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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.

Parish Priest: Fr Minh-Thuy
Almondbury Street, Bayswater
Phone: (08)9271 1414
parish@stcolsbayswater.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: Tue. 26 Jul —Fri. 30 Sep.
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)

SAD NEWS: It is with great sadness that I advise the community about Fr Minh-Thuy’s brother passing away last week. Please keep Fr Minh-Thuy and his family in your prayers.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PARENT SURVEY: A reminder that the ‘Before and After School Care’ survey is due tomorrow, Friday 19th August. Your support in completing and returning the survey form by the due date is greatly appreciated for it will assist the Board and Leadership Team in making an informed decision from the data collected. Attached to this newsletter is an electronic copy of the survey.

PERFORMING ARTS: Congratulations to our Years 1 & 2 students who have participated in the Performing Arts Festival over the past couple of weeks. The students performed exceptionally well, receiving high praise from the adjudicators. We are very grateful to the teachers involved: Trish Dawson, Sarah Bolton, Sue Doble, Naomi Martin and Megan Dwyer for their efforts with the students. Many hours of preparation went into getting the students ready for their performances. Well done.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: The School Faction Carnival will take place on Wednesday, 24 August at the Gerry Archer Athletics Track, Abernethy Road, Cloverdale. Parents are asked to sign and return the permission slip sent out last week as soon as possible. PLEASE NOTE that children MUST return to School at the end of the Carnival. No children will be permitted to leave the Track with parents. This is to maintain the School’s duty of care for children.

COLES COLLECTION: We are seeking your support with the collection of shopping doockets again. Last year we received some great sports equipment from our involvement so it is worth the effort. The collection box is in the canteen. Send them in through the students if you wish, please.

Greg Martin
Principal

REFLECTION
May God’s presence flow through me.
May God’s presence surround me.
May God’s presence inspire me.
May God’s life excite me.
May God’s love enfold me.
May God’s peace calm me.
May God’s grace fill me forever.
Amen
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

**QUIZ NIGHT. !!!   QUIZ NIGHT. !!!   QUIZ NIGHT. !!!**

Tables are selling fast for the St. Columba’s Quiz Night on Friday the 16th September!

To secure your table get your info and payment into the P & F box ASAP!!

Table booking flyer is attached to the newsletter.

A big thank you to those of you who have made generous classroom donations—we need these in by Wednesday, 31st August as we will be wrapping the prizes that weekend!

Thank you also to the Revell and Savage families for their generous contributions!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Quiz Night!

**ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The St. Columba’s P & F will again be selling tea / coffee / hot chocolate from the canteen at the Athletics Carnival on Wednesday, 24th August. We have also added a few extras to help keep everyone warm and happy on the day! Please see the attached menu and prices!

If you are able to help out for a half hour or so during the day, that would be warmly appreciated!

**Leesa Vinciullo**
P & F President
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 5

Friday, 26 August
Kindy White  Isabelle Miller
Kindy Green  Ruby Shanahan
Pre-Primary  Jordenn Pollock
Year 1  Mimi Ma
Year 2  Jasmine Dillon
Year 3  Madelen Maiden
Year 4  Eloise Shah
Year 5  Ciara Rodwell
Year 6  Rose Joseph
Community News

Northern Saints
BASKETBALL CLUB Inc.
nsbc.asn.au

NORTHERN SAINTS BASKETBALL CLUB
Come down join a team learn to play basketball.
New season starts on SATURDAY, 22nd October 2011.
Main registration day 3rd September 2011 from 9.00 a.m. to 3.30 p.m.
Girls, Boys & Mixed competitions.
At Altone Park Rec. Centre, Benara Road, Beechboro.
Enquiries Call: 0417 974 179

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
or
Sally-Anne Cook (RCIA Coordinator) 9272 7214

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.

Aranmore Catholic College
Prospective Families Information Evening

Wednesday 24 August 2011, 7pm – 8pm

Register at wwwaranmore.wa.edu.au
or call 9444 9355
before 15 August and win a $100 gift voucher
Advertising space available!

$50.00 per term for a business card-sized ad.

Contact admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au with your pdf and to arrange payment to the P&F.