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- The Newsletter will now be published fortnightly
Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students of St Columba’s,

What a wonderful start to the week! Thank you to our Parents and Friends for your fantastic organisation and support of our breakfast on Monday morning. It was wonderful to see so many of our community members participating and taking advantage of some quality food and exercise learning opportunities. Well done to Ian and Nat for your fantastic demonstrations, it was a pleasure to watch you work and interact with our students.

I would also like to thank Julie Anderson and her team of volunteers for their great support in the market garden. It is most impressive that three weeks into the term our garden is already looking amazing and providing produce for our market stall. This year the SRC will be responsible for running our weekly market garden stall – keep your eyes on our Facebook page for updates as to which days the stall is operating. If you can’t make it to the stall please feel free to arrange another time to come in and pick some fresh produce!

Students are all working very well and I am very proud of the way they are interacting positively with each other. If you have any concerns regarding your child’s wellbeing or learning please contact class teachers as soon as practicable.

This week marks the beginning of Lent, please join us for our Ash Wednesday Mass tomorrow, I know the students and Mrs D have put a lot of effort into preparing the Mass. All members of our community are most welcome!

Blessings,

Todd Murfitt
Principal

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www.scms.catholic.edu.au
You can also follow us on twitter: @scmsyorktown

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Kids Matter Contact Numbers:

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS AT NOON IN THE CHURCH. EVERYONE MOST WELCOME TO ATTEND.
Dear Parents, Friends, Staff and Students of St Columba,

Thank you to everyone who has made the start of term one a successful one. On Monday morning, we had our Breakfast Club information session that was a great success. Thank you to Ian and Sharon Cartwright from the Inland Sea for the wonderful breakfast they prepared, Nat MacKinlay for her healthy morning exercise routine and the Parents and Friends and their helpers for all the lovely fruit, smoothies, homemade muesli etc. It was wonderful to see so many parents and members of our school community there. Thank you to those parents who came to see the learning that is occurring in the classroom. Both the teachers and students were happy to have you part of their learning environment. The success of this morning could not have occurred if it wasn’t for the countless hours and preparation the Parents and Friends put into organising this event, and on behalf of our school community we thank you all dearly.

Next Friday the 27th of February is our school Sports Day I encourage all families to attend this day. The Parents and Friends will be offering parents and students the ability to purchase lunch, drinks and snacks on the day. We hope to see you there.

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday tomorrow in the church with a whole school Mass. Each child in the school has made a Lenten Promise that will be displayed on the windows of the school hall. I have spoken to many of the students in the school and have posed the question to them of instead of just giving up something for Lent which is often customary, perhaps they should consider giving of themselves like Jesus did. His commandment to “love one another as I have loved you is our call for change”. In light of this, many students have focused on trying to help others at home, school or in the community and have dedicated themselves to their Lenten Promise. Later in this newsletter you will find some information about the season of Lent and what this means to us as individuals and a community. I encourage you all to take some time to think about your actions during this Lenten season and to find some inner peace through the midst of our busy daily lives.

I will leave you with this reflection:

What do you want me to do for you? (Luke 18:41)

A blind man has a problem. Even though Jesus is well aware of his need, he asks the man an obvious question: “What do you want me to do for you?” The man expresses his deepest desire: Lord, please let me see... When the blind man begins having a dialogue with God, healing happens. Today, have a long conversation with God. Ask for his assistance. Tell him what you would like to see happen. Though your needs may be obvious, let God know all that you are hoping for.

God Bless

Annette Diassinas

APRIM

Due to the Yr. 7’s Leadership Camp on Wednesday February, 25th and Thursday February 26th, Sports day is being held on Friday, February 27th.

All children need to be at school at the normal time for Sports Day.
**Important Dates**

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**SCHOOL CARD**

School card will be $154 per Primary Student this year, plus our school gives a 40% discount on Tuition Fees to School Card holders.

We have forms available in the front office for School Card. If you think you may be eligible, we would be pleased to help you complete the form. The forms need to be in to the school office by the 14th March.

Thank you Margie

Backpacks are now available for purchase. Please see Gay or Margie for any of your child/children’s uniform needs.

- XS backpack—$57.00
- Med backpack—$60.00
- Large backpack—$65.00

**REMINDER:** Please name all your child/children’s uniform items.

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**Students of the Week**

Isabella R for settling in so well into our class. You work so hard at everything you do. Keep up the great work!

Abby for great focus and enthusiasm during learning. Well done.

Kate M for striving for personal best across all learning areas.

