Dear Parents and Students

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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*
Tony and Michelle Livermore and failed to mention Chenoa who organised the banners a few months ago. Thank you to all involved the banners look fantastic.

**ST COLUMBA SCHOOL PRAYER** To commemorate our 75th Anniversary, members of our staff have written a school prayer that encompasses the Mercy values, and the work of Catherine McAuley and St Columba. This new school prayer was included in the opening ceremony of our BER Project and at our recent assembly. It will be used at all future gatherings and special events. Thank you to those involved in developing this special prayer.

**On a lighter note …**

It is time to give credit where credit is due. The Eagles were magnificent last Saturday and will be the ‘dark horse’ in this week’s preliminary final. We could see a Collingwood vs West Coast Eagles Grand Final! Just quietly though, I am not as confident as I was last week. The Hawthorn team is a very talented side and my team, Collingwood, is unpredictable. We will have to wait and see what happens. One thing for certain is that Fremantle can’t make the Grand Final!

**ARCHBISHOP’S SPIRIT AWARD**

Congratulations to the St Columba’s school community who have been awarded the Archbishop’s Spirit Award for the outstanding support we have given to Catholic Agencies, such as Lifelink. This award is usually given to one school each year, however, on this occasion they were unable to separate two schools and the joint recipients are St Columba’s School and La Salle College.

Bishop Don Sproxton will be presenting the plaque, on behalf of Archbishop Hickey, at a special assembly on Tuesday 15th November commencing at 2.00pm. Well done everyone.

**CATHERINE MCAULEY MERCY MISSION DAY:** Next Wednesday, 28th September is Catherine McAuley Mercy Mission Day. The students may wear free dress for a gold coin donation. Please ensure that our uniform and anaphylaxis policy is adhered to. There is to be no hair spray or spray in hair colours, or nuts permitted on this day.

The Canteen will be closed on this day. A sausage sizzle will be held at lunchtime, with a sausage in a bun costing $3 and a sausage in a bun with a fruit box costing $4.

All funds raised on Catherine McAuley Mercy Mission Day will go to a variety of Catholic Agencies.

The Canteen will be open as usual on Monday, 26 and Friday, 30 September.

**BER PROJECT OPENING:** Parents are encouraged to read page 9 of this week’s local paper, the EASTERN REPORTER, for an article and picture regarding our new Library.

**WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO:** Copies of the whole school photo taken on 11 August are now able to be ordered at a cost of $15 each. Order forms and a copy of the photo, to view, are available in the office. All orders must be received at the school office by THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER.

**HEAD LICE:** Head lice are in the school. Please be vigilant about check and treating your children.

Greg Martin

**GREG MARTIN**

Principal

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**REFLECTION**

Father,

we pray for
ourselves, our community and our school.

Enable those we touch to be agents of your goodness.

Empower us to be your servants, leading as you would in justice and charity.

Enlighten us today with the power of your Spirit.

May you bless us and keep us in the palm of your hand.

Amen
Uniform Shop News

Please note that the Uniform Shop will not be open on Tuesday 27th September. All summer uniform orders are being collated and will be delivered to your child’s class. Very limited items will be available for sale from the Uniform Shop during Term 4.

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 A SUCCESS

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz Night!!

A special thank you to the organisers and helpers: Penny Pettit, Amanda McLaughlin, Leili Marshall, Tara Savage, Abbie Ehrhardt, Kelly Shanahan, Paula Dunn, Jackie Stacey, Steph Coates, Kathleen Ziino and of course our amazing MC's Paul Shanahan and Mark Pettit

It would not have been possible without your amazing efforts!!

To everyone who came along and enjoyed the night

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO RAISE OVER

*****$15,500 *****

towards our new playground equipment!!

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

As we are rapidly nearing the end of term, please ensure your account is in credit. Thank you.
The Canteen will be closed on Mercy Mission Day, when a Sausage

Sizzle will take place.

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 9

Fri. 23 Sep. Close
Mon. 26 Sep. Help needed
Wed. 28 Sep. CLOSED
Fri. 30 Sep. Help needed

Kindy White Jacob Partington
Kindy Green Mia Ross
Pre-Primary Ethan Matthew
Year 1 Alani Jamieson
Year 2 Abbey Hunt
Year 3 Isabella Ulrich
Year 4 Savannah Regan
Year 5 Lachlan Compton
Year 6 Henry Pope
A recent survey shows 85% of parents admitted smacking their kids. Hmm! I suspect many people smack but don’t feel great about it.

