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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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**From the Principal’s Desk**

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Minh-Thuy
Almondbury Street, Bayswater
Phone: (08)9271 1414
parish@stcolsbaysbayswater.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.

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*PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE PLANNER FOR REGULAR UPDATES TO THE CALENDAR*
to Leesa Vinciullo for her efforts and time spent coordinating this event.

**75th Anniversary Celebrations:** This week marks the 75th Anniversary of our wonderful school and community. As advertised previously, I request all parents to take note of the following:

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**Date & Time:** Friday, 4th November (6.00 – 10.00pm)

**Classrooms Opened:** 6.00 – 7.00pm

**Library Opened:** 6.00 – 8.00pm

**Time Capsule:** The time capsule has been opened to air out the contents and will be displayed in the Library for all members of our community to view.

**Who:** School families

**Dress:** Casual

**ANNIVERSARY MASS & DEDICATION OF NEW LIBRARY**

The mass will be celebrated by Bishop Sproston, a former student of St Columba’s. The new Library will be dedicated and named in honour of our last religious principal, Sister Irena Kasprzyk and this will be followed by a 75th Memorabilia display in the Parish Hall, new Library, Fr Russell Library (Old Library) and a Mercy Morning Tea in the undercroft area. The classrooms will also be opened for the community members to view the children’s work.

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

**Date & Time:** Sunday 6th November commencing at 9.30am. All students are to be seated by 9.20am at the latest.

**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.

**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.

**Thank You:** Sincere thanks go to the Revell Family for kindly donating plants and landscaping the areas outside the new library and Wilma Depiazzi for kindly doing a letter box delivery, within the local area, to advise our neighbours of our celebrations this weekend. Their support, and all the support we have received from the parents, directly and indirectly, is very much appreciated!

**Community Member With A Boat:** Phil Wild (father of Alyssa in year 5 and Thomas in year 1) will be attempting to swim solo from Cottesloe to Rottnest as part of the 2012 HBF Rottnest Channel Swim. The event will be held on Saturday, 25 February 2012. The race departs from Cottesloe Beach and finishes at Thomson Bay, Rottnest Island. The distance of the race is 19.7 km and it is one of the largest open water swimming events in the world, with around 2000 entrants competing as either a solo, duo or team of four. Each solo entrant requires a support boat that is a minimum of 5 metres in length to accompany them on their swim. If you have a boat that meets the minimum length requirements and if you are free on February 25 and would be interested in helping Phil with his crossing attempt, could you please contact him on mobile 0400 466 952 or email philwild@gmail.com. Phil will cover all costs.

Greg Martin

Principal
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.

P&F Report

Fundraising the Healthy Way!!

Last week all families should have received a flyer and order form for an Aussie Farmers Direct Family Fruit and Veg Box.

All you need to do is fill out the order form and return it, with payment, to the P & F box in the old canteen area. The Fruit and Veg Boxes will then be delivered to your door!!

The school gets $10 for each box ordered - how amazing is that - so make sure to get friends and family to order one too!!

Existing AFD customers are also welcome to take part in this fundraiser!

All order forms must be received by Thursday 10th November.

Please support this healthy and fuss free final fundraising venture for the year!!

P & F Committee
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

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Canteen News

Please ensure your account is in credit. Thank you.

SHERYL MILONAS

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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!
Social Worker News

What do your kids do to annoy you?

Do they fight?

Do they nag incessantly?

Perhaps, you have a child who continually whines to get what they want? Or does it drive you crazy when kids always leave their toys/clothes/towels lying around despite your constant reminders?

How to bring about a change in behaviour is a common parenting challenge. Here are four tips that will help bring about a behavioural change, if you are persistent and patient.

These ideas also work gang-busters on adults so if your partner has an annoying habit or behaviour that you’d like to alter then you can practise on them!!

Tip 1: Change your initial response. Think how you normally respond to kids’ annoying behaviours, and then do something different. Rather than remind kids to pick up toys, remove them. Move away from whining rather than tell remind them stop. Repetitive behaviours happen because of the pay-off they get so change the pay-off to change the behaviour.

