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From the Principal’s Desk

Important Dates*

Week 6
Thursday 9th June
• Assembly: Parish Hall (2.30pm)

Friday 10th June
• St Columba’s Feast Day—Whole School Mass (9am)

Sacred Saints Interschool Sports: Maida Vale Reserve: Yrs 5 & 6 (a/noon)

Week 7 CANTEEN CLOSED Tuesday 14th June

First Holy Communion Interactive Workshop (7pm)

Thursday 16th June
• First Holy Communion Reflection Day

• Community Nurse assessing KW vision & hearing: Science Lab (9am-12.15pm)

Friday 17th June
• Parish Mass: Yrs 3 & 6 (9am)

Sacred Saints Interschool Sports: Maida Vale Reserve: Yrs 5 & 6 (a/noon)

Parish Priest: Fr Minh-Thuy
Almondbury Street, Bayswater
Phone: (08)9271 1414
parish@stcolumbasesw.water.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 2 Dates: Thu. 5 May—Fri. 8 Jul.
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.

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

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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.

St. Columba’s School Bayswater
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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.

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

Almighty God,
You have given Saint Columba to your people as an outstanding missionary and a ready friend in time of need.

With his assistance may we follow the gospel of Christ and receive the help of your grace in every difficulty.

Amen

RESPONSE FROM THE CEO DIRECTOR—EQUITY IN FUNDING ALLOCATION: Uploaded to the school’s website is Ron Dullard’s opinion published in The West Australian newspaper on Monday. This was in response to Robert Fry’s opinion piece that Ron believed was required in order to provide the community with a balanced debate.

CHANGES TO THE SEMESTER REPORTS: Last Tuesday evening, Naomi Martin and Vesna Gillians presented to a group of parents the changes to the semester reports system, to bring it in line with the National Curriculum to be implemented in the future. A flyer explaining the changes to the format, will be distributed to all parents late next week. To bring us in line with the changes to reporting and curriculum, a survey will be sent home to all families in the near future about how we report to parents. The ‘Reporting to Parents’ policy, distributed to all families a couple of years ago, can be located on the school’s website, under the ‘Policies’ section.

Greg Martin
GREG MARTIN
Principal

From the Principal’s Desk (continued)

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

CALLING ALL AUSSIE FARMERS DIRECT CUSTOMERS—OR THOSE WHO WISH TO BE!

Did you know that being an AFD customer can benefit the school as well as being a huge bonus for your family? Flyers are coming home today to show you just how EASY it is to ensure that St. Columba’s gets 2% of all purchases! Plus—this 2% will be back-dated to 1 January 2011—but you must link it NOW! New Customers, see the same flyer for EXTRA SPECIAL OFFERS for you!!

Aussie Farmers Direct is a proud and generous supporter of many St. Columba’s activities. Help yourself, support WA produce and support the school all in one easy move!

LAST CALL FOR CASINO TICKETS

Several people have indicated they wish to book a seat on the Casino Bus - but have not yet paid! Please do so ASAP! If you would like to come - there are a few seats left. Please put your names and money in the P&F box ASAP thank you.

Leesa Vinciullo—President, P&F

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
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

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Please accept my apologies for this inconvenience.
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!

Happy Birthday!
Wishing a very happy birthday this week to:
Milla Iaschi (Pre-Kindy)
Lily Endersby
Elijah Ijjo (Kindy White)
Cian Veale (Pre-Primary)
Madeleine Cook (Year 3)
Caitie Tonkin (Year 6)

Cleaning Roster
Friday, 10 June
Paul & Sina Andrijich
9272 7934
Friday, 17 June
Keeli Maiden Year 3
Melissa Dawes Year 3
Friday, 24 June
Y3 Parents (First Eucharist Celebration)
Jill Brazil – 0411 592 234

Week 5-6 Roster
Fri. 10 June Help needed
Mon. 13 June CANTEEN CLOSED
Wed. 15 June CANTEEN CLOSED
Fri. 17 June CANTEEN CLOSED

Week 7 Roster
Fri. 17 June Kindy White Elijah Ijjo
Fri. 17 June Kindy Green Amy Dancewicz
Fri. 17 June Pre-Primary Cain Veale
Fri. 17 June Year 1 Saxon Harbrow
Fri. 17 June Year 2 Luke Brindal
Fri. 17 June Year 3 Phoebe Mitchell
Fri. 17 June Year 4 Benjamin Grant
Fri. 17 June Year 5 Chantelle Stacey
Fri. 17 June Year 6 Molly Ashley
Columba Runners

Family Fun Run

Congratulations to the 78 runners at last weekend’s Family Fun Run, held at Yokine Reserve. As a group, you ran an impressive 640 km in just over one hour!

