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Excerpt taken from Principals’ Digests Newsletter 2 - 2012

INTRASCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL: Congratulations to all the students who took part in yesterday’s Faction Swimming Carnival and to the winning Faction, Columbanus. The results have been uploaded to the school’s website and parents are encouraged to visit the site.

Congratulations to all of our students who swam and participated so well yesterday in our faction carnival, in very hot conditions. Thank you to Mrs McCluskey, the staff and the wonderful parents who helped us on the day.

The results were:

Yr 3 Girls Runner-up: Hana Vermeer  Yr 3 Girls Champion: Tahlia Cooper
Yr 3 Boys Runner-up: Andre Fournier  Yr 3 Boys Champion: Zachary Dancewicz

IMPORTANT DATES*

Week 4
Thursday
23 February 2012
11.30am-1pm Yrs 1 & 2 Constitutional Centre of WA—Larfalo’s Letter
2-2.30pm Jenny Maughan Puppet Show: Pre-Primary Green
2.30-3pm General Assembly (Parish Hall)

Friday
24 February 2012
NO Parish Mass
11.30am-1pm Yrs 1 & 2 Constitutional Centre of WA—Prejudice in Parkesville

Sunday
26 February 2012
First Sunday of Lent

Week 5
Tuesday
28 February 2012
6.30pm Social Gathering
(Parish Council/Finance Committee, School Board, P&F and Staff) - Sr Irena Library

Wednesday
29 February 2012
12-12.30pm Jenny Maughan Puppet Show: PPW
2-2.30pm Jenny Maughan Puppet Show: Year 1

Thursday
1 March 2012
11-11.30am Jenny Maughan Puppet Show: PK
Afternoon Options Yrs 5/6

Friday
2 March 2012
9am Parish Mass: Yrs 1 & 4

Parish Priest: Fr Minh-Thuy
Almondbury Street, Bayswater
Phone: (08)9271 1414
parish@stcolumbusbayswater.org.au

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. 1 Feb—Thu. 5 Apr
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.

*PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE PLANNER FOR REGULAR UPDATES TO THE CALENDAR

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.

St. Columba’s School Core Values based on the values of the Sisters of Mercy, our founders.

MERCY  JUSTICE  SERVICE  COMPASSION  EXCELLENCE

MERCY VALUE FOR 2012 IS COMPASSION
At St. Columba’s Primary we believe that Compassion is a core value that encourages children to actively make a difference.
**From the Principal’s Desk (continued)**

Yr 4 Girls Runner-up: Caitlin Brazil  
Yr 4 Boys Runner-Up: Jakob Strohmeier  
Yr 5 Boys Runner-up: Sophie Prowse  
Yr 5 Boys Runner-up: Sam Marrapodi  
Yr 6 Girls Runner-up: Millie Doherty  
Yr 6 Boys Runner-up: Conor Brazil  
Yr 4 Girls Champion: Olivia Pedretti  
Yr 4 Boys Champion: Jacob Dearle  
Yr 5 Girls Champion: Indianianna Moutia  
Yr 5 Boys Champion: Lachlan Higgins  
Yr 6 Girls Champion: Lauren Pedersen  
Yr 6 Boys Champion: Ben Dearle

**Final Score:**
- 1st Place: 348 points - Columbanus
- 2nd Place: 333 points - Russell
- 3rd Place: 310 points - McAuley
- 4th Place: 299 points - Pascal

Thank you to all the staff and parents who assisted on the day. The carnival ran very smoothly thanks to the support of the community and Jo McCluskey’s organisation skills. Thank you also to Ali Martin for supporting Jo with the program and all the staff who assisted during the carnival.

A reminder that unless you’re registered and logged on, you will not be able to see the content and photos uploaded. The security component has been installed on the website to protect all students in our school community. If you haven’t registered as yet, please visit the site and complete the security log-on procedure at the bottom left hand corner of the home page. Once registered the web manager will authorise your registration and you will have access to all the secure content on the site. The timeframe to have your registration authorised is about a day.

**Swimming Lessons (Years 3 – 6):** Over the last few months, the staff members have raised concerns about the over-crowded curriculum we are all experiencing and the expectations and demands being placed upon the students and staff. The new Australian Curriculum is now in the implementation phase and this will be occurring during the year, with a number of core learning areas to be introduced.

With the intervention strategies, testing and programs we have implemented over the last few years, and the time taken to fulfil the education needs and outcomes of the students, the decision has been made to cancel future swimming lessons in Years 3-6. Swimming lessons for the junior grades will continue, as programmed, at the end of the year with a ‘Fun’ carnival scheduled at the end of the swimming lessons program. We will still have a faction swimming carnival for the Years 3-6 students with trials to be scheduled to place the children in their ability division.

