Dear Parents and Students

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Newsletter

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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@stcolumbasbayswater.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 4 Dates: Tue. 18 Oct.—Wed. 14 Dec
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.
From the Principal’s Desk (continued)

ALL students (Years 1 – 6) are required to attend in school uniform. They will be seated in class groups with their teachers.

DATE & TIME: Sunday 6th November commencing at 9.30am

WHO: School families, parishioners, invited guests & Years 1 – 6 students.

CLASSROOMS OPENED: 11.00 – 12.00pm

DRESS: ALL students to wear their summer school uniform.

While members of the St. Columba’s School community are more than welcome to attend this event, it is primarily an opportunity for the parish and outside community to feast their eyes upon our beautiful new buildings and facilities.

Parish Cleaning Coordinator: We are looking for a Parish Cleaning Coordinator for 2012. Jill Brazil has completed a wonderful job over the last two years and is now ready to hand over the reins to the next person. Jill has indicated she is happy to pass on her templates and explain the process undertaken over the last two years. If you would like to support the school and parish and are interested in taking on the role in 2012, please contact Sheryl Milonas on 92711781 or email at admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au. Your support in taking on this role is greatly appreciated. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank Jill for her efforts and hard work of the last two years. We greatly appreciate her commitment to both the parish and school.

Students Leaving: We are currently in the process of finalising 2012 class numbers and need to know, in writing, by the COB 4th November if your child (children) will not be returning in 2012. The school’s email address is admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au. Parents of students in Year 6 do not need to advise the school they will not be returning in 2012.

2012 Booklist: A reminder to all families that the 2012 Booklists need to be pre-paid and returned to school by Thursday 27th October at the latest. Those parents who do not meet the deadline will be required to go to Wooldridges directly.

School Fees: A reminder school fees are now due. Payments may be made in the office during normal school hours.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing Queen’s Birthday (CHOGM) holiday this Friday.

Greg Martin

GREG MARTIN
Principal
Congratulations

Congratulations to Nina O’Rourke whose design was selected as the logo to be used in next year’s CEO Curriculum Conference. Below are Nina’s design and the computerised image to be used.

Uniform Shop News

We have begun to distribute uniform orders. Some orders may be incomplete as we are waiting for some items—a note will be made for you on your order form.

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.

Uniform Shop

Next Open

Tuesday, 1 November 2011
8.15—8.45 a.m.

Booklist Reminder

If you are not ordering online, please return your completed booklist to the office NO LATER than Thursday, 27 October (TOMORROW). On-line orders will also have to be completed by this date.
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.

THANK YOU!

JILL BRAZIL

Canteen News

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. Thankyou!
The developmental stages are shifting. Traditionally there were four stages a parent had to negotiate before your progeny entered adulthood – infancy, early childhood, childhood and adolescence. There were some sub-stages within these but essentially that was about it.

Each subsequent stage was about twice as long as the previous one. That is, infancy went for around twelve months. Early childhood (toddlerhood) lasted 2 or 3 years. At around the age of four or five childhood (also known as latency) began which lasted about 6 years and finished at around eleven or twelve. Adolescence then took over and lasted arguably until about 21 when supposedly the responsibility gene kicked in.

Well, hang on to your hats because the last stage, adolescence is starting earlier and going on way past it’s traditional date of twenty-one. Many child development specialists talk about adolescence beginning as early as eight years of age and lasting well past the age of twenty-two. From my experience, many young males don’t seem to get their adult acts together until at least 25. That means adolescence lasts an achingly long fifteen or so years! Yikes!

I’ve been saying for years that we’d all better get good at raising teenagers as it is the longest stage by far. It starts earlier than ever in a physical (5% of girls begin menstruating before the age of 10) and in a social sense (many kids wear adult clothes well before they are emotionally ready) and lasts so much longer.

So what does this long stage mean as a parent?
Here’s some ideas to kick-start your thinking and talking:

1. Make the most of the opportunity years (age four through to 8 or 9) as these are the times to build relationships with your kids, and develop the values that they will return to after adolescence.
2. Get rid of the 21st birthday as a big event. It is now a meaningless excuse for a big drink. Replace it with some type of 25th birthday bash to mark an age closer to true adulthood. (The 18th birthday now provides young people with everything they want including the right to drive, which provides true independence and to legally drink.)
3. Learn to communicate with your kids using the language of cooperation rather than the language of coercion as teenagers by their very nature like to think they are calling the shots. Parents that use language that threatens their need for control either by fear or else they get heaps of resistance from kids.
4. Learn about resilience-building and the development of mental health habits as teenagers’ mental health can take a real battering due to a whole range of stuff including mixing with peers; fear of failure and the future; self-doubt; and how real-life measures up as opposed to how it looks from the safety of the classroom.
5. Most teens are chronically sleep-deprived so learn about good sleep hygiene as good sleep processes developed in childhood usually stay with teenagers. Help your person develop good sleep habits. Start with a cave-like bedroom.
6. Get ready to shift parenting gears and for the emotional impact of having a teen. You give birth twice as a parent. Once with a baby and a second time when the puberty fairy leaves a bundle under your pillow and it’s not pretty! Anger and sadness are common emotions for parents of early teens who must come to terms with loss (of that lovely, easy child) and learn to handle challenges to your authority and your self-esteem.
7. Twentysomethings represent the new parenting challenge. Your parenting in childhood will return to either haunt or thrill you when you have a 20something.
8. Love the NOW so you don’t parent from fear but keep an eye on the future so you can move your child down the independence road.
9. Link up with other parents so you can keep your perspective so gain strength from numbers. Isolation is the enemy of healthy parenting. “Everyone in my class is going to the party” has greater cache when a parent is isolated. Hook up with your peers as it will give your greater clout and knowledge when negotiating with a teenager.
10. Be prepared to play bad cop for your child. Sometimes kids in the early stages of adolescence need a parent who can be their brain and be the NO person. It helps them to save face as they can blame you for not allowing them greater freedom than they are ready for. It’s a lot easier than saying “I don’t want to do that because I feel unsure!” (Not that they would use those words).

There are some thoughts and ideas for starters. There’s plenty more to think about as we learn to handle the longest stage of all.

Extract from Happy Kids newsletter by Michael Grose
www.parentingideas.com.au

Jennifer Maughan
School Social Worker
St Columba’s Bayswater Wednesdays and alternate Thursdays
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CHISHOLM CATHOLIC COLLEGE ENROLMENTS IN YEAR 7, 2014

The parents of Year 4 students are invited to join their sons and daughters for a presentation about Chisholm Catholic College, which includes a screening of a 10 minute DVD about the College.

The presentation will take place at our school on Tuesday, 8th November 2011 at 9.30 a.m., in the Year 4 classroom.

Chisholm Catholic College senior staff and current Year 7 students, who have formerly attended St. Columba’s, will give the presentation and answer any of your questions.

Applications are now invited from parents of Year 4 children for entry into Chisholm Catholic College.

The first round of applications close on Friday, 23rd March 2012
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