Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to our to Mrs McDonald and the Choir with their performance at the Catholic Education Performing Arts Concert at the Perth Concert Hall on Monday night. They were outstanding with their performance and it was a great experience for the members of the choir to perform on such a large stage and in front of such a large audience. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school.

Many thanks to Mr Chatt for organising the school sports carnival. It was also an outstanding success and parents commented on how well organised and run it was. It was also great to have all of the classes participating on the bottom oval. This made it much easier for families to watch all of their children’s events. The students were extremely well behaved and were very encouraging of those participating in their events. We were also very lucky to have such good weather on the day. Thank you to our parent volunteers who assisted on the day. The carnival could not run as smoothly without you. Special mention to Emma and her helpers in the canteen who ensured no one went hungry on the day.

We congratulate Mrs Ogg, Mrs Buiks, Mrs Lucas and Mrs Botica who have all been made permanent staff members at St. Columba's from 2017.

School Board:
There will be a School Board meeting this coming Monday in the school staffroom at 7:00pm.

NAPLAN:
The Year 3 and 5 NAPLAN results are being sent home tomorrow. If you have any questions, please see your classroom teacher.

Term Dates:
A reminder, students will finish this term on Friday 23 September with Monday 10 October being a pupil free day, students will resume school on Tuesday 11 October.

God Bless
Allen McMahon
(Principal)

A Child's Prayer for Peace

God, Creator of the World,
Please help us to love one another.
Make nations friendly with other nations.
Make all of us love one another
like brother and sister.
Help us to do our part,
to bring peace in the world and
happiness to all people.

Amen.
COMING EVENTS:
Wednesday 21 September
- Chapel Mass Year 3 @ 9am
- School PAF Concert at 11.05am

Thursday 22 September
- P&F Colour Run

Friday 23 September
- Constable Care Incursion — Pre-Primary to Year 6
- Last Day of Term 3

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL — RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:
YEAR OF MERCY:
'I am always struck when I reread the parable of the merciful Father. . . . The Father, with patience, love, hope and mercy, had never for a second stopped thinking about his wayward son, and as soon as he sees him still far off, he runs out to meet him and embraces him with tenderness, the tenderness of God, without a word of reproach. . . . God is always waiting for us, He never grows tired. Jesus shows us this merciful patience of God so that we can regain confidence and hope — always!'

Homily on Divine Mercy by Pope Francis, Sunday, April 7, 2013

MAKING JESUS REAL:
For the last week of school, teachers will be focusing on any aspect of MJR they feel needs revisiting with their class.

CHAPEL MASS — WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER:
The Year 3 students will be attending Mass at the convent chapel on Wednesday 21 September at 9am. The children have been learning to pray the rosary in class and will be given blessed rosary beads after Mass. Parents are welcome to attend.

ADMINISTRATION:
KISS AND DRIVE:
A reminder to all parents in Kindy and Pre-Primary that you will need to let your child’s teacher know, if you will be collecting your child from the Kiss and Drive. There will be a Kiss and Drive register in the Early Years classes for you to sign.

Ondine Komnick
Assistant Principal

PARISH NEWS:
I thank Fr Manoel for celebrating the Vigil Mass on Saturday with the Year 2’s and 4’s. I was pleased to hear there was plenty of involvement of the children.

From early in the year the WA Young Voices (WAYV) have been rehearsing in the Fr Denis Brennan Building each Saturday. This Saturday from 2pm to 4pm WAYV are offering a “Sing into Spring” Concert. All choir and music lovers are welcome. Tickets are $15 per adult and $10 per student and will be available at the door. Afternoon tea will be served at interval. Proceeds go to the Parish to pay for the purchase of the building. I attended a previous concert and I was amazed at the talent of the children. Please take this opportunity for an inspiring and relaxing afternoon and spread the invitation to other choir and music lovers.

Next Tuesday, Pope Francis has invited the worlds Religious leaders to join him in Prayers for Peace in the birth place of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy. The Pope has asked people throughout the world to observe Tuesday as a Day of Prayers for Peace. So Tuesday’s Mass at 10am will have that theme. Please accept the invitation or visit the Church before or after school and Pray for Peace.

Sunday Masses are Vigil Mass on Saturday at 6pm and Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am. Further Parish news is available on the website www.southperthcatholic.org.

May God bless you all.
Rev. Monsignor Brian O'Loughlin P. P.
Many thanks to our wonderful Library helpers each week. We really appreciate your work.

**Library Volunteers Roster:**
- Monday 19 September: Catherine Reutens and Joy Johnston
- Wednesday 21 September: Lisa Peterson and Sonya Hope

Mrs Malarkey (Teacher Librarian) and Mrs Shaw (Library Officer)

**SPORTS CARNIVAL:**
Last Friday students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 competed in the St. Columba’s Faction Sports Carnival. Our students performed very well in their games, relays and races whilst being excellent at cheering each other on. Mackillop took out the perpetual winner of the carnivals (Cross Country, Field and Sports Carnival). Congratulations to our year level champions and runner up champions. Please see the photo page with this newsletter.

