Thursday, May 7th, Children are encouraged to bring along their Teddy Bear to participate in a Teddy Bear parade. The parade which is being held during Book Week, with the theme this year being ‘The Very Cranky Bear’, will be held in the school’s Hall. There will also be a special Surprise guest for the parade. All welcome to attend and bring your Teddies as well.

We are sad to say farewell to Mako and Jamieson who will be leaving our school tomorrow. They are relocating away from the Southern Yorke Peninsula. They have brought so much to our school community and we have enjoyed their time at St Columba’s. We will miss their smiling faces around the school and wish them the very best. We will be sad to see the boys go and send our well wishes for the next chapter of their lives.

Goodbye and good luck!

As a way to say goodbye, we are having a whole school shared recess tomorrow. If each family could bring something to share for recess that would be greatly appreciated.

If BOYS could bring SWEET and GIRLS could bring SAVOURY

Reflection:

Prayer to Our Lady of Ta’ Pinu

O Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God, assumed into heaven with body and soul, who through Carmela Grima chose this place that you may shower your graces on those who pray to you, look, we beseech you, with a look of mercy upon this world full of fear and confusion, and in the same way that you saved the spouses of Cana from shame, save also humanity from every danger of both body and soul.

Bring all humans to love each other with brotherly love. O Mother of Mercy, protect also our families on which human society is established, that they may live an honest, happy and holy life.

Above all, I pray that you may have mercy on me who am in pain under the weight of the Cross. If it is not of any harm for my soul, help me to (determine the grace you are asking for...). If, however, it is not the will of the Lord that I may receive this grace, give me the strength to carry this burden and to unite it with the Cross of your beloved Son Jesus Christ. O Blessed Mother Mary, help me that like you I may accept with all my heart God’s will and that together with you I may say: “Let it happen to me according to your word”.

O Blessed Virgin Mary of Ta’ Pinu, keep me under your maternal protection, that I may be certain that the trials of this life may bring me to everlasting life in my heavenly home.

Recite three Hail Marys in honour of the three days the body of Mary remained in the tomb.
COLUMVINE

Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students of St Columba’s,

Welcome back for term 2! It was great to see so many smiling faces this morning and students happy to be back at school. I hope that you all had a great holiday and were able to enjoy some quality family time together.

We have a few celebrations of note to share with the community. Firstly, a heartfelt congratulations goes out to Annette and Sam Diassinas on the announcement of their pregnancy. We wish them all the best as they begin preparing for this very special addition to their family.

On a much sadder note for our community, we will be farewelling Jamieson and Mako Visser, whose family is making a move to Northern Yorke Peninsula. We will miss you here at St Columba’s and wish you great success for your move and your continued learning journey. We thank you and your family for your contributions to our school community; and we celebrate the great positivity and warmth that you brought to our school.

As you will be aware, Mrs Grigoras-Oates, Mrs Murfitt and myself attended training last term in order to implement the ‘Kidsmatter’ program. Yesterday we were able to share this learning with the rest of our staff and create an action plan to outline our next steps. The Kidsmatter program is a government funded initiative – supported by ‘BeyondBlue’ and ‘Principals Australia Institute’, which makes resources available to us and also to you free of charge. There will be many opportunities for you to engage with the school to learn more, and all resources are available online should you like to research further. Please follow the link on our webpage or alternatively visit https://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/.

An apt reflection given today’s current world events from Pope Francis:

The Lord’s Most Powerful Message

I think we, too, are the people who, on one hand, want to listen to Jesus, but on the other hand, at times, like to find a stick to beat others with, to condemn others. And Jesus has this message for us: mercy.
I think – and I say it with humility – that this is the Lord’s most powerful message: mercy.

Homily, March 17, 2013

Reflection: Where do you need to experience God’s mercy, patience, and forgiveness? To whom do you need to be merciful?

