In case you haven’t heard -

Vs

8 Goals 4 Points – 52 Points  20 Goals 12 Points – 132 Points

Is there anything else worth reporting about this week? Commiserations to all the Fremantle Supporters for last Friday night’s 80 point loss and an end to their 2011 season. A reminder that the cabinet trophy at Fremantle Football Club is still empty, and will be for at least another 12 months. I’m sure you are all looking forward to bigger and better things in 2012 - LOL.

Dear Parents and Students

We are midway through Term Three and I am pleased to report that the teachers and students are working extremely hard and achieving wonderful results in many and varied areas. It is very encouraging to see students enjoying their learning and willing to share their experiences so readily. Parental support and affirmation of our students and staff play a big part in creating a conducive and stimulating learning environment. We appreciate your ongoing assistance in these areas and acknowledge the strong partnership that exists between home and school.

We have had quite a bit of wet weather over the past few weeks but all the students and staff have adapted well. Parents would have noticed that this

From the Principal’s Desk

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.
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term continues to be most hectic with Performing Arts, Confirmation, athletics and the Blessing and Official Opening of the new facilities next Friday.

Congratulations to Russell for their performance at our faction carnival last Wednesday.

CYBER BULLYING AND THE INTERNET: The term ‘Generation Gap’ was used during the 60’s and 70’s to describe the separation that was occurring between the older generation and the emerging generation. Rapid cultural changes in fashion, music and politics had occurred more so then, than in previous times and created a clear distinction between generations.

Today, we are experiencing another Generation Gap. This time it’s a technology gap between parents and their children. Technology is evolving at a relentless pace and children are usually the first to take up anything that is new, whether it is the internet, mobile phones, web cameras, digital cameras or the latest online games. They are often more skilled and informed than their parents and many of us struggle to keep abreast of the latest internet games and social networking sites our children are accessing. This is now quite common with some of our upper primary students accessing and registering on sites such as Facebook, which in my opinion is unsuitable for primary school children. It is also against the law for students under the age of 13 to register.

As parents, we may be aware of our children’s ability to master new technologies and even be tempted to boast about how ‘tech-savvy’ our children are. However we all need to be aware that our children are as vulnerable and are exposed to violence in cyberspace as they are in the physical world. This means that protecting our children in cyberspace is just as important as protecting them in all other environments. Just because they are at home no longer means they are safe.

Unsupervised access to cyberspace can expose our children to materials that are psychologically harmful, to on-line grooming when a child’s trust is gained so as to draw them into a situation which could be harmful to them, and to harassment and bullying. Chat-rooms and instant messenger services allow for users to remain anonymous and so children can be totally unaware of the true identity of a person with whom they may be communicating. Online games engaged in excessively, can inhibit the development of social skills and lessen interest in stimulating activities like reading and sport.

Cyberspace, if correctly supervised, offers children the opportunities of information, education, entertainment and communication with others. Parents need to be fully aware of the content and the amount of time their children spend in pursuing these opportunities. The outcome of these opportunities must be positive and truly developmental for our children, otherwise we have let them down. We too need to be ‘tech-savvy’ if we’re going to protect our children from those unsuitable characters in cyberspace.

(Thoughts adopted from an article by Ammara Wajid)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: This Sunday our Year 6 students and parish children will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish Church. In order to preserve the solemnity of the occasion, I would like to remind all parents and family members that the taking of photos during the celebration will not be permitted. An official Photographer has been appointed and approved by Fr Minh-Thuy and will take photos at the appropriate...
From the Principal’s Desk (continued)

times during the celebration. The photographer, Greg Owens, will also be available to take individual photos, at parents’ request, prior to the celebration and at the conclusion of Mass. Your support with the above is greatly appreciated. Please keep the Confirmation candidates and their families in your prayers as they continue with their preparation.

**Canteen Closed – Friday 9th September:** Due to the official opening of the new school library and undercroft area, and Mrs Milonas preparing the morning tea for the invited guests, the canteen will closed next Friday, the 9th September. Please ensure your children bring to school their morning tea and lunch on the day.

**Mercy Mission Day:** A reminder to all parents that the Mercy Mission Day has been scheduled for Wednesday, 28th September. A Mercy Mission Mass has been organised for 9.00 a.m. and all parents are encouraged to celebrate the Eucharist with the students. All students may wear free dress (gold coin donation) on the day, but no hair dye/colouring will be permitted.

**Coles/Woolworths Dockets:** A reminder that the school is participating in the Coles Sports for Schools AND the Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotions. It would be appreciated if those families who shop at Coles and Woolworths deposit their docket on the day.

Finally I wish all the dads a very happy Fathers’ Day this weekend. Hopefully we’ll see you all at the Fathers’ Day breakfast and Fathers’ Day Mass this Friday.

