Dear Parents and Students

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM: At the recent Board Meeting, it was decided by the members that we would postpone the possibility of introducing the ‘Before and After School Care Program’ at St Columba’s School until 2013. The data gathered from the survey sent out to all parents did not indicate a strong need for the program to go ahead in 2012. The Board members also believe that at this stage we do not have the facilities to accommodate the needs of the centre or the children. The board will further investigate the possibility of the program going ahead in the future when there is stronger support from the community.

CATHERINE MCAULEY MERCY MISSION DAY: Congratulations to all the students who took part in this year’s Catherine McAuley Mercy Mission Day this week. Many fun activities were planned during the day, such as face painting by the pre-primary students and The Price is Right in Year 5. All funds raised from the day will go to a variety of Catholic Agencies.

50TH ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE: The time capsule, buried 25 years ago, has been located and will be opened during our 75th Anniversary in a month’s time. Thank you to David Wojcik, a student present at the school during the burying of the capsule 25 years ago, who brought in his excavator and found the capsule. There are exciting times ahead for us all!

2012 BOOKLISTS: The 2012 booklists have now been sent home and are required to be returned by the 27th of October. Those parents who fail to return the booklists by 27th October will be required to deal directly with Wooldridges to have their booklists.

From the Principal’s Desk

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

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**MERCY VALUE FOR 2011 IS MERCY**

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.

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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.

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**Parish Mass Times**

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**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.
processed. This will mean travelling to Wooldridges, on Scarborough Beach Road, and submitting the form with the store manager. As explained in the letter sent out with the booklists, the optional page is non-compulsory and the listed items are not specified items requested by the classroom teachers. If parents wish to save time and not have to go to the shops to purchase these incidental items, they may select the items from the optional page and purchase them directly from Wooldridges.

FAREWELL ATP STUDENTS: Congratulations and thank you to our 3 ATP Students, Samantha Spadaro, Adam McFarlane and Natalie Spencer, who have completed their final teaching practice at St Columba’s School. We wish them all the very best in their future employment and careers as educators. I hope they take away fond memories of their experiences at this wonderful school, their supervising teachers and me as the best leader they will ever have during their teaching careers!

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS: Congratulations to all the students who have been selected to represent the school at tomorrow’s Interschool Athletics Carnival. Thank you to Jo McCluskey for her efforts in preparing the students for the event and all the parents who assisted with the training program.

MUSIC PROGRAM: A new private music program will be introduced in 2012 for those students wishing to learn how to play the flute and the clarinet. Louise Lloyd will be offering private tuition during the school days for those students interested in learning the above instruments. The private tuition will be offered to students in Years 4-6 only. Flyers will be sent out early next term for those interested in the program. If you would like to contact Louise directly prior to the flyers being sent out, her number is 0412 362 713

NO ASSEMBLY: Due to the majority of the students being at the Interschool Sports Carnival, today’s assembly has been cancelled. I apologise for the inconvenience.

SICK CHILDREN: It has been brought to my attention by staff members and parents that a number of parents are sending their sick children to school. This is totally unacceptable and I am disappointed this is happening. I have advised staff members that they are to use their discretion in such situations and if they feel the child should not be at school, they should contact the parents asking them to collect their children. I request you support my staff and the students by not sending your children to school if they’re unwell.

I like to wish you all a safe and restful two week break. The students return on Tuesday 18th October (Monday 17th October is a pupil free day).

On a lighter note………………………………………

May the best team win in this weekend’s AFL Grand Final. I’d like to add that although the magpies haven’t really been performing to the level I have come to expect from them, I am quietly confident they will hold up the trophy come October! Scott Pendellbury – ANZAC Day Medal, Dane Swann – Brownlow Medallist and finally the 2011 AFL Grand Final Champion …………….. COLLINGWOOD!!!!!
Uniform Shop News

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

Sausage Sizzle Bonanza

The St. Columba’s P&F have been fortunate enough to score two major Sausage Sizzle events in the next month!

The first is at Bunnings Morley on Sunday, 9th October and the second is at the Maylands Home Expo and Sustainable Living Fair on Saturday, 15th October.