Well done everyone.

Thank you to the following people who work tirelessly behind the scenes and to the dads who can cook a mean BBQ:

Meesha Higgins
Carl and Janine Prowse
Michelle and Tony Livermore
Joe Marrapodi
John Marrapodi
Vince Ziino
Jim Brazil
Chenoa Anderson
Jenny Close
Mrs Martin

City to Surf

It is time to register our team for the Chevron City to Surf for Activ!

All school teams registered in this year’s 4 km run/walk event will enter the draw to win fantastic prizes.

Prizes will be awarded to:

- The biggest school entry (can include parents, teachers, siblings and friends);
- The best school spirit.

A special 15% registration discount is offered to all school teams.

Simply register online at [http://au.eventdirector.net/_Public/_Reg/regTeams.aspx](http://au.eventdirector.net/_Public/_Reg/regTeams.aspx) and enter COLUMBA RUNNERS as your team.

A specialised training program called “Go the Distance” will be run through the Columba Runners training program. Go the Distance is proudly supported by The Department of Education and the Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation (ACHPER) and run in association with StepUp4Kids.

See Leah Marrapodi for more details.
Social Worker News

Grandparents—the right to spoil but not take over

Being a parent is tricky, but it’s made easier if children’s grandparents are supportive of your parenting.

However there are times when the boundaries become blurred between being a grandparent and a parent. There’s usually tension when grandparents overstep their roles and interfere in how parents raise their kids.

The job of grandparents is to stand back and support parents emotionally, give you a break and gently pass on some wisdom when it’s asked for, or when quite obviously it’s needed. In many ways, being a grandparent is like being a parent of a teenager where you have to stand back a little and let them figure out how to do things themselves. You step in when the serious stuff happens but need to stand back and allow them to make some decisions for themselves. It’s how they learn.

I think there is an inherent grandparent right to spoil grandchildren when they are in their company, and hand them back to their parents to do the hard stuff. I remember quite well having to pay tough cop for a day or two when my kids returned from a weekend at grandma’s. I recall saying things like: ‘Yes you may be able to stay up really late at nana’s but now that you are at home we’re back to your usual bedtime.’ It’s nice for kids to have the rules and routines loosened at times!

Conversely, there can be tension when parents expect grandparents to take on too much of the parenting. I’ve seen instances where grandparents become carers for young children when a parent returns to work, and suddenly grandparents assume the role of primary parents, whether they want this or not. It can be hard for grandparents to revert to being just a nana and pa when they spent most of their interactive time with kids being like a quasi parent.

Working out roles can be hard, but it’s maybe what you need to do. It helps when the relationship is strong, built on the bedrock of respect and admiration. This is not always the case when dealing with in-laws, as there is often an added layer complexity there.

Extract from Happy Kids newsletter by Michael Grose
www.parentingideas.com.au

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 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.

**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 [wwwaranmore.wa.edu.au](http://wwwaranmore.wa.edu.au). Closing date for all applications is 1 July 2011.

**WELCOME THE WORLD TO YOUR HOME**

Why not host an overseas exchange student with AFS Intercultural Programs? We have participants due to arrive in July 2011 and they require volunteer host families for their stay in Western Australia.

Participants come for 5 or 11 months and attend high school or volunteer in the community. They come from countries including Switzerland, France, Italy and Germany.

Make a friendship that can last a lifetime. For more information please call your local volunteer Joyce on 9534 5823 or visit www.afs.org.au

**Need something to do these holidays?!**

The Morley Sport and Recreation Centre will have a variety of fun clinics the second week of the July holidays. Our very popular Combo workshops which run for 3hrs are back again and may include Cheerleading, Multisports, Craft and much more. We even have Toddler Gym and Fun 4 Kids (4-6yrs) classes. So make sure you register early as classes fill fast! Come see us, or call on 9375 3529, or visit our website [www.morley.ymca.org.au](http://www.morley.ymca.org.au) to download the registration form.
Community News

Christmas in July

The Mary MacKillop Foundation invites you to

Perth's Inaugural Fundraising Dinner

Saturday 9th July 2011
Royal Perth Yacht Club 7pm

Guest Speaker – Dr Fiona Wood AM, 2005 Australian of the year

$150 per ticket or $1500 for a table of 10
Including a 3 course dinner, wine, beer and soft drinks
as well as live entertainment.

Buy online at www.mackillopfoundation.org.au
For more info call 02 8912 2714 or e-mail events@mackillopfoundation.org.au
Bookings close on 5th July 2011

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