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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Annual General Meeting of our College was held last week and it provided an opportunity to share information in relation to the activities of our College for the 2010/2011 operating period. Mrs Mary Woznitza was our guest presenter and spoke to those gathered about the work carried out in Iona, our Learning and Enrichment Centre. Mary and her team do a wonderful job in supporting students across the College and I thank her for all the work that she has undertaken since she began with us in 2005, we are certainly blessed to have Mary leading this very important dimension of St Columba.

Mrs Helen O'Brien, Chairperson of our College Council addressed the gathering and discussed the many achievements that occurred during the past twelve months. Helen and I both thanked retiring members of the Council, Mr Michael Walker and Mr Dean Platten-Morris, for the commitment that they have both given to our community as members of the governing body of St Columba College.

During the course of the meeting, elections were held to elect three Parent Representatives from the official College membership. I congratulate Mrs Colleen Bowden, Mr Simon Abbott and Mr Tony Sayce.

College Council members of the 2011/2012 school year are as follows: Simon Abbot, Germano Baiguini, Colleen Boaden, Pina Chaplin, Dawn Colsey, Bill Goodes, Rosie Hamilton, Josie Huppertz, Helen O'Brien, Tim Pennington and Tony Sayce. Office holders will be elected at the first meeting of the new Council.

Our College Council does an incredible job in governing and being great stewards of our College. Members give generously of their time and talents to ensure that the students who attend St Columba have the very best possible educational environment. They are committed to our Anglican and Catholic traditions and work together to review, develop and promote our unique culture. I thank each of them and look forward to continuing to work with them into the future.

Finally, I will be posting a letter home in the near future about the issue of peer bullying, especially in relation to social networking sites. I look forward to having this discussion with you.

Thought for the week:

"Find happiness in making others happy": St Mary of the Cross

Wishing you Deep Peace,

Madeleine Brennan: Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

Our Year 12 students have reached the midpoint of their formal lessons with the prospect of end of year exams and major assessment tasks looming. To assist parents and students in assessing their progress to this point a Parent – Teacher Evening for Year 12 students is being held this Monday, the 6th of June, from 4 – 8 pm at the College. Students have received their booking sheets and I would urge all students and their families to take advantage of this opportunity.

Success in the Senior School does not come easily and students must commit fully to their studies while maintaining a balance in their lives, particularly when it comes to part time employment. Studies have shown that up to ten hours per week of part time work can be beneficial to a student but when that commitment goes beyond ten hours then the impact on their study can be very significant and have a detrimental effect on their results. Students should also include some recreation and relaxation in their week, a difficult balancing act which can be achieved with careful planning and family support.

An exciting new direction for the Senior School is the potential arrival of students from overseas. These students bring a rich cultural diversity with them and provide an insight for our students of life in other countries. The opportunity to be a Host Family is one I would ask all families to consider as the experiences and memories of these contacts will last a lifetime and provide children with a new dimension to their learning.

Greg May: Head of Senior School

SHOOTING STAR



St Columba College extends its warmest congratulations to **Philip Noto** (Year 9 Broughton). Philip won **1st Prize at the Australasian Police and Services: Clay Target Championship**.

Philip competed in the 50 target, double barrel A grade championship category and won gold. This was a remarkable achievement for Philip because usually he competes in C grade competitions.

St Columba College wishes Philip the best of success with his future sporting endeavours.



MIDDLE SCHOOL REPORT

Since writing in the last Coracle we have had Parent Teacher Interviews, Annual General Meeting and Yr 9 Camp. Thank you to the parents who were able to come and meet teachers and discuss their child's progress. The importance of these meetings, for both your child and the teachers, should never be under-estimated. Parent teacher face-to-face contact develops the capacity for meaningful relationships. If at any time you have concerns about your child's academic progress or emotional wellbeing, please make contact with subject or Pastoral Care teachers, Daniel Amey or myself.

Some on my time in the last fortnight has been consumed by the toxic 'fall out' from Facebook. Parents need to give serious consideration to their role when giving young people access to the myriad forms of 'Social Media'. Ms Brennan will be writing to all parents very soon. Please do not hesitate to contact the college for advice and support. The Year 9 Camp week provided a unique opportunity for students to explore and challenge themselves physically, emotionally and spiritually in an informal environment. Students were involved in a range of activities that provided the opportunity to develop the Four Keys to Emotional Resilience from Program Achieve in a real life context. Activities on camp included: High Ropes, Giant Swing,

Archery, Orienteering, Group Dynamics, Initiatives, Attack and Defend. In addition there were programs about Leadership, Rock and Water, Friendship and TLC.