While they are during school holidays, they both have the potential to be very successful community-oriented fundraising events. To ensure their success, however, we need people prepared to give an hour or two of their time at these events.

If you haven’t been able to help out at other school events and are looking for a quick and easy way to contribute - this is it! It would be lovely to see some new faces!!

The Bunnings Sausage Sizzle has a roster up in the Canteen Area - please put your name on it!!

To help out at the Maylands Home Expo Sausage Sizzle, please contact Leesa Vinciullo (0403 131 319 or leesav@iinet.net.au).

All funds raised go towards playground equipment!!

Many thanks in anticipation of your support!!

An Apology

So many people helped out at the Quiz Night, that trying to list people to thank personally was an error in judgement!! Some helpers (like Christina Bormolini and Kim Mills) were left off the list in last week’s newsletter. Apologies go to anyone who was kind enough to help out on the night and was not listed in the personal thank-you’s.

Thank you to everyone for making the Quiz Night such a wonderful experience!!

P &F Committee

School Fees

Reminder statements are being sent to families this week. If alternative arrangements have not already been made, please ensure fees are paid by the end of this week.

Karen Meleca
Bursar

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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.

SHERYL MILONAS

Pastoral Care

The Term 4 Roster will be 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. Thank you!
Columba Runners

On Sunday, 25 September the Columba Runners celebrated their end of season wind-up with a BBQ at Burswood Park.

We saw over 170 runners and family members come and enjoy a sausage sizzle and trophy presentation. Our season has seen the runners attend three training sessions per week, two Family Fun Days, the HBF Run for a Reason, the Kids Marathon and the Activ City to Surf! The children’s fitness level is amazing and their commitment to the training was remarkable. They have run distances that we never thought possible and they should all be very proud of their achievements.

I would sincerely like to thank all the fantastic parents who have helped us make this a very successful after-school program. Without your support and help this would not have been possible.

Congratulations to all the runners, who have run a collective total of 10,040 km and well done to Year Four for winning the highest class distance with over 2,000 km being run by 16 class members. I have posted the final distances and class winners on the Columba Runners noticeboard but would like to congratulate the following students:

The Columba Runner of the Year Award: Kye Livemore (305 km)
The John Murphy Perpetual Trophy: Jake Marrapodi
The Rising Star Award: Scarlett Mills and Zach Dancewicz

The sports committee would like to hear from any parents that would like to take on a more active role in the running program for 2012. A committee meeting will be held in Term Four to begin preparation for 2012. A date will be advertised in the school newsletter. We look forward to seeing you all back in Term Two, 2012.

Leah Marrapodi
Running Coordinator

Swimming Training

Swimming training will commence in Term Four, 2011 and continue into Term One, 2012 at Bayswater Waves Aquatic Centre.

Training dates and timetable will be available in week one of next Term. We are hoping training will commence in week two of Term Four.

We offer training to students that have the ability to swim at least 100 m of each competitive stroke. It is not a Learn to Swim program, but a fitness training that focuses on distance and strength work and the swimmers will need to be at a level deemed sufficient by the coaches. All students who represented St Columba’s School in the Interschool Carnival last year are encouraged to attend. If we can increase our coaching numbers we can offer a program for the younger swimmers. We will let you know if this option becomes available.

We are seeking parents that have any water-based swimming experience including Surf Lifesaving, Austswim or a Level 1 or above Coaching Accreditation, and who would like to take up an active role on the Swimming Committee. Please speak to Leah Marrapodi or Chenoa Anderson or place your details in the orange lock-box in the Canteen area and we will contact you. The Committee is also looking for parents to take on a number of roles on the committee, including Team Manager (Treasurer), Function Coordinators (2) and a Secretary, who will be responsible for all newsletters and information that goes out to parents. A meeting will be held at school on Wednesday, 19 October. Please come if you are interested in joining the committee.

The school will again be participating at the 2012 Schools and Colleges Relay Event and will also be taking swimmers to a Dive and Try Swim Meet at Perth Collage in March 2012. More details soon.

Did someone mention the Blackwood Marathon??
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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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!
YMCA Morley Sport and Recreation Centre

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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