Blessings,

Todd Murfitt
Principal

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You can also follow us on twitter: @scmsyorktown

Kids Matter Contact Numbers:
Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636
Lifeline: 13 11 14
Kids Help Line: 1800 551 800
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome back to term two. I hope you all had a fun and enjoyable time with your children on school holidays. I am sure you had a wonderful time and are glad for them to be back at school also. I had a fantastic time away in Europe with my mum. I was able to see some beautiful historic sights, meet wonderful people and spend some quality time with my very elderly grandmother in Malta. As great of a time I had away, it was fantastic to come home to the Yorke Peninsula and the beautiful surroundings we are blessed with.

Whilst in Malta, I went to the Church of Ta’ Pinu which is a church dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This church is extremely special and known all over the world as the church of miracles. This is because thousands of people pray to our Lady of Ta’Pinu, with many of these prayers believed to be answered. I have attached some photos of one 2 of the 6 walls completely covered in the prayers people believed Mary has listened to and helped. If you are interested in this church, I have attached the link. In my reflection today, I have added the Payer to our Lady of Ta’Pinu for you to read.

Website: http://www.tapinu.org/

Term Two is shaping up to be another busy term with the Catholic Schools Sports Day, SAPSASA Netball and Football, preparation for our school concert (held in Term 3, 23rd of September), St Columba’s Feast Day, School Photos and a Book Fair, just to name a few. Please keep your eye out for Important Dates that appear in our newsletter.

I would also like to take this opportunity to announce that my husband Sam and I are expecting our first baby this coming October. We are thrilled to be parents and cannot wait for the bundle of joy to arrive. I will be remaining at St Columba’s until the end of term three (with all things going well). I thank you for your support in the matter and I am sure you will see my growing stomach over the next few months.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

God Bless

Annette Diassinas

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### Important Dates

**Thursday, April 30th**  
Upper Primary Assembly

**Tuesday, May 5th**  
School Board Meeting

**Wednesday, May 6th**  
Parents and Friends Meeting starting at 9.15am

**Monday, May 4th until Thursday May 14th**  
Book Week—Theme ‘The Very Cranky Bear’

**Thursday, May 7th**  
Teddy Bears parade as part of the Middle Primary Class Assembly 9.10 am in school hall

**Friday, May 8th**  
Mother’s Day stall starting at 8.30am

**Tuesday, May 12th**  
Tasty Tuesday

**Tuesday May 19th**  
School Photos

**Thursday, May 21st**  
Junior Primary Liturgy 9.10 am in school hall

**Wednesday, May 27th**  
Biggest Morning Tea—Please bring a plate to share.

**Thursday, May 28th**  
Upper Primary class Assembly

**Thursday, June 4th**  
Middle Primary Assembly

**Friday, June 5th**  
School Closure

**Monday, June 8th**  
Public Holiday—Queen’s Birthday

**Wednesday, June 10th**  
Tasty Wednesday  
Living Safely with Pets—School Hall at 1.15pm

**Thursday, June 11th**  
Mass—9.10 am in St Columba church run by the Middle Primary Class

**Thursday, July 2nd**  
Mass—9.10 am in St Columba church run by the Upper Primary class

### TERM 3

**Wednesday, September 23rd**  
School Concert starting at 7 pm

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**REMINDERS:**

School Board meeting ~ Tuesday, May 5th starting at 7 pm in staff room.

School Beanies are available for purchase for $14.50 each.

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*Did you know that you can text your child’s/children’s absentees to the school? The number to use is 0407 610 071 and will only accept text messages. This number is not monitored, please do not use it to contact the school other than by text.*

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*students of the week*

Kate S ~ for making great improvement in her reading. Awesome!

Joe ~ for taking on a big responsibility of learning lines for our class prayer and working hard to keep his work always looking his best.

Madison ~ for exceptional effort and enthusiasm in all areas of her school life!

Jamieson ~ for great enthusiasm and skill development in Mathematics.

Charlotte C ~ Congratulations on your focus and effort in learning!

Baden ~ for his sincere concern for the bell being of others.

Lukey N ~ Congratulations for developing his Literacy skills.

Tom ~ for his commitment to all aspects of his studies

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School Photo envelopes where sent home today.

Please ensure envelopes are returned with sufficient funds to cover the cost of the order.

If you would like to send your envelope to the front office for safe keeping, please do so. Gay or Margie will hand them over to the photographer staff on the day.