At School students did a significant amount of work identifying their learning profile, strengths and challenges. This was further focussed by exploring aspects of their personality and values that make a good fit with a range of career paths. Students were also exposed to the issues involved in the use of technologies. Issues around cyber bullying, online scams and identity theft, grooming and luring and virtual stalking were discussed. Students were made aware of the legal consequences for the deliberate misuse of any technology.

All activities sought to confront the student's 'comfort zone' in a challenging, exciting and very safe manner. While at times overwhelmed, students, despite tears, groans of fear and 'brain ache', found the opportunities presented by the different learning environment provided by camp most rewarding.

Michael Lane: Head of Middle School



SANTOS Primary Athletics

Last Thursday St Columba College sent a dedicated team of athletes to the Catholic Primary Schools Athletics Carnival at Santos Stadium. In all, 42 students represented the College, competing against 8 other Adelaide Catholic Schools.

We finished an impressive 5th in the girls division and a respectable 7th in the boys division.

Congratulations to Nicole Parkes, Chloe Inglis, Megan Maxfield, Athyang Akec, Ashlee and Brooke Hanselman for their combined effort in winning the Under 11 Girls section.

Chloe Inglis also won the individual medal in the Under 11 Girls section for the day, winning both the Long and High Jump events. Thank you to Mr McGinty, Mrs Meaker and Mr Brewer who assisted on the day, as well as Kerri Hanselman, Nicky Maxfield and Cheryl Inglis who volunteered their time to officiate and support us.

Mr Chris Spry:
Primary Sport Coordinator



RELIGIOUS DRAMA

PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Some of our students, together with other children from the parishes, have celebrated or will be celebrating Confirmation and Eucharist. Each of us are gifted by God; we are unique parts of God's creative life, created in the love of parents to contribute to the building up of life in our family, our community and our world by being open to the Holy Spirit active in our lives.

The Sacrament of Communion (Eucharist) makes us 'Church', a people who gather together and contribute to make a difference in the world. The Sacrament of Confirmation celebrates the gift of each person for community.

The responsibility of supporting these young people along this path on their faith journey is shared by parents and the community.

Last week some of our Primary School Student Leaders conducted a tour of the school for a group of prospective parents. The students took great pride in showcasing the school's facilities and everything that we offer. It is always a pleasure hearing positive feedback from guests to the school on the confident and respectful way our students present themselves.

Already this term many of our students have taken part in a wide variety of sporting activities. These have included: Auskick, SAPSASA Winter Carnival, after school sports, specialised fitness program. It is great to see the students having fun through sport and also learning the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

Marion Kokkotos: Head of Primary

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the Elizabeth SAPSASA teams. We wish them the best of luck at the week long competitions.

Joel Pellicone: Football, **Katie Trezona:** Netball
Zoe Evans: Netball, **Paige Miettunen:** Netball



BUSY BUSY BUSY

We are having a really busy time at the Primary School and I would like to say a big "Thank You" to all those people who are supporting us so generously in so many ways. There is still plenty of time to knit blanket squares and if you are short of wool I have a great big bag full that needs to be made up. Please contact the front office and they will happily give you some. Thank you to those who have shown an interest in helping with the memorial garden; it seems we have some very talented people in our staff and community. I will be contacting you soon!

If there are any parents out there who wouldn't mind doing a bit of washing, we need some volunteers to wash some of our Biblical costumes so that they can be sorted out and used more effectively in Religious drama with the students. Please contact me if you can help. We are very grateful for all your contributions that help us work together as a community.

Jane Bailey: Director of Spirituality R - 6

SACPSSA Winter Carnival

Last Friday 171 students in Years 5 to 7 took part in the regional SAPSASA Winter carnival. Students were able to participate in Football, Soccer, Netball or Volleyball, with the emphasis on involvement and enjoyment. All students are to be commended for their positive behaviour and teamwork throughout the day.

Thank you to staff who were involved with coaching of teams on the day and in particular the following parents who coached: Justin Maxfield, Jodie Parkes, Angie Wickes, Catherine Matthews, Tina Bagnato, Kerri Hanselman, Leanne Murphy, Stephen Selwood, Sally Ryan and Lisa Piscioneri - Thank You.

