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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.

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Minh-Thuy  
Almondbury Street, Bayswater  
Phone: (08)9271 1414  
priest@stcolumbasbayswater.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 3 Dates:**  
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.
From the Principal’s Desk (continued)

**Penance Interactive Workshop:** Next Tuesday, 9th August, students receiving the Sacrament of Penance for the first time, and their parents, are requested to attend a workshop in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Whole School Photo:** Next Thursday 11th August all students will be taking part in a whole school photo to commemorate our 75th Anniversary. Parents are requested to refrain from lingering where the photo is taken in order to avoid being a distraction. Please take careful note of the details sent home in a note earlier this week.

**Uniform Changes:** There have been changes to the school uniform, mostly with regard to the school tracksuit, which will be phased in over a period of time. Please ensure that you familiarize yourself with the updated Uniform Policy which will be available for your convenience on the school website next week.

**KidzMix Parent Workshop:** It would be great to see as many of you as possible at this workshop. Please note that after a number of changes, the final start time is 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 10 August in the Parish Hall.

**Australian Census:** August 9th is Census night and information gathered at this time is vital to the demographic work of the Catholic Church, including Catholic education. Families are encouraged to complete the voluntary question on the census relating to religious affiliation.

**Lost Property:** There are many items of clothing residing in our Lost Property basket which is now filled to overflowing. Please make every effort to recover your child’s lost items as soon as possible. Any items not claimed will be disposed of on 19th August.

Enjoy the rest of your week!

Greg Martin

GREG MARTIN (Principal)
**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.

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**P&F Report**

**Quiz Night**

16 September 2011

A huge thank you to the following families who have made (or organised) generous contributions to our upcoming quiz night:

- Belle & Beau Events — Partington Family
- Denture Professionals — Mills Family
- Crow Books — Sheardown Family
- Articoli — DeNuccio Family
- Krystal McGee Photography — McGee Family
- Glenn Parker Cycles — Lightfoot Family
- Direct Café Supplies — Owens Family
- Boral Bricks — Wong Family
- Sherbet — Danciewicz Family
- Tupperware — Pincus Family
- Aussie Farmers Direct — Prowse Family

It is not too late to donate! We are still desperately in need of some major prizes and would warmly welcome donations of cash or prizes!

Please contact Leese Vinciullo at pff@stcolsays.wa.edu.au if you are able to help.

Many thanks.

Leesa Vinciullo
President—St. Columba’s 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

Please keep your account in credit. Thank you.

SHERYL MILONAS

Pastoral Care

The Term 3 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 3
Friday, 12 August

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Happy Birthday!

Wishing a very happy birthday this week to:
Charlotte McGee (Yr 1)
Phoebe Mitchell (Yr 3)
Emily Emmott (Yr 5)
Daniel Tobin Francesca DeNuccio (Yr 6)
**Community News**

**Junior cricket registration.**

Bedford Junior Cricket Club is having registration days for junior cricket this season on Saturday August 13th and Sunday 14th from 9am to 1pm at the Bayswater-Morley cricket clubrooms, Hillcrest Oval, Coode Street, Bayswater. All age groups welcome from 5 years to under 17. Fees are very reasonable. 10% discount for families with more than one player.

Further enquiries: Contact club president Rob Mitchell on 0417912384 or email bedfordjcc@gmail.com

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**8 WEEK SHORT TERM HOSTING EXPERIENCE - VOLUNTEER FAMILIES REQUIRED**

AFS Intercultural Programs have 15 students arriving from Germany on the 24th September for 8 weeks, where they will live with an Australian family and attend school.

Have the world come to your home for a short while, but gain friendships that can last a lifetime. So - whether you have cattle or a poodle, six children or none, you have the perfect family.

If you are able to host a student or know of anyone that would like to host please contact your local volunteer Joyce on 95345823 or go to www.afs.org.au for more information.

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**R.C.I.A.**

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

Would you like to know more about the Catholic Faith?

Are you curious about the Catholic Church?

For those interested in becoming Catholic, or Baptised Catholics yet to receive their Holy Communion and/or Confirmation,

Please Contact:

Fr. Minh-Thuy (Parish Priest) 9271 1414
Sally-Anne Cook (RCIA Coordinator) 9272 7214

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**Iona Presentation College**

Iona Presentation College will hold an Open Morning on Tuesday 6 September 2011. The Open Morning will commence at 9.30 am at the College Sports Centre.

We warmly welcome prospective families, current parents and past pupils to learn more about life at Iona. There will be a presentation by the College Leadership Team, followed by a guided tour and morning tea. You will also have the opportunity to speak to staff members, current students and current parents.

Please RSVP to Ms Deborah Peacock, College Registrar, on (08) 9285 5298 or to dpeacock@iona.wa.edu.au by Monday 29 August.

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**Aranmore Catholic College**

**Prospective Families Information Evening**

Wednesday 24 August 2011, 7pm – 8pm

Register at wwwaranmore.wa.edu.au or call 9444 9335 before 15 August and win a $100 gift voucher

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**Lisa Baker MLA**

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