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers for their assistance. Without volunteers the day would not be the great success it was.

**ST. COLUMBA’S LEAGUE TAG:**
The St. Columba’s League Tag team went to George Burnett Park, Karawara yesterday to compete in the NRL WA state League Tag finals. Our team displayed a high quality of skill competing against the best schools in the state. Our improvement throughout the day was clear with some outstanding plays and use of teamwork from the students. Unfortunately the team did not place for the finals, however the great spirits of the students meant that they had a wonderful and enjoyable day.

Congratulations for making it to the state team and competing well for your school.

Mr Leigh Chatt
Physical Education Teacher

**CANTEEN:**
Thank you to Rita Caré, Maria Caré, Lisa La Rosa and Kelly Millen for their great assistance in the canteen last Thursday and Friday.

**Next Weeks Roster:**
- Thursday 22 September: 9am to 11:45am To be advised.
- Friday 23 September: 9am to 11.45am To be advised.
- 11am to 1.30pm To be advised.

If you like to volunteer in the canteen, please contact Emma directly to see what day/s help is required on the current Canteen Roster.

Emma McGann
Canteen Manager

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**APPLICATIONS FOR KINDERGARTEN 2017**
There are still limited vacancies for Kindergarten in 2017.

To attend Kindy in 2017 your child needs to have been born between 1 July 2012 and 30 June 2013. Please contact the office for further details.
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHOIR WHO PERFORMED AT THE FESTIVAL FINAL CONCERT AT PERTH CONCERT HALL ON MONDAY NIGHT. I HAVE SO MANY PARENTS EMAIL AND TELL ME HOW FABULOUS THE CHOIR'S PERFORMANCE WAS. IT WAS A VERY LATE NIGHT BUT I'M GLAD EVERYONE HAD SUCH A GREAT TIME. SASHA RIMINGTON ACCEPTED THE SHIELD FOR SACRED CHORAL SINGING-PRIMARY ON BEHALF OF OUR CHOIR.

WE HAVE ALL DESERVED A BREAK FROM EARLY MORNINGS SO THERE WILL BE NO CHOIR OR ENSEMBLE NEXT WEEK. REHEARSALS WILL RESUME AS NORMAL WEEK 1 OF TERM 4.

NEXT WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER, THE CHOIR, ENSEMBLE AND YEAR 1 TO 5 CLASSES WILL ALL PERFORM THEIR FESTIVAL ITEMS IN THE UNDERCOVER AREA. THE CONCERT IS BETWEEN 11.05AM AND 1PM. STUDENTS WILL NEED TO PERFORM IN THEIR FESTIVAL COSTUMES. CHOIR AND ENSEMBLE DO NOT NEED TO WEAR WINTER UNIFORM FOR THIS PERFORMANCE TO AVOID COSTUME CHANGES ON THAT DAY.

MRS LOUISE MCDONALD
MUSIC TEACHER

MUSICIAN OF THE WEEK:
Musician of the week is Oscar Palermo from Year 5. Oscar has played guitar for 3 years. His favourite piece to play is “Royals” by Lorde. Oscar liked all of his Festival performances. He is in the school choir and enjoys football and soccer.

IMOGEN GRACIE

UNIFORM SHOP:
The school Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday mornings from 8.30am to 9am. Online ordering is available. Orders can be emailed through to uniformshop@stcolumbassp.wa.edu.au no later than 6pm each Monday during the school term.

THE SCHOOL UNIFORM IS COMPELLARY FOR ALL STUDENTS. ALL ITEMS OTHER THAN SHOES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP.

The summer uniform is to be worn from the commencement of Term 4 for students in Years 1 to 6.

A school hat is compulsory for all outdoor activities as per the ‘no hat, no play’ policy.

Girls: Green and white check school dress, black school shoes with white socks or brown sandals.

Boys: Grey school shorts, short sleeved grey school shirts, black school shoes and short grey school socks (with green band at top) or brown sandals.

Sports Uniform: White school polo shirt, bottle green skirt (girls), bottle green shorts (boys), short white socks, predominately white sport shoes and green school tracksuit.

Thank you to Mrs Sarah Fiel for her time in running our school Uniform Shop.
KINDY FATHERS DAY MORNING
FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CHAMPION BOYS AND GIRLS

Year 3
Champion Boy — Cole Ng Cheong
Champion Boy — Thomas McKenzie

Runner Up Girl — Annabelle Keane
Champion Girl — Charlotte Evangelista

Year 4
Runner Up Boy — Liam Capes
Champion Boy — David Csontos

Runner Up Girl — Jorja Leather and Sienna Bonomini
Champion Girl — Ruby Wells

Year 5
Runner Up Boy — Alvarez Dharma
Champion Boy — Levi Carle

Runner Up Girl — Keira Bradley
Champion Girl — Ella Dodgson

Year 6
Runner Up Boy — Damon Jervis
Champion Boy — Adam Csontos

Runner Up Girl — Alicia Tory
Champion Girl — Grace Beaglehole
A great day had by all!

