Dear Parents and Caregivers,

**2009 School AGM:** Thank you to all community members who attended the Board and P & F’s Annual General Meeting Tuesday evening. The information evening was an opportunity for the Executives of the Board and P&F to summarise and reflect on the year and to inform the community of the school’s aims for 2010. Thank you to all the retiring Board and P&F members, John O’Rourke, Paul Andrijich, Angela Shah, Michelle Livermore, Andrea Middleton and Chenoa Anderson, for their support and commitment during the year.

Below are the elected Board and P&F members for 2010:

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**2010 School Fees:** At Tuesday night’s AGM Meeting, our School Board Treasurer, Paul Depiazzi, presented to the community the 2010 school fees. Attached to this newsletter is the 2010 school fees document, which includes a break down of the expenses for the year and average cost per week over 52 weeks. The document has also been uploaded to the school’s website with this week’s newsletter.

**2010 Staff Allocation:** Attached to this newsletter are the staff placements for 2010. Please note that changes may still occur before the end of the year. Parents will be notified via the newsletter if amendments are made to the document. The 2010 Staff Allocation has also been uploaded to the school’s website with this week’s newsletter.

**Students Not Returning in 2010:** Parents of students not returning in 2010 (excluding Year 6) are requested to officially notify the school, in writing, by the end of next week so that the Leadership Team can coordinate class lists for 2010. Parents can also e-mail Mrs Meleca at admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au.

**2009 School Fees:** School fees are now overdue. I request all parents, who are not on a payment plan, to finalise their fees by the end of the week.

**Building Education Revolution:** Recently I was advised by our Architects, Parry and Rosenthal, that the plans for the new buildings have been completed and a number of builders will be invited to submit a tender for the new library, senior toilets, multi-purpose / undercover area, canteen uniform shop and ECE toilets adjacent to the Year 3 and Music classrooms. These projects will be completed by the end of the 2010. Copies of the plans are displayed in the canteen area for those parents interested in viewing the new buildings to be constructed in the near future.

**Building Education Revolution:**

At St Columba’s Primary we believe that Service is a core value that encourages children to ask not what can be done for them but, what can they do for the world.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Term 4, 2009**

- **Monday 30th Nov**
  - Dance Lessons
  - 9.55-10.40 Yr 6
  - 11.05-11.50 Yr 5
  - 11.50-12.40 Yr 4
  - Swimming Lessons
  - Yrs 1-3

- **Tuesday 1st Dec**
  - Swimming Lessons
  - Yrs 1-3

- **Wednesday 2nd Dec**
  - Swimming Lessons
  - Yrs 1-3

- **Thursday 3rd Dec**
  - Swimming Lessons
  - Yrs 1-3

- **Assembly Parish Hall 2.30pm.**

- **Friday 4th Dec**
  - Swimming Lessons
  - Yrs 1-3

- **Monday 7th Dec**
  - Dance Lessons
  - 9.55-10.40 Yr 6
  - 11.05-11.50 Yr 5
  - 11.50-12.40 Yr 4
  - Swimming Lessons
  - Yrs 1-3

  For a more up to date and comprehensive Term Schedule, please visit the school’s website.

**THE NEWSLETTER IS GOING PAPERLESS IN 2010!**

Please register on the school’s website to receive notification of when the newsletter has been uploaded. **3 weeks to go.**

*PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE PLANNER FOR REGULAR UPDATES TO THE CALENDAR*

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**Greg Martin**

**Principal**

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**From the Principal’s Desk**

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

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**MERCY VALUE FOR 2009 IS SERVICE**

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**Sister of Mercy Website:** www.saintcolumbas.com.au

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**Ex-Officio**

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**Board Rep**

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**REFLECTION**

Advent is a time when we prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Jesus.

As we celebrate the first Sunday of Advent on the 29th November let us remember the poor shepherds and the circumstances of Christ's birth, so marked by poverty and make them reminders of the forgotten poor of our world.

Let the Child and Joseph and Mary teach us the dignity and importance of children and families in a society so neglectful of them as we support those in our community through St Vincent de Paul.

Jesus,
We humbly ask you to walk with us during this Advent.
In the quiet of our hearts, allow us to discover you.
Whenever and wherever we encounter you, may we honour you by whatever service we can give in return for the great gift of your coming that first Christmas. Amen

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**Swimming Years 1-3**

Swimming Lessons for Years 1-3 will commence on Monday 30th November and continue for two weeks. The children will be transported to and from the pool via bus and will be swimming at the following times Year 1- 12:00, Year 2-12:35 and Year 3 -1:10. The lessons will be held at Terry Tyzack Aquatic Centre. Children are required to bring to school their bathers, towel and suitable footwear. Goggles are optional. Please have clothing clearly marked to avoid losing items. Many thanks, Jo McCluskey

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**STUDENTS**

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**PARISH CLEANING ROSTER – TERM 3, 2009**

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The key to clean the parish is located at the school office. Once you have finished cleaning please remember to lock the hall and return the key to the office. If you are unable to do your roster on the day allocated, please swap with someone or contact me at the numbers listed below. If your contact details are incorrect, please contact me. Thank you for volunteering your time, it is greatly appreciated.