Here are five reasons NOT to smack:

1. **You can’t be half pregnant.** Some people give just a little smack or a tap. Nope! This one is black and white. You either smack or you don’t. Make the decision!

2. **Kids live what they learn.** You smack and you teach them when you are old enough you can hit too!

3. **Schools don’t use corporal punishment anymore.** Your discipline needs to fit with the times in which we live. We don’t want teachers to smack/hit/beat our kids so let’s leave smacking where it belongs—in the past.

4. **It shows lack of skill.** Smacking kids when they are naughty is easy; being tough in different ways is hard. Wish to be a better parent rather than wish for things to be easier.

5. **It doesn’t work.** It may stop a behaviour temporarily but it doesn’t change much over the long term.

I can think of a few more but that will do. So what to use instead? Well, I’ve got books devoted to discipline without smacking, and I’ve programs and DVD’s devoted to discipline with tears, fears and put-downs. But here are some quick thoughts ............

**Feel like smacking?**

1. Walk away if you can.

2. If you can’t, put your child in his or her bedroom or somewhere safe until you and they have calmed down.

3. Take stuff away from kids when naughty including the right of use, and right to go to a place and the right to be around a person for a short time. Link the consequence to the behaviour so they learn.

4. Try, try and try to prevent misbehaviour by looking ahead and pre-empting some of your kids’ poor behaviour. Sometimes adjusting routines can prevent poor behaviour.

5. Tell kids exactly how they should behave and then rehearse it a few times.

6. Remove the pay-off for continuous, repetitive poor behaviour that involves you and do something different. Try not arguing with argumentative kids.

7. Focus on the behaviours you like your kids doing while ignoring some of the poor stuff. BIG TIP: What you focus on expands so set your antennae for kids’ good behaviours and that’s what you’ll see.

8. Move close to your kids when you want them to hear you rather than shouting instructions at 10 paces.

9. Help kids make up when they muck up. They mess up lots so give them a chance to fix things up with siblings, friends and family. That way they’ll learn to take more responsibility.

10. Tell them when they behave well and how their good behaviour impacts on you—it pleases you! Parent recognition is a high driver for most kids.

There are heaps of ways to teach kids to behave well and none of them involve smacking!

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**Social Worker News**

Jennifer Maughan
School Social Worker
St Columba’s Bayswater Wednesdays and alternate Thursdays
School holiday fun at RSPCA!

The October school holidays are nearly here and the RSPCA has lots of animal activities to keep children from 4 to 14 busy, whether they like craft, photography or just getting their hands dirty.

All our sessions involve animal interaction!

Bookings open on 19th September. Visit www.rspcawa.asn.au to find out more or call (08) 9209 9325 to register your child.

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Weekly classes * Holiday programmes

3-4 Years, 5-6 Years, 7-9 Years and 10-12 Years

Ring now for your “Trial” Lesson

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You are all invited to come to the Fete at the Schoenstatt Shrine on Sunday, 16th October 2011 from 10 am till 2 pm.

Take the opportunity to visit Our Lady during the Month of the Rosary and have a lot of fun doing so.

Call us if you’d like to know how your money can be worthily and profitably spent at the fete.

9399 2349

Hoping to see you all at

9 Talus Drive, Armadale

Sr. M. Lisette

Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary

Saturday 15 October, 10am – 3pm

2011 Maylands Home Expo and Sustainable Living Fair

Where: MPA Group Facilities, cnr Caledonian Ave and Foundry St, Maylands

Maylands MLA Lisa Baker is once again hosting the Maylands Home Expo and Sustainable Living Fair.

Josh Byrne, Presenter of ABC TV’s Gardening Australia, will host a special guest workshop.

Other free workshops include – practical energy saving tips for renters and home owners, how to make great soil conditioner using Bokashi composting methods (great for people who live in apartments) and energy efficient housing design.

The expo will showcase sustainable technologies and businesses, electric cars and electric bikes and etool embodied energy software from ABC TV’s New Inventors.

There will also be lots of fun activities for children organized by Environment House and fundraising activities by local schools - including a sausage sizzle.

For more information and to sign up for any of the free workshops, visit www.maylandshomeexpo.com.

Help Woolies to help our school. Start collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn points today!
School Holiday Clinics
Monday 3 October – Friday 7 October 2011

Clinics available are Crafty Kids / Young Master Chef, Toddler/ Kindy Gym, Multisports / Gym Combo, Fun n Games (4-6yrs), Cheer/ Dance Combo. Very affordable cost of clinics between $7.50 and $20!

For more information and enrolments please call YMCA Morley’s Front Reception on 93753529 or visit our website at www.ymca.morley.org.au.
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