Congratulations to MacKillop
Thank you to all our wonderful baking families for the generous donation of cakes and slices and other delicious treats for the Sports Carnival Cake Stall. A great treat for all our parents, carers and grandparents to enjoy with a cuppa on the day.

The St. Columba's

When: Thursday 22 September
Where: Bottom Oval at St. Columba's
Time: 1.00pm (after an early lunch)
Why: To Raise Money for our New School Piano

How you can help:
Go to https://www.mycause.com.au/events/stcolumbascolourrun
and share the site with family and friends and help us reach our goal of $10,000

Please send each STUDENT to school . . .
- dressed in shorts/skirt/leggings (colourful if possible) and a mostly white (if possible) top/shirt;
- sunglasses to wear (or goggles) to protect their eyes;
- old hat or shower cap to wear to protect hair from colour (if you like);
- water bottle;
- old shoes to wear during the afternoon or they can run barefoot.

Some face masks are available if your child would like one. Please let your class teacher know.

We will be dusting off the students prior to home time, but if you prefer you can bring in a change of clothes for your child(ren) or a towel to lay over the car seat for your journey home.

Spectators are welcome to sit on the limestone steps to watch and take pics!

Thank you, and we are looking forward to a super fun day!

A very special THANK YOU to our GOLD SPONSOR for their generation contribution to this school fundraiser.

Student Disco
Friday 14 October
See the flyer on the following page, and attached with this newsletter the RSVP for Tickets.
(Payment is cash only with correct change please.)
CALLING ALL SUPERHEROS

WHAM

POW!

St Columba's DISCO

Friday 14th Oct

Kindy & PP
4.30 - 5.15pm

Year 4-6
7-8.30pm

Years 1-3
5.30pm - 6.45pm

COST $5 Per Child
Sunday 16 October

EVERY Mum at St. Columba’s is invited to join us to see the incredible movie

The Girl on the Train (2016)

at the Cygnet, Como, commencing 6.30pm

Optional drinks/early dinner at the Karalee on Preston from 4pm

Movie Info:

Rachel, devastated by her recent divorce, spends her daily commute fantasizing about the seemingly perfect couple who live in a house that her train passes every day, until one morning she sees something shocking happen there and becomes entangled in the mystery that unfolds. Based on Paula Hawkins’s bestselling novel.

Tickets only $11 each.
(Cash only and correct change will be appreciated.)

Please purchase your ticket from the school office from tomorrow, Friday 16 September.

We hope you can join us.
A great opportunity to catch up with friends old and new!

*** Due to unforeseen circumstances BRIDGET JONES’S BABY is no longer available. ***
Voluntary Help needed at the Mary MacKillop Centre
16 York St, South Perth

This is an opportunity to be involved in the work of St Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph South Perth. The Sisters of St Joseph have been associated with St. Columba’s School for 100 years and this is a great way to celebrate the Anniversary to be part of a team and be of service living out the charism of St Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph.

What needs to be done? “All manner of things” as the saying goes? “Many helpers make light work”.

If you can spare an hour or two, or even a morning or afternoon, eg when you drop off or collect your child from school . . . I would be most grateful.

Example of jobs to be done are:
- to assist in the Mary MacKillop gift shop and bookshop
- sorting of resources
- assisting Sr Maree in many tasks.

“The SKY is the limit and it would be good if you were in it”. There is a place and a job that fits us all!

I would love to hear from you.

God bless you all.

Sr Maree Riddler
0414 683 926
mriddler@sosjwa.org.au

For more information about the Mary MacKillop Centre, please go to www.sosj.org.au then click on ‘Mary MacKillop Centres WA’.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

See main school noticeboard for more information.

- St. Columba’s Primary School Run Club
- South Perth Lawn Tennis Club — Junior Social Tennis Night
- Break Point Tennis — School Holiday Activity Clinics
- Kingsway Swimming Club — Swim Clinic 15 October 9am to 11am
- Grasshopper Soccer — Soccer Fun for Girls and Boys Term 4 Programs
- Get Active Sports — Tennis for Juniors Term 4 Program
- Relationships Australia Workshops
- West Australian Young Voices “Spring into Spring” Concert — Saturday 17 September 2pm to 4pm
- My Golf Holiday Clinic — Mount Lawley Golf Club and Kidz ‘n’ Sport
- Kids ‘n’ Sports — October School Holidays Programs
- Watkins Southside Swimming School
- Get into Gold — Royal Perth Gold Club Term 4 — Beginner Golf for Girls and Boys
- Step into Life — Friday Night Super Session 9 September 5.30pm to 6.30pm
- Step into Life — Active Open Week 5 to 11 September
- Sprinting Fast School Holiday Athletics Clinic
- ATI Martial Arts North Perth & Cloverdale — Martial Arts for Kids — Free 2 Week Trial
- Victoria Park Swimming Club
- Trinity College — Guided Tours of the College