



St Columba College

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## ST COLUMBA COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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**EAST  
AFRICA  
FUND  
RAISING**



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to Term Four, our last term together for this year. Needless to say there are many exciting events that occur during the course of this term. One such event occurs next Tuesday 25 October, our Year 12 End of Year Mass.

This event provides us with a time to recall the many blessings of the year and to pray for our Year 12 students as they prepare to focus on exams, finish off work and step into the adult world in a new and exciting way. We also have our Prayer and Presentation evenings occurring towards the end of the term. These events provide a forum for us to celebrate with parents, students and staff the achievements of the year and to thank God for all of our many blessings. The dates for these events are listed in the newsletter and I ask that you keep them free so that we can come together for these important occasions.

Term Four is an interesting term in that it is easy to think that it is the winding down term, the run up to Christmas and the end of year! I would like to suggest to you that the work that is undertaken during this term is just as important as the work that was undertaken during the previous terms. We are still focused on teaching and learning, introducing new topics, assessing learning and encouraging students to do their very best. I ask for your support in ensuring that students are involved in homework and focused on their studies.

On the last Friday of Term Three, I had the pleasure of showing Professor Elizabeth Leo, from Durham University, around our College. During my study trip to London, Professor Elizabeth constructed and led the course that I undertook. She is a world renowned educational leader who has a particular interest in ensuring schools are successful in providing the best possible learning environments and educational opportunities. I am pleased to say that Elizabeth was very impressed with our College and with the teaching and learning that she witnessed on the day of her visit.



College Chairperson Helen O'Brien,  
College Principal Madeleine Brennan,  
Professor Elizabeth Leo &  
Principal's Consultant Georgina Smith

It is good to be back at St Columba after being away for all of last term. While I was away I had the opportunity to spend some time researching, discussing and thinking about teaching and learning. Issues like, what makes a school an excellent school? How can and do teachers engage with students in the learning process? How can we support students to see themselves as successful learners? How do parents and teachers work together to provide the very best for students? Over the next few newsletters I would like to share with you some thoughts about these and other educational issues.

Finally, I would like to say a very special thank you to Mr Wayne Gladigau for all of his excellent work during his time as Acting Principal. I also thank Mr Michael Lane for stepping in as Acting R-12 Deputy and to Ms Liz Meaker for her role as Acting Head of Middle School. Wayne, Michael and Liz did a wonderful job ensuring that all of the various issues that occur during the course of a school term were dealt with, as well as leading the educational agenda within the school. We are indeed fortunate to have such talented and committed leaders here at St Columba.

Deep Peace,  
**Madeleine Brennan** Principal

## EAST AFRICA FUNDRAISING

During Week Nine of Term Three the Primary School students of St Columba College made a fantastic response to the plight of the people of East Africa who are suffering so dreadfully as a result of the current famine. The Gospel calls us to reach out and help those in need and the students did just that. Leading up to Week Nine they learnt about some of the things that were happening in East Africa and many students found the enormity of the crisis quite overwhelming. Our focus was what we could do to help and we looked at what a relatively small amount of money could do. We discovered that \$40 dollars can provide a hygiene kit for a family and \$75 can provide nutritious food for 150 children.

During Week Nine the students began each day in prayer for the people of East Africa and throughout the week their action was built on prayer. A number of fundraising activities were organised throughout the week; Years 1 & 3 organised a Tug of War competition, Years 2 & 4 had a Coin Line event, Year 5 made and sold badges and Receptions & Year 6 collected bottles and cans to claim the deposit. The staff held various fundraising events too which included an auction, a movie night and contributed our own coin line.

The week concluded with a Liturgy to celebrate the work that we had done in God's name and to give thanks for the opportunity to make a difference to those in need. A vote of thanks is extended to Mrs Tracey Bradley who played a significant role in organising the fundraising event. The total amount raised was in excess of \$7250 and will be donated to the East Africa Appeal supported by the Anglican Board of Mission. What's more, the Australian Government has decided to match all contributions made to ABM for the East Africa Appeal, effectively making our total efforts worth close to \$15,000!

We extend our absolute gratitude to all our students, our families and our staff for their outstanding generosity and hard work which has made this outcome possible.

**Jane Bailey** Director of Spirituality R-6



# CAREERS NEWS

## APPLYING TO UNIVERSITY AND TAFE

Applications are completed online at the SATAC website and opened on 8 August. [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)

University applications are currently still open but will incur a late fee. To avoid paying a late fee, TAFE applications should be completed by 31 October. Students have a copy of the SATAC UNI and TAFE guides to assist them with their applications as well as access to Mrs Thorpe and a range of resources in the Careers Room.

