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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.

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

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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.

**Newsletter**

**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:**

- **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.

**Parish Priest:** Fr Minh-Thuy

**Phone:** (08)9271 1414

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From the Principal’s Desk (continued)

2011 School AGM: Thank you to all community members who attended the Board and P&F’s Annual General Meeting last night. 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 2012. Attached to this newsletter is my annual report, and other reports from the AGM.

St. Columba’s School Board Members
Chairperson: Rebecca Gotti
Treasurer: Paul Depiazzi
Secretary: Penny Pettit
Board Member: Phil Wild
Board Member: Sue Grant
Board Member: Carl Prowse
Board Member: Ian Figueiredo
Board Member: Mar Hube
Parish Council Rep: Paul Depiazzi
P&F Rep: Leesa Vinciullo
Ex-Officio: Fr Minh-Thuy
Ex-Officio: Greg Martin

St. Columba’s School P&F Members
President: Leesa Vinciullo
Vice President: Tara Savage
Treasurer: Kathleen Ziino
Secretary: Steph Coates
Board Rep: Leesa Vinciullo
Sports Coordinator: Leah Marrapodi
Fundraising Coordinators: Amanda McLaughlin and Abbie Ehrhardt

2012 School Fees Schedule: At Wednesday night’s AGM Meeting, our School Board Treasurer, Paul Depiazzi, presented to the community the 2012 school fees. Attached to this newsletter is the 2012 school fees document, which includes a breakdown 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.

2011 School Fee Payment: 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.

2012 Staff Allocation: Attached to this newsletter is the 2012 Staff Allocation.

Sausage Sizzle: On Friday, 9 December, there will be a Sausage Sizzle in the new canteen area. An order form is attached.

Families Leaving: I request any families leaving at the end of 2011 to notify the school office ASAP. We’re currently finalising the 2012 numbers and need to know if students will not be returning.

Greg Martin
GREG MARTIN
Principal
Uniform Shop News

Perm-a-Pleat have advised Pauline that the School’s hat delivery has been held up due to an industrial dispute. At this stage, they cannot advise us when they will be delivered.

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.

School Banking

Congratulations to Olivia Pedretti who has received a Gold Certificate for her incredible efforts in making 30 deposits through the school banking program. Well done Olivia!

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you’re saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work everyone and remember your deposits each Tuesday 8.15 am - 8.45 am in the old canteen area.

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular savings. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. There are five to collect. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

If you are interested in your child taking part in the School Banking program please complete the form below and return it to the Admin office. Alternatively, if your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every week using their Dollarmites deposit wallet.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school. The school receives $5 for each new account opened and a commission on every deposit made at school. Once your child opens a Youthsaver account and makes their first School Banking deposit they will also be able to collect a free Platybank moneybox from your local Commonwealth Bank branch.

If you have any questions, please contact our School Banking Co-ordinator, Marcia Mackenzie on 0439827434

Thank you for supporting School Banking.

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Thank you for supporting School Banking.
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

Please ensure your account is in credit.
Thank you.
SHERYL MILONAS

Pastoral Care

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 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 6-7 Roster

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Social Worker News

**Kids are natural copycats**

As you well know, kids learn what they live. If you want your kids to value learning then you go first. Kids need to see that their parents value learning, not just by giving learning lip service, but by embracing change and being active learners as well.

There are plenty of ways you can show kids that you are a constant learner. Challenging yourself in the kitchen; using new social media and researching holidays online are simple ways to show kids that you embrace change and that you are willing to learn new skills and knowledge.

**Kids learn in different ways**

It also helps to talk with kids about different ways of learning and different ways of being smart. The modern education scene is familiar with the concept of multiple intelligences and different ways of learning. It really helps if you know your preferred style and where you are smart, so you can help your kids to do the same. For instance, the practical learner who learns best by doing rather than being shown. People give instructions to work something technical, but some of us won’t learn it until we try it a few times. Others also know that they do their best problem-solving when they have a pen in hand or are in front of a keyboard.

Some children are very visual and love to learn by using charts and other prompts. Their problem-solving is best in a physical environment such as a kitchen or in the great outdoors. They do their most creative thinking when on the move rather than in front of a keyboard. This sort of self-knowledge aids more effective learning.