Zara for your persistence especially in relationship to homework. Well done.

Georgia for being such a dedicated student and enthusiastic member of the class.

Elisha for being a cooperative member of our 5/6/7/ class. Well done! Keep it up Elisha.

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**CATHOLIC POLICE CLEARANCES:**

To volunteer in a Catholic school, to help in the classroom, help at Working Bees, School Board, listen to reading, assist with excursions or camps etc., you must have a Catholic Police Clearance. Forms are available from the school office from either Gay or Margie. Once the form is filled out and documentation of 100 points has been sighted, the form will be submitted for approval. This is at no cost to you and covers your entry into a Catholic school for 3 years.

- Commuter Bus.
- On the afternoon of Wednesday February 25th and morning and afternoon on Thursday February 26th the school commuter bus will not be able to pick up or drop off students as it will be used for the Upper Primary Leadership camp in Adelaide.
- If your child/children uses this vehicle for transportation to or from school you will need to make other arrangements for these days.

Find us on Facebook and Twitter
Southern Eagles Netball Club is seeking expressions of interest for the coming season for junior and senior players. We are looking to fill all grades but still need numbers to make this happen. If you are interested please contact me at emmabranson23@yahoo.com.

Thanks Emma Branson
Southern Eagles Netball President

Reminder:

If you child/children is/are not attending school due to family or health reasons etc... please advise the school office staff by 9.15am. Either by phone or email. Thank you.

Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.

Francis of Assisi

Creator of all things, true source of light and wisdom, origin of all being, graciously let a ray of your light penetrate the darkness of my understanding.

Take from me the double darkness in which I have been born, an obscurity of sin and ignorance.

Give me a keen understanding, a retentive memory, and the ability to grasp things correctly and fundamentally.

Grant me the talent of being exact in my explanations and the ability to express myself with thoroughness and charm.

Point out the beginning, direct the progress, and help in the completion.

I ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thomas Aquinas was a 13th Century Italian Priest. He is most famous for his writings on natural theology – a form of theology that is based on experience and reasoning (rather than revealed theology – formed from scripture and spiritual experiences). He has had a considerable impact on the thinking and theology of the Catholic Church.

DID YOU KNOW that the school vehicle goes through Brentwood, Minlaton, Stansbury, Coobowie and Edithburgh to pick up and drop off students?
THE SEASON OF LENT

The season of Lent is one of preparation before Easter. It is traditionally a time commemorating Jesus’ forty day fast in the wilderness after he was baptised where he prayed and generally contemplated his life and mission.

The season of Lent in the Catholic tradition emulates this forty-day period but does not include the Sundays during this period because each Sunday of the year is a day on which the joy of the resurrection is remembered and celebrated. In traditional terms, it is a time to prepare for Easter in conjunction with fasting, repentance, and prayer.

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and therefore occurs forty-six days before Easter. Ash Wednesday is the day after Shrove Tuesday. Because its timing is based on the lunar calendar, the actual date it falls will change most years. Interestingly, Ash Wednesday is not observed by all Christian churches. Lent for Eastern Orthodox churches begins on Monday (called Clean Monday) and Ash Wednesday is not observed.

The Ash Wednesday Liturgies involve the ritual of participants receiving ashes in the form of a cross on their foreheads. The receiving of ashes has a long tradition in the Catholic Church. In the past, Christians who had committed sins performed their penance in public, so on Ash Wednesday the bishops would bless them by sprinkling ashes over them. Catholics would recite seven Psalms, and would not enter the church until they had earned their reconciliation after 40 days of penance. This, along with fasting obligations, made the season of Lent quite demanding. The demanding observance has moved more with the times. In the past the season of Lent involved more personal sacrifices and denial approach to this commemoration – more of a ‘giving up’ of things as a sign of contrition and penance. Giving of oneself in a variety of ways might be a more appropriate way of changing our world for the better whilst re-examining our own lives and re-aligning our relationship with God and the world around us.
The Big Green Garage Sale

St Columba’s Memorial School
Saturday March 7th 2015, from 9am

Columba Café - Bric a brac - Furniture - Baby items & toys - Sausage sizzle brunch - Pop-up Shop - Car boot sale - Trading table - Fresh produce - Face Painting - Home wares - Local & School Art Exhibition - New books - Coffee

More than just a garage sale!!

Time is running out so if you are hoping to donate your unwanted goods to the big green garage sale, please contact us soon!
Community Meeting

Join us to explore how we can build

A Suicide Safer Community on YP

All welcome!