Mr Chris Spry:
Primary Sports Coordinator



PARENT INFORMATION SESSION FOR PRIMARY ENGLISH

On Thursday 19 May, 22 parents participated in a workshop on what English looks like in the Primary School. They were given information about the new Australian English Curriculum and NAPLAN. Then there were presentations about what English looks like in both the Junior and Senior Primary, followed by a brief overview of the resource centre services.

After morning tea, and an opportunity to visit the library, the parents participated in a literacy rotation which included activities such as guided reading, readers' theatre, sight word activities with playdough and learning about how to develop noun groups for writing. There was a lot of discussion, questions and fun.

After recess the parents were able to visit the classrooms and see Literacy in action in their child's class.

Thanks to the Literacy focus group for their hard work and presentations and to the parents who joined in enthusiastically and made the morning a success. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with parents to ensure that we provide the best education possible for their children.

Primary School Literacy Focus Group

RECEPTION ASSEMBLY

It was with great excitement and pride that the Receptions hosted their first assembly last week Thursday. Individual pupils from each class shared what they have learned so far about the sea and pollution. Mrs Van Tonder's pupils showed off their beautiful fish pictures and knowledge about the parts of a fish. In Mr Ruggiero's classroom the pupils have put together a big book about different sea creatures. Their drawings reflect their enthusiasm and interest in the theme. Pollution can never be good for the environment and Mrs Dunning's pupils told us about the effects of pollution on the ocean and sea life. The receptions concluded their presentation with a song all about "A Rainbow Fish." Everyone was in agreement that the receptions did a fantastic job.

The receptions are learning many important facts about our oceans and did a great job of sharing that information with the rest of the school. Well done!

Primary Reception Team

Starplex Basketball Clinic

Ricky Simpson and Kevin Brooks from STARPLEX have been conducting basketball clinics with students in years 4-7. They have proven to be highly energetic and enjoyable sessions, with students utilising the impressive facilities of the new school gymnasium.

Thank you to STARPLEX for their generosity in providing the students with these free clinics. Some students have written below how they found the activities.

"It was very fun and cool. We did warm ups and won some prizes. Ashley Rukavina (5 McGinty)

"I learnt that basketball passes are the exact same as netball passes. My favourite part was when we got to dribble the basketball to try and get a tennis ball off the ground." Caitlin Jacques

"I loved the basketball clinic. It was great fun learning all the cool new skills. Jacob Kerr

I liked the basketball clinic because it taught me good sportsmanship. Luke Gribble

I think the basketball clinic was a great idea because it helps kids learn new skills. Kyle Binyon

Chris Spry:
Primary Sports Coordinator

Starplex at our St Columba Community Gym



STARfit Kids:
For 5-12 year old kids, have fun, make friends and get fit. Tuesdays at 5.00pm

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT:
Skills and drills with the focus on fun
Soccer, Wednesdays at 4.00pm
Basketball, Wednesdays at 5.00pm
Netball, Fridays at 5.00pm

Bookings are essential.
Phone STARplex Reception on 8522 0622
www.starplex.com.au



CAREERS NEWS

FOOT IN THE DOOR - HIGH ACHIEVERS EVENT

Congratulations to Laurence Preen, Nathalie Preen, Frank Michalek and Nicole Stubing who have been successful in being chosen for Adelaide University's "Foot in the Door" program. This program allows high achieving students to spend a day in a Faculty of their choice. The students attend a special and exclusive information session and engage in activities targeting their specific area of interest.

ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY COURSE INFORMATION TALKS ONLINE

In September 2010, Adelaide University held "Info Night" talks that covered specific information about a range of degrees that you can study at the University of Adelaide. They are now available online at: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/whatsyourpreference/discover/infonights-sep.html>

The talks cover information around what you will study in your first year, what career you can expect as well as some common questions asked by the audience.

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE (1ST - 5TH AUGUST)

All Year 10 students participate in work experience as part of a subject called the Personal Learning Plan (PLP). Work Place Learning Agreement Forms were due back to teachers on 24/5/11.

RCNA NURSING & HEALTH EXPO

Sunday 5th June, 10am – 3pm, Adelaide Convention Centre, North Tce, Adelaide
Find out where a career in nursing can take you.
Visit www.rcna.org.au or phone: 1800 061 660.

TERTIARY STUDIES & CAREERS EXPO

This event is attended by:

- SA and interstate universities
- TAFE SA
- National, local and government employers and agencies
- Defence forces
- VET training representatives

Sun 19th-Mon 20th June,
Adelaide Convention Centre. Free Admission.