**Mistakes are part of learning**

It also helps if you can reinforce to kids that mistakes are part of learning. In fact, most kids fail their way to success. That’s how they learned to walk, talk and play with each other. Your attitude to errors will impact on children’s view of themselves as learners. If you overreact when kids don’t get things right, then kids will in all likelihood, cease taking risks for fear of making mistakes. However, if you see mistakes as learning opportunities or simply the first step to getting things right, then kids will more likely develop a healthy attitude to learning, and realise that really effective learning takes time, effort and energy.

As parents we need to nurture questioning, curiosity and problem-solving in our kids so they hook into the concept of being continuous learners. The world we are preparing them for demands nothing less!

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
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.

PFFWA Executive Officer position
The Parents and Friends Federation of Western Australia is looking for a motivated person committed to parent advocacy and community engagement to work part-time in our Inglewood office. If you are interested, please see the job advertisement attached or visit our website www.pff.wa.edu.au for more information. Applications close 18th November 2011.

SACRED HEART PRIMARY SCHOOL HIGHGATE QUIZ NIGHT
Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate P&F would like to invite you to our Quiz Night in the new school hall this Saturday, 26 November 2011 at 7pm (for a 7.30pm start time). Many of the businesses in our local community have donated terrific prizes for the night and there will also be some fabulous raffle items. Tickets are $10 per person and tables can be up to 8 people. So get a table together of your cleverest friends and come to Sacred Heart Primary School Highgate for a great night! This is a licensed event with beer, wine and soft drink available for purchase on the night, just BYO nibbles. Contact Rosanna Soares Mendes ph: 0418 211 590 (P&F President) or Linda Manno ph: 0408 935 702 (Treasurer), to register your table. (Please note: parking is available at the Parish, and on Harold and Mary Streets. Due to the nature of the hall floors, we respectfully request that stiletto shoes are not worn.)

Girl Guides provides opportunities for fun, friendship, adventure, personal development and skill development to girls and young women. Girl Guides provide great role models for girls and pathways to community involvement.

Being a member of Girl Guides helps to build self-esteem and builds confidence. Girls gain experience in responsible behavior, learn how to plan and complete tasks and work with others on team projects.

The Bayswater Bumblebee Girl Guide Unit currently has around 40 girls, aged 6 to 14 years. We have a number of girls on our waiting list and would love to give these young women the opportunity to be part of Girl Guides, but we need more adult helpers.

Girl Guides provides training and mentors for adult volunteers. You can get involved to a level which feels right, and can enjoy all sorts of activities. You don't need to have a daughter in Guiding or any previous experience with Girl Guides. If you are interested in learning more about Girl Guides, or you know someone who is, please contact me on 0412 822 779. If you are short of time or are unsure that Guiding is for you, consider a ‘donation’ of six hours of your time as a temporary volunteer.
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 9271 7181 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 over the last two years. We greatly appreciate her commitment to both the parish and the school.

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Relationships Australia is holding the following parenting courses:

- Parent Child Connection
- Nuts and Bolts of Being a Dad
- Parent Teen Connection
- Rock and Water Programme

For further information please phone 9489 6322.

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PFFWA - This is the last chance for you to enter the draw to win an iPad2! Just log on to the PFFWA website and email us your name and school and you will automatically be entered into the draw. You will also receive regular updates and monthly newsletters from the PFFWA. Be quick as the winner will be drawn on Friday 25th November!

THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS’ FEDERATION OF WA INC.

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Name Bricks & Pavers – Final Orders

The first order of 109 Bricks & Pavers should arrive at the School in a couple of week’s time and they will be put on display so everyone has a chance to see how fantastic they look. We are also in the process of finalising an “Eye-catching” design for the Wall/Paved area.

We intend to place another Order by December the 9th (at the latest!) for all those people who missed the first round but have expressed interest in being part of the “75th Anniversary Wall & Paved Area” project.

Sue Grant (Yr 1, Yr 4 Mum) & Penny Pettit (Yr 1 Mum) will be available in the School Library from 8.45am on Monday 21st November to answer any Queries/help fill out Order Forms/Collect completed Orders and conduct “Hand-drawn” Image sessions with the kids (see flyer sent home on Wednesday), for anyone who is requiring assistance.

Don’t miss out on this wonderful opportunity to..................
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