Wednesday, 18th February 2015
7.00 p.m.
Minlaton Golf Club
Minlaton

Light supper will be provided

Organised by:

Vanessa Bouly

Community Member (Port Victoria) & a founding member of the Suicide Intervention & Life Promotion Action Group, Port Augusta

Presentations by:

Lynne James, Principal Project Officer Suicide Prevention,
Pathways to Care, Mental Health Unit, S A Health

Chez Curnow, StandBy Response Service – Coordinator,
StandBy Country North SA

Supported by the District Council of Yorke Peninsula

It’s an opportunity for us all to make a difference!

For more information please call:
Vanessa on 0421 020 579 or email her at theboulys@bigpond.com

If you or someone you know needs help, call Lifeline on 13 11 14
"ART EXHIBITION"

You are invited to produce a piece of art work depicting images of your favourite thing or things. The Exhibition titled "Favourite Things" will be held at St Columba's Memorial Schools Big Green Garage sale on March 7th 2015.

What inspires you? What moves you? What entertains you? Maybe "Rain drops on roses or whiskers on kittens". Could it be "bright copper kettles and warm woollen mittens"? It could be with military precision, or cathedral like reverence, or ambition that sends you over the hills in perfect abandon. Whatever inspires the great to pour out from deep with-in, images of that which at most, make you feel alive? Those things, that are, your favourite. When the dogs are biting and the bees stinging, when you're feeling sad, REMEMBER 'Favourite Things'.

For more details and an entry form

CONTACT: Jenny Berends 0418 896 174
Kath Slade 0408 307 569

Little Savers

10 gift deposit for students and $10 donation to school fundraising kitty.

Throughout the first term, for every new Incentive Saver Account opened by a student from your school, BankSA will donate $10 to the school's fundraising kitty and credit $10 into the child's new account, to help them get started with their savings efforts.

Children will also receive a Digger the Wombat Money Box, LittleSavers Calculator, LittleSavers Library Bag and a School Bank Wallet, while stocks last. The offer is open to new customers only, aged 12 years and under. Limit of one $10 credit per child and one $10 school donation per child. This offer is available for new Incentive Saver Account opened before 10 April, 2015. For more details or to collect a BankSA Application Pack, please call into the school office.
Composite Classes

Composite classes are often the topic of controversy and conversation amongst parents but are ‘composite classes good or bad for your child? The Federation of Catholic School Parent Communities has considered both sides of this passionate debate and has developed the following resource for parents.


TOASTED MUESLI

4 C ROLLED OATS
1 C CHOPPED/SLICED ALMONDS
1 C SESAME SEEDS
1 C SUNFLOWER SEEDS
1 C PEPITAS
1 C SHREDDED/PLAINED COCONUT

2 C WHEAT FLAKES
1 C SULTANAS (AT END)
1/2 C HONEY OR MAPLE SYRUP
1/2 C BUTTER (OR SUNFLOWER OIL)
1/2 C SPELT FLOUR
1 TEASON CINNAMON

MIX DRY INGREDIENTS
COMBINE HONEY/ BUTTER (OIL)
RUB THROUGH DRY INGREDIENTS
(I LIKE TO KEEP IT A LITTLE CHUNKY!
SPREAD MIXTURE ON BAKING TRAY
& BAKE 180°C TIL BROWN
(AROUND 20 MINS)
STIR THROUGH SULTANAS (WHY NOT?)

SCHOOL FEES

Your Fee Statements were given out to families on book day. I still have a small number to post out to families.

If you have not returned your Payment Arrangement Form – Please return to front office ASAP.

We have a number of ways to pay your Tuition fees & Levies e.g. Direct Debit/Credit Card/CentrePay & time payment plans are also available for payment options. These forms are available at the front office and if you would like to discuss payment options please feel free to make an appointment with me. We also have Bpay facilities, our Bpay number is on your statement, and please include your reference number.

EARLY PAYMENT DISCOUNT

Families wishing to pay their fees before the 10th April in full will be given a 5% discount on their Tuition Fees. Thanks Margie

BUILDING FUND

The building fund has been added to your fee statement as a Voluntary Contribution.

In 2015 we hope to focus on purchasing capital items on our wish list. The building fund enables us to keep moving forward in the facilities and education options we are able to offer your children.

If you are unable to pay the full $150 we would ask you to consider making a donation of your choosing or if you are in a position to donate more please feel free to do so.

This is a tax deductible donation and before June you will receive a letter from us to take to your accountant for tax purposes. Your Donation is very much appreciated by the School.
The Curious Child @
St Columba’s Memorial School
- Occasional Care Program -

St Columba’s Memorial School are looking for families that would be interested in accessing an Occasional Care Program for children aged 2-4 years old likely to be held at SCMS on Fridays.

