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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.
Loving God, Thank you for the gift of our children.

Sometimes we have such high hopes of our own for them we forget to let them be themselves.

Give us the wisdom to cherish who they are and who they can become.

Give our children wisdom and love to be the best they can be.

Amen

Primary students with older siblings will be part of the concert. Other Pre Primary children are not required to attend. A gold coin donation for the Archbishop’s Lifelink Appeal would be appreciated.

CALENDAR: Please refer to the notice later in the newsletter regarding the change of the Queen’s Birthday public holiday.

Reminder to all families that Friday June 3rd is a pupil free day and Monday June 6th is Foundation Day public holiday.

Enjoy your extra long weekend.

Greg Martin
GREG MARTIN
Principal

Don’t Miss Out...... Orders being taken NOW!

Name Bricks & Pavers

We need Orders to come in as soon as possible so that the 75th Anniversary Wall & Paved area can be Planned and Built!

It’s Easy:

If you wish to have your Name/s engraved on a Brick or Paver, simply fill out what you would like to have engraved in the relevant boxes provided on the Orders & Payment Form sent home last term. Return the attached form, along with payment, to the School.
Uniform Shop News

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

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 Report

Winter Wonderland Disco!

Remember to get your tickets in by this Thursday as tickets will be sent home on Wednesday and there will be no door sales. We need people to help clean up. Please put your name on the roster outside the Canteen area if you can help.

Penny Pettit

THE CASINO NIGHT IS 2 WEEKS AWAY AND SEATS ARE SELLING FAST!!!!

June 17th Tickets $25 per person

ASK YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Please put payment in envelope labelled “Casino Night” (and your name) and place in the P & F box located in the canteen area ASAP

Thank you from the P &F

Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesday, 7 June 2011
8.15—8.45 a.m.

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Source: www.nap.edu.au

Parents—there are many items of clothing in the lost property.

If you are missing any items of clothing, please check the lost property (yellow) basket in the foyer of the canteen.

Please ensure all school items are clearly marked with your child’s name.

Thankyou.
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

Canteen News

Families are reminded to keep their accounts in credit, please.

SHERYL MILONAS

Pastoral Care

The Term 2 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!

Week 6

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Columba Runners

The first Family Fun Run will be held at Yokine Reserve on Sunday, 5 June 2011. The children will need to be there at 10.30 a.m. for an 11.00 a.m. start. The runners and hopefully, parents will run for one hour around the pathways of the park and the day will conclude with a sausage sizzle. All registered runners will receive a free hot dog, drink and participation certificate. All parents and siblings will be able to buy a hotdog for $1.00 and limited cans of cool drink will also be available for an additional $1.00.

It is always a fun day, so hopefully we will see you there. A map of Yokine Reserve has been placed on the Columba Runners noticeboard, on the glass in the canteen area.

All unpaid fees are now due. We would like to close all registrations on Tuesday 7th June. All students that have not registered by this date will need to wait until next term to join.

We are also taking orders for the Columba Runners T-shirt. Order forms can be collected on training days or from the Uniform Shop on Tuesday mornings.

Social Worker News

Why rosters rock & how to use them to make life easier

While as a mum and dad your job is to be a wise family leader, you are not responsible for everything that goes on in your family. Delegation and discussion should be your best friends. Here’s how it works. Share some decisions that affect everyone (but not all decisions): share many problems (everyone helps out when someone is struggling); share the wealth (that’s why kids get pocket-money) and share the jobs (that’s why kids do jobs without being paid).

Most parents like the idea of kids helping without being paid, but have trouble putting the idea into practice. It can be hard work changing entrenched habits. Besides, you can feel like a nag always reminding kids to help out.

That’s why I love Rosters. When something needs to be done refer to the roster. “Okay guys, who’s turn is it to do the dishwasher?” It’s the humble jobs roster that tells kids what to do, not you. It takes the responsibility of helping right out of your hands. The third party (the roster) becomes the culprit.

There are 7 secrets to making Rosters rock! Here they are:

1. **Don’t crowd the roster with jobs.** Two to four jobs each day is enough. Not all jobs go on a roster. Just the significant ones.
Social Worker News (continued)

2. **Change the roster each week.** This gives you a chance to rotate the less than pleasant jobs.

3. **Place the roster in a public spot.** Accessibility is the key if you are to refer to it often.

4. **Use symbols or simple pictures for non-readers.** Yes, very young children should help.

5. **Make weekends different.** Homes work well when there are two routines. Kids should still help on weekends but differently.

6. **Make a sibling responsible for drawing up the roster** (this can be rotated). This gives ownership to kids.

7. **Include yourself on the roster.** This is the kicker as kids will generally help you when they see that you help them.

Okay, so how do you make sure that jobs are done? Here are four ideas:

1. **Don’t let kids off the hook!** Sometimes we do kids’ jobs because it’s easier. Once in a while is fine. But if you are always doing kids’ jobs then you are responsible, not them. It may mean that morning jobs are still there for kids to do when they come home from school.

2. **Don’t give kids jobs that you have an emotional attachment to.** When my kids were young I didn’t give them the job of feeding the family pooch as I knew that I’d always be checking on them. The cat however, was a different story!

3. **Be prepared to withdraw your cooperation until a job is done.** Be friendly with how you do this. Consider letting kids know you’ll cook the evening meal when the dishwasher is done.

4. **Use grandma’s principle.** That is make sure the pleasant tasks are tackled after the less pleasant tasks are completed. So kids can turn the TV on when jobs are done. Get the order right!

There are three compelling reasons why kids should help at home. **First,** they learn to belong in their family through contribution not through misbehaviour or other self-centred reasons. **Second,** they develop a genuine feeling of usefulness through their contribution. **Third,** … your job as a parent it to make yourself redundant! Doing jobs is an important part of that process.

As kids move into adolescence they still should help out, but you probably don’t need a roster. They should know what they are supposed to do!!!!!

Extract from *Happy Kids* newsletter by Michael Grose


Jennifer Maughan
School Social Worker
St Columba’s Bayswater Wednesdays and alternate Thursdays
Community News

Tennis Coaching

During the school term Ross Gerrans’ Tennis School will be conducting tennis coaching for children and adults in your area.

Application forms are attached to this newsletter, available from the school office or by calling Ross on 9284 9588 or 0408 945 509. If times or venues are unsuitable, please call for details of alternative venues.

Junior Hockey Players Wanted

Eastern Blades Hockey Club is looking for players for this winter’s Hookin2Hockey program (designed for 5-12 year olds) and our junior teams for school years 5/6 and 7/8 upwards. Training is Tuesday afternoons and games are played on Saturday mornings for the years 5/6 and 7/8 groups.

For enquiries, please contact Michelle Naughtin on 9377 4432 or email us at juniors@easternblades.org.au.

Aranmore Catholic College warmly invites applications for Academic, Music, Netball and Rugby Scholarships for 2012.

Application Packs are available by contacting the College on 9444 9355 or visiting www.aranmore.wa.edu.au.

Closing date for all applications is 1 July 2011.

Parents & Friends Federation of WA

Administration Assistant – Temporary position – 10hrs per week

We are looking for an enthusiastic person with strong Microsoft Office skills to work in our Inglewood office as the Administrative Assistant. This position is a temporary role, working 10 hours per week, during school terms. Applications close Thursday 9th June 2011. An immediate start is favourable. If you are interested, please contact Joe Monterosso on 0434 606 691, email president@pff.wa.edu.au Please see our website www.pff.wa.edu.au for a detailed job description.
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