We thank you for your support with the above. The staff members feel they require more time in the classroom to fulfil the educational goals set each year and that parents can take their children to swimming lessons during the school holidays, on Saturdays or after school.

**Kindergarten Applications 2013:** The office staff members are currently in the process of coordinating the 2013 Kindergarten interviews. Interviews will be held in a fortnight and interview times will be allocated to the applicants. If you have not completed an application for your child, and they’re due to commence Kindergarten in 2013, I request you complete an application form and submit it to the office by Friday 24th February at the latest. We cannot accept a child once all places have been allocated, hence we will not accept responsibility if we have not received your child’s application and positions have been filled.

**Before School Supervision & Playground Equipment:** In last week’s newsletter, I mentioned the concerns raised by staff members about the children’s safety before school. With one staff member being on duty every morning on the basketball court, from 8.15 – 8.30 a.m., I request all parents and children to wait on the upper quadrangle and not outside the classrooms during the above stated times.

I am also very much aware we have a situation at the moment with a number of parents waiting outside the Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classrooms between 8.30 – 8.45 a.m. I will be discussing the current situation with my ECE staff and will hopefully come up with a solution to the congestion problem. Thank you for being so understanding as we try to iron out some of teething problems we’re experiencing as we go double stream.

**Parking Bays:** As we expand on our enrolments over the next few years and become a full double stream school, extra parking bays will be created to accommodate the extra vehicles. In stating the above, and to avoid traffic congestion, we do...
strongly encourage parents to walk their children to and from school every day. As we plan for the next building stage of this school, with construction to commence in Term 2 this year, extra parent parking bays have been planned for Milne St and Almondbury St. A ramp, gate and pathway will also be constructed to gain access to the school via Milne St.

As we move into the next phase of our building program, I thank you for your support and patience with all future developments.

**Canteen Help:** We still have a number of spots for parents to fill and support Sheryl and the school. I would dearly love to fill these vacant spots this week so that Sheryl is aware she has the support during the year (and so that I don’t have to include this section in any future newsletters!). Please email admin on admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au with the date(s) you’re able to assist in the canteen. Your support and efforts to assist Sheryl are very much appreciated. Attached to this newsletter is the updated roster.

**Parish Hall Coordinator:** We are very fortunate to have the support of the parish in allowing us to use the Parish Hall for presentations and assemblies. I have already stated this we desperately need a volunteer to coordinate the parish hall cleaning schedule. It’s not an onerous task and Jill Brazil, our previous coordinator, is happy to liaise with the future coordinator to set up the schedule and get parents to assist with the cleaning. If there is a parent who has thought about the position, but is in two minds, PLEASE support the school and parish and volunteer to take on the position. There may be a couple of parents who are able to share the role and support each other during the year.

**New Archbishop of Perth:** As many of you would now be aware, it was announced on Monday night that Bishop Timothy Costelloe SDB has been appointed the new Archbishop of Perth. The installation will be on 21 March 2012. Bishop Costelloe was born in Melbourne on 3 February 1954. He joined the Salesians in 1977. He spent time completing teacher training and made his Final Profession as a Salesian on 8 September 1985. He completed his theological studies at Salesian Theological College and Catholic Theological College, Clayton.

In 1987 he was Religious Education Co-ordinator at Salesian College, Chadstone. At the beginning of 1996 he was Parish Priest at St Joachim’s Parish, Victoria Park here in WA whilst teaching theology at Notre Dame University, Fremantle and systematic theology at Murdoch University and Notre Dame University. He remained in WA for 4 years. In November 1998 he accompanied Archbishop Barry Hickey who was the general rapporteur at the Oceania Synod as personal theologian. Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as titular Bishop of Cluain Iraird (Clonard) and Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne on 30 April 2007.

In the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference he is a member of the Bishops Commission for Doctrine and Morals and the Bishops Commission for Catholic Education. At the Press Conference yesterday the Archbishop Designate spoke of the deep privilege afforded him by His Holiness and of his passion for Catholic education. He stressed that he is committed to being Archbishop for all his people. We will have the opportunity in the coming weeks to join together and welcome our new Archbishop.

**People’s Farewell for Archbishop Hickey:** On behalf of the Archdiocese of Perth I would like to inform you of an open invitation to a People’s Mass on Tuesday, 6 March at 6.30 p.m. at St Mary’s Cathedral. The invitation will also be included in the weekend masses over the next couple of weeks. No RSVP is required.

**Ash Wednesday:** Today is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Each family has been given a mission box for Project Compassion. The CECWA Mandate reminds us that it is part of the mission of the Church that we assist those in need around the world by operating in a “spirit of service”. You are asked to return mission boxes in Holy Week, the last week of school this term.

**Greg Martin**

GREG MARTIN
Principal
Uniform Shop News

Several parents have had difficulty coming to the uniform shop on a Tuesday to collect their hats which were ordered last year (on the summer order day).