Occasional care allows flexibility to leave children for short periods of time in an Early Childhood learning environment to socialise and interact with other children.

We aim to run 2 sessions on a Friday:

- Morning 9am - 12noon
- Afternoon 1pm - 4pm

Approx $20 per session

Please contact the school on 88521461 and leave your name and phone number if you would consider using one or both of these sessions.
What a fabulous morning! We had so much fun and there was so much food!

We had a bit of Masterchef action this morning with Chef Ian Cartwright & his wife Sharen from the Inland Sea creating breakfast cups - Easy, quick & very tasty! Make sure you keep an eye out for the recipe in the newsletter this week!

Nat Mackinlay had the kids dancing up a storm - even a few parents joined in! The kids had great fun and hopefully will take home new ideas to share with you.

Special thanks to Ian, Sharen & Nat for sharing your time and expertise with us at the school, we really appreciate it! We are very lucky to have some talented parents in our school.

Did you try Angie's Toasted Muesli? Delicious!! or Michelle Thompson's muffins? Yummy!

Special thanks to Vanessa & Kate from Community Health who provided us with Fresh Fruit & Yoghurt. This is a local service, and if you need any dietary advice, please contact Community Health in Minlaton. They can arrange for a Dietician to meet with you and offer help.

Thank you to the parents who helped prepare, cook & clean up today.

I thought I might also share with you, that Todd has purchased a Cricket Net & Bowling Machine for the school. It's great to finally see that some of our hard fundraising efforts are starting to pay off! Please keep an eye out - however I'm sure your child/children will share the exciting news with you when it arrives.

Next job on the list is to upgrade the lunch shed!

We look forward to seeing you again at the Sports Day, Friday Feb 27th! We will be selling morning tea & a sausage sizzle for lunch. $2 per sausage & drinks will be for sale too!

Thanks again & many blessings to you for a fantastic week!
BIG GREEN GARAGE SALE TRADING TABLE.

As we are all aware, the main focus at present for the St Columba’s P&F is Our Big Green Garage Sale on Sat 7th March, which will be our main fundraiser for the entire year. Due to an amazing effort put in by the entire school community back in 2013, we made over $3000 profit for the school and so are hoping to be on track or better than that with this year’s effort!!

One of the huge contributors to the raising of funds that day is always by way of our trading tables of goodies available for purchase on the day. We had a wonderful response to last year’s Christmas Trading Table which brought in over $900 and so again are approaching each family (especially those families new to us this year) with a return slip in regards to donations of sweet, savoury or cash donations from everyone, so that the P&F can plan in advance what we may need to concentrate on leading up to this event to ensure a well balanced Trading Table on the day.

As this will be our main fundraising effort for this year, we sincerely ask that ALL families within our wonderful little school community please get into the Trading Table Spirit and help us out by ensuring a family contribution towards this, so that our good reputation of providing the continued best selection of TT Goodies continues to keep us on the Yortkown Map of Yumminess!!

If you do not have time, or the inclination to bake or cook perhaps it could be a consideration that you ask another Family Member or Friend (ie Grandparents, Aunts, Parish Friends) to donate a little something on your Family’s behalf? Or failing that, a small donation so that those within our school who do have time can use to buy ingredients so that the donation cost is shared throughout the school perhaps?

For huge events like this, it’s important to remember that ‘Many Hands Make Light Work’ – and that the hard work and funds raised by the P&F throughout the year do in fact benefit every student within the school - and so for this reason we are sincerely hoping that a simple, yet yummy contribution from each and every family will indeed create a wonderfully generous Trading Table that will get Yortkown talking and show what a truly wonderful school community St Columba’s has in regards to banding together for fundraising amongst all the other things our school does so well 😊

If you can please fill out and return the slip below by the end of the week, so that we may know well in advance what the balance of goods will be, this will help us greatly in knowing what extras are needed to get the balance right on the day.

Thanking you all in advance,
St Columba’s Parents & Friends.

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS GGS TRADING TABLE 07.03.15

FAMILY NAME:........................................................................................................

CHILDREN’S NAME/S:...........................................................................................

PLEASE SELECT:

Our Family is able to contribute a Savoury dish – ...........................................

Our Family is able to contribute a Sweet dish - ....................................................

Our Family is able to donate $10 cash towards the purchase of ingredients so that someone else is able to cook on our behalf - .......................................................