COLUMVINE

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SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Wednesday
8.30am to 3.30pm
Thursday and Friday
9am to 3 pm
Office will only be attended the above hours.

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The Newsletter will now be published fortnightly

Alice in Wonderland

Alice in wonderland,
Is the play.
23rd of September,
Is the day.
At St Columba’s Memorial School,
Don’t miss it,
Because it’s gonna be COOL!!!
COLUMVINE

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

We have had quite a tumultuous start to this term! As most of our community would be now aware, following an extensive review the South Australian Commission for Catholic Schools has made a change to our enrolment policy to move from a single intake to two intakes per year. The new intake was effective immediately and children who turn 5 before October 31st are eligible to begin school this term. This has had an immediate impact on our school community – with 6 families choosing to have their children begin. I would like to thank our Junior Primary teaching staff who have been able to work collaboratively to ensure these children have a nurturing and welcoming environment to come into with very short notice!

As a community, we welcome Angus, Jada, Lexi, Lily, Max, Riley and their families to our school and look forward to our collaborative relationship that nurtures your children’s learning with dignity and respect.

It gives me great pleasure to announce that Miss Amber Jeisman will be joining our staff for term 4 this year as our full-time Junior Primary teacher. Amber replaces Mrs Annette Diassinas who will be on maternity leave. Amber comes to our school with impressive skills and capacity, demonstrating strong commitment to our values and school ethos. I am sure that you will make her feel most welcome.

It has already come to the time of the year where we need to put into place our class structures and planning for 2016. If you have any information that may impact upon our planning, such as sibling or other enrolments or moving to another district or school etc… I ask that you please contact the school at your earliest convenience so that we can adjust our planning accordingly. If you are aware of families who intend to send their children to St Columba’s please support them to submit an enrolment form, which can be obtained online or from the front office. Prospectuses are also available from the front office if you would like to distribute to friends or family to support them with their very important decision of schooling for their children.

Pope Francis has recently written an encyclical ‘on care for our common home’ - I will include a piece of this writing each newsletter for you to reflect on. If you would like the whole text it is available here:

[http://tinyurl.com/o6sowft]

ENCYCLICAL LETTER
LAUDATO SI’
OF THE HOLY FATHER
FRANCIS
ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

1. “LAUDATO SI’, mi’ Signore” – “Praise be to you, my Lord”. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs”.[1]

2. This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she “groans in travail” (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters. Nothing in this world is indifferent to us.

3. More than fifty years ago, with the world teetering on the brink of nuclear crisis, Pope Saint John XXIII wrote an Encyclical which not only rejected war but offered a proposal for peace. He addressed his message Pacem in Terris to the entire “Catholic world” and indeed “to all men and women of good will”. Now, faced as we are with global environmental deterioration, I wish to address every person living on this planet. In my Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, I wrote to all the members of the Church with the aim of encouraging ongoing missionary renewal. In this Encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home.

Blessings,

Todd Murfitt
Do you need a Police Clearance?

Are you coming into the school on a regular basis to help in the classroom or listen to children read? Are you wanting to help with excursions, join the school Board or help in any way around the school?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions—YOU NEED A CATHOLIC POLICE CLEARANCE! Please see Gay or Margie in the school office for forms and more details.

Thank you.

Board Member wanted:

We are looking for a person to take on the responsibility of being a Board Member.

Potential Members of a School Board should: • possess an enthusiasm for and willingness to promote the mission of Catholic schools; • bring to the Board their gifts and skills; • desire to give service to their school community; • have an ability to work cooperatively and constructively with all Members of the Board • be prepared to undertake formation; • have an ability and desire to uphold confidentiality in Board matters; • have sufficient time to devote to Board duties; and • have a current police check clearance through the Archdiocesan Police Check Unit.

If you think you may have an enthusiasm to support the school in this way, please contact Todd or Gay.

Prayer

Watch, Lord, with those in need
Watch, dear Lord, with those who cannot sleep and those who weep this night. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary and bless the dying. Relieve those who are suffering, have pity on those in great distress, and shield those who are happy.

Amen. (St Augustine)

Kids Matter Contact Numbers:

Beyond Blue: 1300 224 636
Lifeline: 13 11 14
Kids Help Line: 1800 551 800
Important Dates

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<td>Tuesday, October 20th</td>
<td>Shopping Night &amp; proposed Fashion Parade at School.</td>
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Mum’s eyes Only!!
Father’s day is nearly here!

Once again P & F are holding a fathers day stall at school.
The items for sale are:
4 in 1 tape measure, note pad, torch, pen $4
Mini box of mints $2
Mini key ring $3.50
Little torches $4
I love you dad key ring $3
Mini screw driver sets $3

We have purchased enough to allow the children to buy 2-3 items each. These will be on display in the staff room from Wednesday the 2nd of September and then for sale on Friday the 4th of September from 8.30am until school starts.

As this is a service to the school community we hope for your support to help cover costs involved.

THANK YOU

PARENTS AND FRIENDS TERM CALENDAR

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WE WANT YOU! - WORKING BEE

On Friday, September 25th we are having a working bee starting at 1.00pm. (Last day of third term). If you are able to help in anyway, please contact the school for more information.

QUOTE OF THE DAY:

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers.
Alfred Lord Tennyson
EXTENDED DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF GUMBOOTS—August 24th

In celebration of the up and coming Book Week, Saturday 22nd August through to and including Friday, August 28th, all children are invited to take part and BOOT UP!

* Find an old Gumboot – A LIMITED SUPPLY OF GUMBOOTS HAS BECOME AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE SCHOOL FOR $5 EACH BOOT.

* Paint and decorate as creatively as you can—

* Add lots of extras to your creation

START PLANNING NOW!!!!!!!

Boots to be decorated at home and brought in to the Library

Boots are due into the Library by Monday 24th August 2015 ready for judging. Extended date

Winners will be announced on that day.

Local Artist Sue Longbottom will judge the boots. One winner will be chosen from each year level. The lucky winners will be able to choose a free book from our Book Fair being held during Book Week.

PUT YOUR BEST BOOT FORWARD!
Australian Parents Council

Transformative Education - An education worth having is...

Nicholas Cuen
Prominent Australian economist and commentator on innovation

Hon Christopher Pyne MP
Minister for Education & Training

Free Admission

Friday 21 August 2015
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sage Hotel Adelaide
208 South Terrace

To be followed by afternoon tea.
From 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., APC President, Caz Bosch, will present Parent Engagement in Australia: A Power for Transformation.

Parents, principals and teachers are welcome to join us for these two presentations and a conversation.

To register your attendance call Sonia on 03 634 8886 or 0477 800 223, or email admin@ausparents.edu.au

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Change of Season

Afternoon Tea
Weeners Flat Hall 30th August
Time: 2:30pm till 5:00pm
Price: $1.5 Per Person
Contact Monique on 0413 697 155

Tickets are Presold only
Not Available at the Door

before the 25th August