Tip 2: Practise new or better behaviours. There are times when it’s useful to practise, role play or rehearse better behaviours. Want a child to stay in bed when they wake in the middle of the night rather than visit you? You’ll increase the chance of success dramatically if you role play with your child during the day waking up, turning on the light and reading a book. Do it a number of times and he’s more likely to do it at night.

Tip 3: Minimise the attention you give to behaviours you don’t want. That means when kids ignore your brilliant suggestions and continue with an old behaviour then, ignore it, sidestep it or implement a consequence but don’t nag or harp on it. It takes time to change ingrained behaviours.

Tip 4: Spotlight the appropriate behaviour. Show your sincere appreciation when kids behave in the desired way. We often take kids for granted, or rather we are hard-wired to give kids NO recognition for doing the right thing, but we give them plenty of B-grade attention when they misbehave. The behaviours you focus EXPAND so set your antennae to pick up the good rather than the annoying behaviours.

Like any process it will work if you stick to it and follow through. Star charts are one option, but I think they are for parents’ benefit more than the kids as they act as good reminders for us to focus on their good behaviours.

One more thing!

Expect kids’ annoying behaviours to get worse before they improve as they are just trying to work out if you really mean it when you change! That’s why persistence and patience are your greatest allies in this process.

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
Community News

BUS DRIVER (PART-VOLUNTEER)
KORA CENTRE
a charitable organisation, requires a part-volunteer bus driver for its Childcare service.

Days: Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.
Time: 9.30am – 10.30am & 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Place of Bus Service: Maylands & Bayswater
Licence: HR Licence required (Preferably with “F” endorsement)
NATIONAL POLICE CLEARANCE, WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK
Others: A small weekly payment can be arranged
Bus Type: Nissan Civilian - 21seater
Staff member will always accompany in the bus.

Contact: Sr.Charla on 9271 9031
Address: KORA CENTRE
54 LAURENCE STREET
BAYSWATER 6053

Year 6 Parents:
We need as many people as possible to help with a craft session for graduation dinner decorations!
When: Tuesday Nov 8th
Time: From 7pm
Where: at school
Please RSVP:
Sami Carbone 0419864250
so that there are enough jobs ready to be done on the night!
Thanks!

TINY TOTS TENNIS & MEGA TENNIS
Weekly classes * Holiday programmes
3-4 Years, 5-6 Years, 7-9 Years and 10-12 Years
Ring now for your “Trial” Lesson
9471 8491

Riverside MultiSports at Trinity College
Riverside MultiSports are hosting a sports programme for students aged 6 -14 at Trinity College from Wednesday, 11th January to Friday, 13th January. Each day will commence at 9:00am and conclude at 12:30pm with the focus being on a wide range of sports supervised by specialist coaches in a fun yet safe environment. To secure a place on this exciting programme or for more information, email riversidesports@live.com.au or call David on 0413342999.

VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES NEEDED
Overseas students will be arriving in February 2012 and require Host families. There are two different programs arriving, ranging in duration from 5 months to 11 months. We have students arriving from countries including Germany, Japan, France, Switzerland and Canada.
Gain friendships that can last a lifetime? So – whether you have cattle or a poodle, six children or none, you have the perfect family!
Please call AFS WA Volunteer Hosting Coordinator, Joyce Vandenberg on Ph: 08-9534-5823 for more information if you're interested in hosting an AFS exchange student or visit www.afs.org.au.
You are invited to celebrate with us:

20th Anniversary of the Blessing of the Shrine of our Mother Thrice Admirable
Sunday, 20th Nov. 2011
Holy Mass 3 pm followed by special birthday party.
9 Talus Dr. Mt. Richon
RSVP by 11th Nov
(08 9399 2349) email: g.heger@optusnet.com.au
Classifieds

Advertising space available!

$50.00 pертем
for a business card-sized ad.

Contact admin@stcolsbays.wa.edu.au
with your pdf and to arrange payment
to the P&F.

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