These hats have now been given to the office and you can collect yours there. Please note these are not for the people who may have ordered a hat on the recent winter order day. Your hats will be arriving shortly.

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

Columba Runners

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29 February 2012 at 9.15 a.m. in the Meeting Room next to the Library. We are looking for any parents who are interested in being a part of the committee to attend.

2012 Sunsmart Schools and Colleges Relay

Good luck to all the students who are representing St Columba’s in this Sunday’s Schools and Colleges Relay!

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 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

The Term 4 Roster is up on the classroom door for you to check when your child/children are due to donate the prize for their class. Kindy to year 4 provide a small gift (e.g. book, puzzle, textas etc.) to the value of $5. Year 5 and Year 6 provide a cake. Please remember the nut-free policy when sending in baked goods. Tickets are 20c each, with a maximum of 3 tickets. Thankyou!

Happy Birthday!

Wishing a very happy birthday this week to:

Emily Giangiordano 
(Kindy Green)

Blake Partington
(Kindy White)

Sacha Raschella
Porscha B-Cliffe
(Year 1)

Madelein Maiden
(Year 4)
Pastoral Care

We are a small group of volunteers within the school community trying to support families during difficult times, but also help celebrate more joyous occasions.

In order to be able to do so, we need your help! If you are aware of any circumstances in your class that we may be of assistance with, please let teachers or office staff know. They will pass it on to us.

Thank you
Pastoral Care Committee

Parents & Friends Committee

AUTUMN RIVER FESTIVAL

The annual Autumn River Festival is fast approaching. St Columba's have applied to hold a "Lucky Jar" stall again this year. We are hoping that our generous families could please donate a jar filled with items to the value of $5. After last year's success, we are looking forward to another great day with your appreciated help and support. We will be seeking volunteers to help run the stall on the day (April 1st). A roster will be placed outside the canteen/uniform shop area next week. Please see Amanda McLaughlin for further information.

SAVE THE DATE—MARCH 24TH
MOVIES UNDER THE STARS IS COMING TO ST COLUMBA’S!

Bring a rug and picnic for a night of family entertainment. A sausage sizzle will be available and the canteen will be open for lots of movie treats. Gates will open at 6.30 p.m. with the main movie starting at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets on sale soon!

PS: Advertising space is available for a small fee. Contact Tara Savage if interested.
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.

Bayswater Morley Junior Football Club

Junior Players WANTED
Pre-Primary to Year 7
Contact Registrar Dan Kerrigan on 0421 720 783

Home Ground: Houghton Park, Purley Street, Bayswater
Registration Day: Sunday, 26 February from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

SCHOOL FUNDRAISER
$5.00 will be donated for each child from your school that joins Bayswater Morley Junior Football Club for 2012!
(BRING A FRIEND!)

Bayswater Lacrosse Club

Summercrosse

Summercrosse is a fun way to have a try at the sport of lacrosse. It is open to all ages from the young to the old. All ages are combined within the teams. The rules are modified and with no contact. The objective is to try the sport and have fun.

Equipment will be supplied.

Starts: 17 February to 9 March 2012 from 6.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.

Where: Halliday Park, Coode Street, Bayswater (near the subway)

Cost: $10.00 (covers the four weeks)

Come along and have a go!

For further information contact Maryanne Stirling on 9272 2082 or 0408 950 865, or email at civiclandscapes@westnet.com.au

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MEMBER FOR MAYLANDS
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Community Minded People

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd is now recruiting Community Coordinators in your area. We are looking for men and women who believe that international student exchange is a life-changing experience for young people and for the host families in their local community. As a Coordinator, you will interview potential host families and provide ongoing support to both families and students to ensure that the exchange experience is a success for everyone and you’ll interview local students wishing to study overseas.

You’ve got questions?... contact us on
1300 135 331 (Australia) or 0800 440 079 (New Zealand)

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd is a not-for-profit company registered as a secondary exchange organisation with education authorities in Australia and New Zealand. Our Mission is to offer the unique experience of living and studying in another culture and to enable young people to develop the skills and awareness that will enhance their future potential. Experience is everything™. 

St Columba’s Parish News

PARISH YOUTH MASS
Saturday, 25 February at 6pm
The Parish Youth Choir & Band invite you to join with them as they celebrate the
First Youth Mass of 2012.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR
Saturday, 25 February at 7pm (after the Youth Mass)
Venue: Parish Hall
Tickets $8.00
includes meal & entertainment, cool drinks on sale, free tea & coffee.

Pre-book your ticket by putting your name on the list at the Piety Stall.
If you would like to help prior to the event or on the night, please phone:
Serge 9370 1600 or 0407 083 476
Carolyn 9271 1988
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Contact admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au
with your pdf and to arrange payment to the P&F.