## MECHEXO 2011 FIND OUT WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO BE AN ENGINEER 26 - 27 OCTOBER

**When:** Wednesday 26 October 6pm to 9pm, and Thursday 27 October, 9am to 5pm

**Where:** Adelaide Showgrounds. Goyder Pavillion

Adelaide University's School of Mechanical Engineering will have on display over 60 exciting projects developed by the engineers of tomorrow. A variety of projects will be exhibited ranging from an Autonomous Sailing Vessel, a magnetically levitating platform, an Automated Watering System, and a Death-defying Diwheel similar to the one in Star Wars Episode III to name only a few - all under one roof at the Adelaide Showgrounds. Come and try your hand on EDGAR the self-balancing scooter, or pit yourself against the computer to keep a pendulum inverted upright, or try to get a ball in the centre of a floating table.



## LAW COURSE INFORMATION SESSION

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Are you interested in a career in law, legal studies or community/social justice? Go to the Flinders's university information sessions on:

- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice
- Bachelor of Laws and Legal Practice (Honours)
- Bachelor of Justice and Society (incorporates legal studies)
- Bachelor of Justice and Society (law pathway) - New one year course
- Criminal Justice

**Time:** 5:30PM - 6:30PM

**Where:** Lecture Theatre, Level 1, Flinders University Victoria Square, 182 Victoria Square, Adelaide,

## CHRISTMAS CASUAL JOBS

Myer and Toys R Us are both currently advertising Christmas casual positions at the moment.

**MYER:** <http://careers.myer.com.au/jobDetails.asp?sJobIDs=759715&IWorkTypeID=&ILocationID=5774&ICategoryID=&stp=AW&sLanguage=en>

**TOYS R US:** <http://www.toysrus.com.au/careers/w1/i1179706>

## GAP MEDICS WORK EXPERIENCE IN HOSPITALS OVERSEAS

This opportunity is aimed at Year 11 and 12 students that are looking to apply for university courses in either medicine, nursing, dentistry or midwifery. The organisation "Gap medics" is running a 3-week programme in Tanzania for Australian students during the January holidays .

Students will shadow highly skilled doctors in their day-to-day work on a fully-supervised hospital placement. Students will also have the benefit of clinical teaching, safe and secure accommodation in Gap Medics student house, food, transfers in Tanzania and local orientations.

## BONUS POINTS

Please see Mrs Thorpe if you are on Youth Allowance or School Card and can therefore apply for bonus points associated with this.

# POST SCRIPT



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## IMPORTANT DATES:

### Term Four, 2011

#### OCTOBER:

- 25 College Council Meeting  
Year 12 Farewell Breakfast and Mass

#### NOVEMBER:

- 1 Start of SACE Stage 2 Exams  
4 Years 4 - 7 SAPSASA Summer Carnival  
14 Year 8 Transition Day  
15 End of SACE Stage 2 Exams  
22 Year 12 Visual Art & Technology Show  
Start of SACE Stage 1 Exams  
College Council Meeting  
28 Volunteers Liturgy & Morning Tea  
29 Senior School Prayer & Presentation  
30 End of SACE Stage 2 Exams

#### DECEMBER:

- 2 Year 12 Graduation Dinner  
5 Middle School Prayer & Presentation  
7 Primary School Prayer & Presentation  
9 Year 9 Graduation Assembly and Morning Tea  
END OF TERM

## MILO IN2CRICKET PROGRAM

MILO in2CRICKET is a fun introduction to the game of cricket for boys and girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It provides children with an enjoyable and safe environment where they can learn skills and play games. Your nearest Centre will be run at:

#### Central United CC

starting on Wednesday 19th Oct at 4:30pm

#### Craigmore CC

starting Tuesday 18th Oct at 5pm

#### Eastern Park CC

details to be confirmed

#### Penfield CC, Argana Park

starting Monday 24th Oct 6:15pm

The cost of the Program is \$60 per participant. Every registered child receives an in2CRICKET Pack including bat, ball, t-shirt, bucket hat, backpack and some other goodies

To find out more details about your nearest Centre and to register for this season log on to [www.in2cricket.com.au](http://www.in2cricket.com.au) and type in your post code.



## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Call: 8254 0610

<b>Monday</b>	8.15 am - 12.00 noon
<b>Tuesday</b>	1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	8.15 am - 12.00 noon
<b>Thursday</b>	1.00 pm - 4.00 pm
<b>Friday</b>	8.15 am - 12.00 noon

**Please note that the Uniform Shop will be closed on: Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 October**

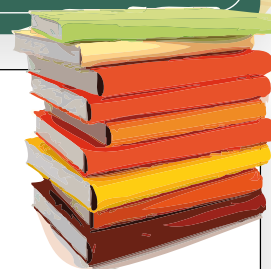
**TERM FOUR IS FULL SUMMER UNIFORM**

## CANTEEN NEWS:

Volunteers needed for Junior Canteen. If you have any spare time, we would love to see you in the Canteen. Just ask Cindy for further information.

The Canteen price lists have been updated. Pricelist's will soon be available on the website. Should you need a copy asap feel free to pick up a copy from either College canteen.

## EXAM SUPERVISORS WANTED:



Year 12 Exams are coming soon and the College is looking for registered volunteers to supervise. The exams take place from November 1 - November 15.

For further details contact Mr Greg May on 8254 0600