Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Graduation Ceremony: Congratulations to all our Year 6 students, who took part in this year’s Graduation Ceremony, and to the 2009 Award Winners. It was a special occasion for our departing students and I encourage them to continue to challenge themselves to achieve greater heights. I also challenge them to serve their future communities as they have served our community for many years. Thank you to our wonderful staff, especially our Assistant Principal Megan Dwyer and Debra Klatt, who coordinated the event. Below are the award winners:

**2010 Award Winners**

- **Catherine McAuley Award:** Liam Pratt
- **Community Spirit Award:** Noah Searle
- **Citizenship Award:** Elizabeth Hunt
- **Science Award:** Matthew Thompson & Jaimie-Lee Hartung
- **Encouragement Award:** Isabelle Gilliams
- **Endeavour Award:** Danica Tran
- **Math Award:** Jack Catanach
- **English Award:** Oliver Guazzelli
- **Dux Award:** Oliver Guazzelli
- **Principal’s Award:** Imogen Brierley-Hay

Interactive Whiteboards: A huge thank you to our wonderful P&F members for allocating and approving over $39,000 in raised funds for the purchase of the Interactive Whiteboards for the Yrs 1-6 classrooms and IT Lab. Thank you also to the School Board for allocating the remaining funds for the boards. The boards are currently being installed and will be operational as from next week. The students are looking forward to exciting interactive learning experiences in 2010! Thank you also to Deb Klatt & Phil Wild for assisting me with the research earlier this year and to Paul Andrijich for his expertise, experience and knowledge of the boards.

**2009 Reports:** All students in Pre-Primary to Year 6 will be receiving their 2009 Semester 2 reports, in sealed envelopes, with today’s newsletter. Having read all the reports, I am very pleased with the progress the students have made this year.

**2009 St. Columba’s School Annual:** We are endeavouring to have the school annuals printed by the end of the year and distributed to all families on the last day of school. If the printers are unable to print the annuals on time, they will be distributed early Term 1, 2010. Those families leaving St. Columba’s School at the end of the year will have their annuals posted in the new year. Thank you to all those who have already donated money towards the cost of the annuals.

**Whiteman Park Excursion:** All students in PP – Year 6 will be attending the Whiteman Park excursion on Wednesday 16th December. Please ensure that the students have their morning tea, packed lunch, plenty of water to drink, hat and sunscreen. All clothing items are to be clearly labelled with the children’s names.

**Students Last Day and Return 2010:** A reminder to all parents that the students’ last day is Thursday 17th December. The first day back for students is 1st February, 2010.

**Canteen Closed Week 10:** The canteen will be closed in Week 10. Please ensure all canteen accounts have been finalised prior to school finishing next Thursday.

Apology: I apologise for not distributing the newsletter on time. Our server has been down for two days and we were unable to print copies for the families or upload to the school’s website. We won’t have the problem of printing when we go paperless in 2010. Please take the time to register on to our school website.

**from the Principal’s Desk**

**MERCY VALUE FOR 2009 IS SERVICE**

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.

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**Greg Martin**

Principal

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

Please register on to the school’s website to receive notification of when the newsletter has been uploaded. 1 week to go.

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Term 4, 2009**

**Wednesday 16th Dec**

- Whole School Picnic Whiteman Park.

**Thursday 17th Dec**

- Christmas Mass
- Students Conclude

**Friday 18th Dec**

- Staff Conclude

**Term 1, 2010**

**Thursday 28th Jan**

- Book Lists to be collected - Parish Hall (2 – 4pm)
- Uniform Shop Open (2-4pm)

**Monday 1st Feb 2010**

- Student Return

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

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**Parish Priest: Fr Minh-Thuy**

- Almondbury St Bayswater
- PH: 9271 1414
- parish@stcolsbayswater.org.au
- Term 4 – Issue39

**Parish Mass Times**

- Saturday – Vigil Mass 6.00pm
- Sunday – Mass 7.30am & 9.30am
- Parish Youth Mass – Last Saturday of each month.
- 10th December 2009

**Term 4 Dates**

- School Times: 8.30am-3.00pm
- Recess: 10.40am-11.00am
- Lunch: 12.45pm-1.30pm

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

**REFLECTION**

We welcome summer and the glorious blessing of light.
We are rich with light; we are loved by the sun.
Let us empty our hearts into the brilliance.
Let us pour our darkness into the glorious, forgiving light.
For this loving abundance let us give thanks and offer our joy.

**SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS 2010**

For those parents who have students in Years 3, 4 and 6 please take note of the following dates for the 2010 Sacramental celebrations. More information and details will be sent home early in 2010.

Penance (Year 3)  Tuesday 14th September at 7.00 pm
Eucharist (Year 4)  Sunday 13th June at 11.00 am
Confirmation (Year 6)  Sunday 29th August at 11.00 am

**Canteen**

**CAINEEST ROSTER: 2010**

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 for 2010.

Also just a reminder that Canteen is only open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

As the end of term is approaching very quickly, could you please check that your accounts are up to date and that they’re in credit. Thank you Sheryl.

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

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**PASTORAL CARE**

**PASTORAL CARE UPDATE**

Pastoral Care would like to thank the families of our school for their support of the weekly raffles. We have been able to assist families in a number of different ways and also pass on congratulations for special occasions during the year. Mother’s Day and Father’s Day give Pastoral Care an opportunity to celebrate with families and have some fun so thank you for joining in! There is a real sense of community within our school and the support of Pastoral Care is one of the ways we see this.

Tomorrow is the last day of raffles. As a way of saying thank you, 3 family names will be drawn randomly from all the families in our school. One family will receive a Christmas Hamper to enjoy together and 2 other families will receive a smaller yummy gift. The gifts will come home from school tomorrow or when your child is next at school.

Thank you all very much and we look forward to the New Year!

St Columba’s Pastoral Care

**WEEK 10 17/12/09**

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**Happy Birthday this week to……….**

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UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

All the summer dresses have now arrived and are ready for collection from the uniform shop.
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.

Tuesday 8/12/09 3.00-3.15pm
Friday 11/12/09 8.45-9.15am
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.

Thank You

The Pre-Kindy children would like to say a big ‘THANK YOU’ to all the kind families who have donated books, toys, puzzles and furniture. The Grant Family, Vincullo Family, Livermore Family, Close Family, and the Jayamaha Family. We have been having lots of fun with them and your donations are appreciated.
If you are having a clean out before Christmas and have suitable items you would like to donate, please see myself or Andrea Gilbert. Thank you and merry Christmas, Andrea Middleton Andrea Gilbert and the Pre-Kindy Children.

Community News

Swimming WA Learn to Swim Program at Chisholm Catholic College
Enrolments are now open for our January Holiday Program and Term 1, 2010!
Limited spaces are available for our January Holiday Program and Term 1 2010 Learn to Swim Program.
Lessons are run in an indoor heated pool with small classes being run by qualified teachers.
For more information please contact Laura Reid on 9328 4599 or 0400 977 701 or visit our website www.wa.swimming.org.au

IONA SCHOLARSHIPS 2011
Please find enclosed information on Scholarships available at Iona Presentation Collage in 2011.
Academic Scholarships.
Indigenous Scholarship.
IPPA Scholarship.
Music Scholarship.
For Further Information on all scholarships please refer to our website www.iona.wa.edu.au or contact Ms Deborah Peacock on 61 8 93840066.

Pro- Tennis Coaching School

During the school term Ross Gerrans Tennis School will be conducting tennis coaching for children and adults in your area. Applications form are available from the school office or by calling Ross Gerrans on 9284 9588 or Mobile 0408 945509. If times or venues are unsuitable please call for details of alternative venues.