*Greg Martin*

GREG MARTIN
Principal

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### Summer Uniform Ordering Day

**When:**  
Tuesday 6th September 2011

**Time:**  
7.30am to 10.00am and 1.00pm to 3.30pm

**Where:**  
Parish Hall

**Why:**  
To try on sample uniforms for sizing, to order summer uniforms and to order the new black tracksuit.

**PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE THE FINAL ORDERING DATE FOR THESE UNIFORMS.**

Attendance at the uniform ordering day is not required—if you already know your uniform requirements, please feel free to place an order in the uniform box by Tuesday, 6th September at the latest.

Parents please download/print the summer order form, with the tracksuit order form from the school website (Parent Information → Uniform Shop) and bring to the uniform ordering day.

Payment for placed orders is required on Uniform Ordering Day.
Uniform Shop News

School Bathers are now ready to order. Please go to Parent Information → Uniform Shop on the School Website or refer to attachments in this week’s newsletter for the Order Form. Orders will close on **Friday, 9 September 2011 (next week)**, with this being the only intake order for Term 4, 2011 and Term 1, 2012. If you have child/children entering year 3, 4, 5 or 6 in 2012, and you believe your child/children may represent St Columba’s at the Interschool Swim Meets, school bathers are essential.

**TRACKSUITS:** The new black tracksuits will be available to order shortly via pre-order, ready for delivery in Term 1, 2012. Current stock of green tracksuits are now being sold at half price. Please note that there can be no further returns of green tracksuits.

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 !!!!!**

Just a quick reminder to book your table of 8 for the upcoming Quiz Night. We have some amazing prizes, raffles and games to play and we would like to see everyone there.

**Friday 16th September, 2011**

**Chisholm College Gym**

7pm for a 7.30 start

(booking slips are attached to the newsletter)

Tickets are now on sale for the **MAJOR RAFFLE OF THE NIGHT** and you don’t even have to be there to win it!!

(see attached flyer for details)

A huge thank you once again to all those families who have made generous donations to the Quiz Night.

A special mention this week of John Marrapodi who is always a huge supporter of all school activities—thank you John!

Leesa Vinciullo
President 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 jbrital@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

Parents should note that the Canteen will be closed next Friday, 9 September, to allow me to cater for the Official Opening of our new building.
Please keep your account in credit. Thank you.
SHERYL MILONAS

Cleaning Roster

Week 6-7 Roster

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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!

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Happy Birthday!
Wishing a very happy birthday this week to:
Christopher Figueiredo (Pre-Primary)
Allison Lo
Bailey Seal
Cody Revell
Brock Marrapodi (Year 3)
Olivia Prowse
Sophie Prowse (Year 4)
Alexandra McGee
Chantelle Stacey (Year 5)
Columba Runners

City to Surf

Congratulations to the 72 Columba Runners and parents who participated in last weekend’s City to Surf.

It was wonderful to see you completing the 4km and 12km and no doubt you all heard Mr Murphy cheering for you towards the finish.

Well done everyone!

End of Season Wind-up

The Columba Runners end of season wind-up will be held on Sunday, 25 September, at Burswood Park.

Invitations will be sent out next week to all students who were registered in either Term 2 or Term 3.

Come and join us for a great day!

Leah Marrapodi
Running Coordinator

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Personal Security

Families are reminded to be conscious of the security of personal possessions when on school property. Please do not leave valuables in your vehicle when visiting the school.

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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.
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.
SAVE THE DATE – 1991 Mercedes Ladies

Calling all old girls in the cohort that left Mercedes College, Perth in 1991.
Please register your name and details to merdescollege1991@hotmail.com and save the evening of Wednesday 21 December 2011 to catch up at our 20th Year School Reunion at Mercedes College.

Invitations will be emailed out shortly.

SAVE THE DATE
Sparkling High Tea

Celebrate 165 Years In Style
Sunday, 2nd October 2011
Mercedes College, Victoria Square
3pm MESA Guided Tour of Campus
4pm Sparkling High Tea

All Ex-Students welcome
(St. Joseph’s, Our Lady’s College & Mercedes College)
$45 MESA members / $50 non members
Cash Payment on the day
RSVP: 14th September 2011

Contact: Leanne Holly to RSVP & for more info leanne.holly@optusnet.com.au or Mandy Ludovico mludovico@mercedes.wa.edu.au
Ph: 08 9323 1323  www.mercedes.wa.edu.au

YMCA Morley Sport and Recreation Centre
School Holiday Clinics
Monday 3 October – Friday 7 October 2011
Clinics available are Gym/ Cheerleading/ Dance/Combo, Toddler Gym/Fun n games, Multisports and Young master chefs/Craft combo. Very affordable prices.
For more information and enrolments please call YMCA Morley’s Front Reception on 93753529.
Classifieds

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