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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.
times. I empower them to assist their peers to ‘Grow in Faith, Seek Wisdom and Find Peace’ within our community. All students in Year 6 students will also be participating in three ministry groups, these being Christian, Communications and Environmental Ministries. The students will be given the opportunity to lead and serve within each ministry and will meet regularly each term, with their ministry teacher, to discuss and complete their ministry tasks. The students will be rotated each term to experience the tasks and responsibilities of each ministry. Photos of the students receiving their badges have been uploaded to the school’s website in the near future.

School/Parish Community Mass: The school/parish mass has been scheduled for this Sunday, commencing at 9.30am in the parish church. I would like to see all students attend this celebration, to give thanks for all the wonderful resources we have at the school and to pray as a community.

Parent Information Evenings: Our Parent Information Evenings for classes from Year 1 - 6 this year have been scheduled for next week. All parents will receive a hard copy of the information booklet during the meeting. Electronic copies will be uploaded to the school website once all meetings have been completed. Please advise your child’s classroom teacher if you’re unable to attend the meeting. Below are the dates and times.

February 13 – Parent Information Evening: Yr 4 (6pm) & Yr 6 (6.45pm)
February 15 – Parent Information Evening: Yr 1 (6pm) & Yr 5 (6.45pm)
February 16 – Parent Information Evening: Yr 3 (6pm) & Yr 2 (6.45pm)

Canteen: Thank you once again to all the parents who have volunteered to assist in the canteen. There are still a number of blank spaces left and require parents to volunteer to assist during these days. If you’re able to assist, please email admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au with the day(s) you’re able to assist.

Uniform Shop: A huge thank you to Pauline Moran for all the wonderful work she is doing in the uniform shop. I would like to remind parents that the uniform shop coordinator is a voluntary position and Pauline give many hours of her own personal time to coordinate the ordering and order the items. Please keep this in mind when you approach Pauline about an order or item of clothing.

Lower Oval Entrance: For security reasons, the lower level oval gates will be locked in the future and a gate erected on the stairs leading up to the school from the parish car park. Both gates will remain locked at all times to prevent strangers from entering our school from the carpark.

Staff Car Park: A reminder to all parents that the parish car park is for staff only. We will be constructing new parking bays with the new build next semester, which will increase the number of bays for parents. Please refrain from parking in the staff car park.

Greg Martin
GREG MARTIN
Principal
Uniform Shop News

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.
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 jbrazi@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.
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 Meleca
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: ___________________________
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

YMCA MORLEY SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE

Morley Sport and Rec Centre are now taking enrolments for Term Programs for 5 – 12 year olds in activities like Netball, Soccer, Basketball, Cheerleading, Singing, Hip Hop, Jazz ballet, cooking classes, and our new program Drama for Kids and many more. Please call 93753529 or visit our website on www.morley.ymca.org.au for more information.
Classifieds

Advertising space available!

$50.00 per term
for a business card-sized ad.

Contact admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au
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