’s Primary we believe that Mercy is a core value that encourages children to walk together in a spirit of reconciliation and forgiveness. MERCY VALUE FOR 2011 IS MERCY

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Parish Mass Times
Saturday—Vigil Mass 6.00 p.m.
Sunday—Mass 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m.
Parish Youth Mass—Last Saturday of each month.

Term 1 Dates: Wed. 2Feb.—Fri. 15Apr.
School Times: 8.30 a.m.—3.00 p.m.
Recess: 10.30 a.m.—11.00 a.m.
Lunch: 1.00 p.m.—1.40 p.m.

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skills to curb such behaviour, but classroom discipline goes much further. When the overall climate is friendly, but unashamedly firm whenever necessary, when expectations are clear and routines are established and when the learning tasks are interesting and within the ability of the children, disruptive behaviour is less likely to occur.

The aim of every school is to help individual children grow in self-discipline. This does not come automatically! Children must learn to control emotions, their impulses, work toward achieving set goals and outcomes, to respect themselves and others, and in general take responsibility for their own actions. In their efforts to assist this growth, teachers often use techniques such as:

- They will have class discussions on the reasons why people have problems getting along together and they will talk about how groups create rules to govern behaviour.
- They negotiate class rules with the children, enforce them and regularly evaluate their appropriateness.
- They discuss and explain school rules and the reasons for their existence.
- They utilise Mrs Jenny Maughan’s skills in teaching the children appropriate class and playground behaviour.
- They encourage students to participate in decision making.
- They maintain a sense of predictability in classroom life. Actions have consequences. Behaviours that hurt others or disrupt learning are not tolerated; however, productive behaviour is praised and rewarded.

Children need discipline, limits and guidance. They need to feel safe and secure while learning to get along with others and learning to live in society. The best discipline leads to children learning self-discipline. It is important that every student at St Columba’s Catholic Primary School has the right to:

- be respected
- learn without distraction
- feel safe
- pursue personal excellence.

Bullying is seen as ‘a behaviour’ by one or more persons, which is used to intimidate, exclude, frighten or dominate others. An individual, or a group, can carry out bullying. At St Columba’s, we aim to ensure that all students are valued and that engaging in ‘bullying behaviour’ is unacceptable.

Disregarding bullying behaviours or participating as a ‘bystander’ is also unacceptable. It is the responsibility of ALL community members to ensure the safety, security and respect of all individuals. It is also the community’s responsibility to ensure that children are not targeted, branded and blamed for every incident that occurs in the classroom and playground, which has occurred in some instances at the school.

The staff are currently in the process of updating the Discipline and Bullying policies and we hope to distribute the updated copies to all members of the community early in Term 2. There will be two parts to the Discipline policy with – an ECE (Pre-Kindy – Pre-Primary) Section and Years 1 – 6 section.

We hope that through educating our children about this topic, both at home and at school, we will create a greater awareness of how we need to live the Gospel values of treating each other as we wish to be treated.

**HOLY WEEK LITURGY:** The children are currently preparing for the Holy Week Celebration to be held on Friday, 15 April at 2.00 p.m. Parents are asked to dress children in appropriate Bible costumes. Should you need more information on this, please speak to your child’s teacher. You are most welcome to come and be a part of this very significant liturgy.

**PUPIL FREE DAYS:** A reminder that 18 and 19 April are pupil free days. Term 1 concludes on Friday, 15 April at 3.00 p.m. Please mark these dates in your diaries.

Greg Martin
GREG MARTIN
Principal

**Reflection**

**Loving Father,**

We know there are many things in our world that need to change so that life is fair for everyone. Through our prayers, and support of Project Compassion, we can put other people’s needs before our own.

Be with us, God, as we try to do something extra to make our world a better place.

Amen
Thank You!!!

The school community would like to thank Harry & Candy Dodd (Angus, PP) from Ross's Auctioneers for very generously donating fridges for our Kindy classrooms. It is very much appreciated!

Thanks also to Matthew Sanderson and his team from The Good Guys Belmont, who kindly assisted the School in making a number of electrical purchases at cost price.

Please show your appreciation by supporting these local businesses.

Uniform Shop News

The Uniform Shop will be open every Tuesday between 8.15 – 8.45 a.m.

Refer to the uniform shop section of the school website for uniform order forms. Winter uniform orders have now closed. A notice will be placed in the school newsletter when orders are ready.

We now have size 4 and size 6 sports shorts in stock for those who need them.

Please note that the Uniform Shop will not be open in the first week of Term 2, on Tuesday, 10 May. It will next open on 17 May 2011.

As always should you have any questions please contact Uniform Shop Coordinator, Pauline Moran (year 3 & Pre-Primary) on 0412 712 128, or alternatively Simone Dearle (year 5 & 3) on 0409 507 994. Thank you.

P&F News

Picnic in the Park

10th April 4pm onwards @ Macauley Park in Inglewood.