Kind regards Catherine Hunt. Ph: 9471 1551  MOB: 041 795 1428 EMAIL: mathunt@bigpond.com

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**Library News**

**LIBRARY STOCKTAKE**

We would like to conduct a stock take of all Library books before the end of the year and request all books be returned to the Library by the end of this week, Friday 27th November. Many thanks, Megan & Rita

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**Happy Birthday this week to.......**

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**PASTORAL CARE UPDATE**

The Term 4 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 3 provide a small gift (eg book, puzzle, textas etc) to the value of $5. Years 4-6 provide a cake. Please remember the nut-free policy when sending in baked goods. Tickets are 20c each, maximum of 3 tickets. Thank you!

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**Canteen**

**CANTEEN ROSTER: Week 8**

Dear Mums and Dads, help is needed in the canteen. If you are able to help even for a short time, it would be greatly appreciated. Just pop into the canteen and put your name down on the roster. Also just a reminder that Canteen is only open on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. As the end of term is approaching very fast could you please check that your accounts are up to date and that there are in credit. Thank you Sheryl.

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**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

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Included with today’s newsletter is a Price List/Order Form for Summer Uniforms. All items may be purchased this term. At this stage, the summer dresses are due to arrive in early December. We will keep you posted once they are available for collection. If you would like to pick up your order on the 28th January 2010 between 2pm-4pm, please fill out an Order Form and place in Uniform Shop box (located in the canteen area).

This is the same day as the book/stationery collections and is usually fairly busy so purchases this term would be appreciated. Feel free to come in and try on sizes during opening times.

The Uniform Shop opening times for the remainder of the term are as follows: Please direct any enquiries to Caroline Morgan on 0410 857 688.

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| Tuesday 15/12/09| 3.00-3.15pm  (last shop day - school breaks up Thursday 17/12/09)

We are looking for assistance to help run the shop. No experience is required! Please feel free to drop by on Friday mornings from 8.45-9.15am or contact Caroline on 0410 857 688.

**St Vincent DePaul Christmas Appeal**

As Christmas is approaching we would like to help those less fortunate than us. We are asking St Columba’s families to donate food and gifts to this appeal. Any donations can be left in the classroom with the teacher. St Vincent DePaul will be collecting them on Thursday 10/12/09 Your kindness is appreciated.

**School Community News**

Last term Jaimie-Lee and I went to all the classes and informed them of the Sun Rice competition that our school would be entering. We would just like to remind you to bring as many Sun Rice packets in as you can so that we can help other kids around the world that are less fortunate than us. We also have the opportunity to win $20,000 for our school. This competition ends on the 31st of November. Please help us make our school a better place and help others. By Jaimie-lee and Cara Year six.

**Community News**

**FANTASTIC EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

The Parents and Friends’ Federation of WA Inc., the independent voice of parents with children in Catholic schools, is seeking three enthusiastic, motivated, Parent-focussed people to fill the office positions of:

- Executive Officer (full-time)
- Admin and Finance Officer (0.8FTE)
- Affiliates Liaison Officer (0.4FTE)

If you are interested, please visit [www.pff.wa.edu.au](http://www.pff.wa.edu.au) for details.

Applications close 12th November 2009.

**Athena Calisthenics Club – TWO FREE TRIAL CLASSES.** Recreation and competing classes offered in Ballajura, Mirrabooka and Girrawheen. Now is the best time to come along and try calisthenics no matter what your age. The sport teaches children discipline, team work and confidence as well as coordination and physical fitness. Athena prides itself on the strong team spirit, team work and fun atmosphere of its classes.

Contact Stephanie 9249 2533 for more details.

**Our Lady’s Assumption School FETE**

Sunday 29 November

10.30-3pm

43 Chester Ave, Dianella.

Plenty of parking at Dianella Plaza

Come along for your chance to win a Nintendo DSI & an APPLE iPOD Touch

Memorabilia Auction, Food, Games, Silent Auction, Santa.

**SHELL NOVICE SWIM MEET**

Come down to Challenge Stadium on Sat, 5th December and participate in a fun swim meet against other novice swimmers from around the metro area. If you are between 6 years and 14 years of age, just download the entry form at [www.wa.swimming.org.au](http://www.wa.swimming.org.au), go to the Development tab and follow the links. Entries close 27th of November. You will receive a swim cap, certificate and official race times. If your school enters the most competitors your school will receive $300 and a visit from a former or current Olympic swimmer at a school assembly. For more information contact the West Coast Swim Club on 0438 908 264.
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