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PUPIL FREE DAYS: A reminder that the staff will be attending the KAGAN professional development at St Michael’s Catholic Primary School next Tuesday and Wednesday. All students return to school on Thursday, 9 March.

PARISH/SCHOOL GET TOGETHER: The School hosted a social evening last night at which School Board, P&F and staff members mingled with Parish Council and

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
Phone: (08)9271 1414
parish@stcolusbayswater.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
From the Principal’s Desk (continued)

Finance Committee members. These functions help to cement the special relationship between the St Columba’s Parish and our school.

NEWSLETTER: As it will be a short week next week, I do not anticipate presenting a principal’s report in the newsletter. The newsletter will still go out with all other information.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing long weekend.

Greg Martin

GREG MARTIN
Principal

Pastoral Care Easter competition

Pastoral Care is running an Easter Competition again this year. Pastoral Care in Catholic Schools means enhancing the dignity of each person within our Catholic faith community. It is concerned with maximizing learning and growth and developing the beliefs, values, attitudes, knowledge, skills and practices to enable all to become inner-directed, contributing members of God’s creation. The Pastoral Care group at St Columba’s School ministers to the students, the teachers, the families and the parish community.

The purpose of this competition is to create an awareness of the Pastoral Care Group for the whole school community. There is no cost for this competition.

PreKindy – Year 2 – Paper Plate creation.

Students from PreK to Year 2 are invited to create something from a paper plate (supplied by Pastoral Care) with an Easter theme. Ideas include: a mask, a rabbit, a scene etc. The creations can be 2D or 3D.

Year 3 – Year 6 – Decorated Egg creation.

Students from Year 3 to Year 6 are invited to decorate a boiled egg (supplied by their parents) with an Easter theme.

All entries are to be given to the class teacher. Fr Minh-Thuy will judge the competition on or after Friday 30th March, 2012.

Parents & Friends Committee News

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.
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.

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

Week 5-6 Roster

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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@snidnet.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

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

Pastoral Care

Letter received this week:
To the Saint Columba’s Community,
Thank you very much for the present you sent me when I had my appendix out. I’m feeling much better and I’m very glad to be back at school.

Alyssa

Pastoral Care Raffle

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!

Kindy Green  Emily Dillon
Kindy White  Nicholas Winschl
PP Green  Isabelle Miller
PP White  Lucy Byrne
Year 1  Christopher Figueiredo
Year 2  Mimi Ma
Year 3  Alice Baker
Year 4  Evelyn Vanderklau
Year 5  Samuel Marrapodi
Year 6  Brock Marrapodi

Tuesday is School Banking day and students should remember to bring in their weekly deposit.
This week’s School Banking tip:
If your child receives pocket money get them to allocate some money towards their School Banking deposit for saving.
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.

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS YEAR 7 2013 - Closing 31 March 2012

La Salle College invites applications for Years 7 2013 Academic Scholarships. The scholarship offers successful applicants full tuition through to Year 10. The examination will take place at La Salle College on Saturday, 31 March 2012. Closing date for registration is 20 March. No late applications will be accepted. The Scholarship Selection Test is run by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) and incurs a fee. To register, visit the College website www.lasalle.wa.edu.au and view Scholarships under Parent Resources. For further information, please contact Ms Angela Johnson, Learning Area Coordinator for Learning Support on 9274 6266.

ABORIGINAL SCHOLARSHIPS YEAR 7 2013 – Closing 27 April 2012

As a commitment to working with Aboriginal people to enhance life choices and help further the career opportunities for Aboriginal youth, La Salle College offers Aboriginal Scholarships each year. This scholarship entitles the recipients with full/partial tuition.

Applications close 27 April 2012. An application form can be downloaded from the College website www.lasalle.wa.edu.au by viewing Scholarships under Parent Resources.

ENROLMENTS YEAR 7 2014

La Salle College is now accepting enrolments for Year 7 2014. For a prospectus and enrolment form please contact College Reception on 9274 6266 or email lasalle@lasalle.wa.edu.au

OPEN DAY

Monday 2 April 2012
Tour Times: 9:30am, 11:30am and 1:40pm

View our extensive facilities

Contact the College to register your preferred tour times by emailing events@lasalle.wa.edu.au or calling 9274 6266

Come and Try Slalom Kayaking

Ascot Kayak Club slalom will be having a free ‘Come and Try’ morning at Ascot Kayak Club, Fawntieroy Ave, Ascot on Sunday 4th March from 9.30 am to 11am.

Girls and boys aged 10 to 15 are welcome to come and try. No experience is necessary, but all should be enthusiastic, motivated and a competent swimmer.

For more information or to register for the “Come and Try” please contact Charlie Collin on 0411 237 931.

Information about Ascot slalom is available at www.ascot.canoe.org.au.

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MEMBER FOR MAYLANDS
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YMCA MORLEY SPORT AND RECREATION CENTRE
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$50.00 per term
for a business card-sized ad.

Contact admin@stcols.bays.wa.edu.au
with your pdf and to arrange payment to
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