BYO everything for a casual afternoon to socialise with both old and new friends.

Hope to see you there
Canteen News

Families are reminded to please keep your account in credit. Eggs or baskets would be greatly appreciated.

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As Easter is fast approaching, I am preparing our Annual Easter Raffle. Donations of

Week 10-11 Roster

Fri. 8 Apr. Help needed
Mon. 11 Apr. Help needed
Wed. 13 Apr. Help needed
Fri. 15 Apr. Help needed

Parish Cleaning Roster

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY REQUIRED!

Volunteers are urgently required to assist with the Parish Hall Cleaning. The hall is used by all our children, so please support the Saint Columba’s community and volunteer your time. By contributing 1-2 hours twice a year you can do your bit for the school.

Thank you so much to everyone who has volunteered their time this year and in the past.

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 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.

Thank you to those who have volunteered their time. If the date allocated does not suit, please call another team to arrange a date swap.

JILL BRAZIL

Pastoral Care

There will be no raffle in Week 11.

Just a reminder about the Pastoral Care Creative and Colouring competitions which will be closing on Wednesday, 13 April and winners announced on Friday, 15 April (end of term).

Each year will have a First and Second prize.

Remember to place your name and year on the BACK of your artwork.

Try to decorate your picture without help and join your friends to have a go.

Happy Birthday!

Wishing a very happy birthday this week to:

Eliana Michalski (Pre-Primary)
Teagan Duffin (Year 1)
Caitlin Brazil
Ethan Regan (Year 3)
Kyle Dixon
Millie Doherty (Year 5)
THANKYOU!!!!! THANKYOU!!!!! THANKYOU!!!!!

Thank you to everyone who filled a jar!!!

and thanks to the following people who helped out on the day to make the Lucky Jar Stall at the Autumn River Festival a **HUGE** success. We raised **$776.00** and sold out of jars by 12.30 p.m.

Amanda McLaughlin     Abbie Ehrhardt     Leili Marshall     Leesa Vinciullo
Wati Regan             Jenny Close         Talitha Rossi      Jeannie Pincus     Penny Pettit
and to Vera and Briony from Kindy White who volunteered to help in the afternoon.

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**A brief thank you!**

Thank you to everyone who has congratulated me on the Parents and Friends Association Award. I was very honoured to have been nominated by our School Board and accept this award as recognition of the hard work of **all** members of the St. Columba’s P&F. I urge the school community to keep supporting us in our endeavours to provide our school and our children with the resources they deserve.

Thank you and God Bless.

Leesa Vinciullo
President P&F

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*Bring in your old cooking equipment*

The Early Childhood classes are in need of any old or unused cooking equipment.

Bowls, utensils, plastic jugs, wooden spoons, colanders, pots and pans............

If you don’t need it at home, the Pre-Kindy, Kindy and Pre Primary children would love to play with it!

Just drop it in to one of the Early Childhood classes as soon as you can

**Thanking you in anticipation of your generosity.**
Attention
All Pre-Primary Parents!

PP Open Afternoon

Wednesday, 13 April 2011
2.30—3.00 p.m.

Come and see the exciting activities your children have been up to!

See you there.
Community News

Bayswater Primary School

**Fete**
10 April 2011
10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

We would like to extend an invitation to all parents, teachers and students of St. Columba’s School. There will be some great attractions, including the Raddrock Climbing Wall & Extreme Air Bungee, Old MacDonals Travelling Farm, Balleroo Riding School Ponies & Jumping Jays Bouncy Castle. There will be a vast array of stalls, Crafts, Plants & 2nd Hand Toys, books, Games & Clothes. There is a SideShow Alley which will feature lots of games and activities for all ages. We will have an Auction and Raffles. There will be a 42’ LG Plasma that will be raffled on the day. It has been kindly donated by The Good Guys Discount Warehouse Belmont.

We hope to see you all there.

Riverside Multi Sports at Trinity College

Riverside Multi Sports are hosting a sports programme for all students aged 6-14 at Trinity College from Wednesday 27th April to Friday 29th April. Each day will commence at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 12:30 p.m. with the focus being on a wide range of sports guided by experienced primary and secondary trained Physical Education Teachers. To secure a place on this exciting programme or for more information, email riversidesports@live.com.au or call Jonika on 0433 540 465.

FOR SALE!

First Holy Communion Dress

The family of a former student wishes to sell her First Holy Communion Dress

Please contact Petra on 0410216759 for further information.

Mercedes College

Fete
Sunday, 10 April 2011
10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.
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Information Session

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Saturday 16 April 10am – 1pm Citiplace Community Ctr, Upper Level Walkway, City Station Complex, Cnr Barrack & Wellington Streets, Perth

OR

Sunday 17 April 9:30 am – 11:30 pm Meeting Place, South Terrace, Fremantle WA

or Marie Gilbert tel: (02) 9518 9551; email: marie@palms.org.au
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