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN POLICE RECRUITMENT SEMINARS

Many students express an interest in joining the Police Force. SAPOL are holding their next information seminar on 21st June.

Visit: www.achievemore.com.au/officer/register-for-seminar.html

GAP YEARS

In Senior School Assembly the students have been given information about a couple of opportunities to engage in a Gap Year after school such as:

- **Cultural Care Pair:**
Travel to the USA to live with an American family and care for their children. Visit: www.culturalcare.com.au
- **Latitude Global Volunteering:**
This can involve a wide variety of different experiences around the world. Visit: www.latitude.org.au
- **Camp America:**
Live and work at a summer camp in the USA with thousands of others from all over the world. Visit: www.campamerica.com.au

Paula Thorpe: Careers Counsellor

Open Boys Football

On Monday 23rd May 2011, the Open Boys football team played its Round 1 clash against St Patrick Technical College and Gawler High. We were due to play at Central District Football oval but with the atrocious weather over the weekend, the game had to be rescheduled to St Columba College. Knowing that we now had the "home ground advantage", this gave the team some extra confidence going into the first game. The weather was not much better throughout the day, with us having to contend with high winds and lots of rain. Our first game was against St Patricks and Captain Levi Hudson won the toss and decided to kick with the wind. The first half was a tight tussle and St Columba had plenty of the ball, early in the game. We couldn't capitalise on this and we found it difficult to score any goals. At half time St Patrick's were up by 14 points. It was always going to be hard to get back in the game, especially kicking against the wind in the second half. Even though the boys put in 100% effort for this game St Patrick was too strong and held on the win by 17 points.

The best player for this game was Braidon Tippett who played exceptionally well considering the wet conditions. Dylan McIver and Dylan Tippett were influential in the midfield and Alex Mallet was solid in defence. Goal kickers were Braidon Tippett with 2 goals.

St Patrick's played Gawler high in the second and won by 5 goals which meant the Tech College was through to the next round.

Our second game was against Gawler High and both teams were keen to finish off the day with a victory. The inclement weather continued to make it difficult to handle the football but the boys started off this game with confidence and they displayed excellent team work for the first 20 minutes of the game. Levi Hudson and Dylan Tippett demonstrated excellent 'on field' leadership during this part of the game. Tyson Heintzerberger and Lachlan Dunn did some important things in defence. In the last five minutes Gawler High kicked a few goals into the wind which meant St Columba was only up by 4 points at half time. Gawler High started of the second half by kicking the ball long and strong into their forward lines and they posted the first 3 goals kicking with a strong breeze. It looked like 'curtains' for the boys at this point in time but when Josh Boyd went into the ruck, the midfield players consisting of Peter Akec, Dylan and Braidon Tippett, Aron Schlink and Levi Hudson started to dominate. St Columba kicked the next three majors and finished off winning by 2 points. It was a great reward for the team who looked down and out with 5 minutes to go in the game. To win this game after kicking against a 3 goal breeze was a sensational effort by the whole team.

Best Players: Levi Hudson, Dylan Tippet Josh Boyd, Braidon Tippett, Peter Akec, Jake Hazeal. **Goal kickers:** Jake Hazeal 2, Braidon Tippett 2, Levi Hudson 1, Aron Schlink 1, Alex Steed 1

Shane Dowling: Coach



Wanted: Homestay Parents & Accomodation



Recently, St Columba College was officially registered to receive International Students. The College intends to recruit a number of senior (15year olds) international students from countries such as Malaysia, China, Japan and Hong Kong. To do this successfully the College must be able to provide potential students with suitable accommodation through a **Homestay** program.

What is Homestay?

Generally Homestay accommodation provides a secure, family environment for an international student, helping them to adapt to life and culture in Australia. It is expected that families are good, friendly, flexible people who can welcome students into their homes as part of the family. Besides treating a HomeStay student as a member of the family Homestay families will maintain regular contact with the College and attend orientation events. Generally, Homestay parents will have experience in dealing with young people.

Students staying in Homestay accommodation need a clean and private room for themselves, equipped with a bed (with linen and blankets), a wardrobe and chest of drawers. They will have a desk and a place to study, and have access to bathroom and washing facilities. Host families provide the Homestay student three meals a day.

Most Homestay accommodation should be located close to public transport allowing access to the College. While Homestay parents will ensure students receive proper medical attention in the event of illness or accident, Homestay students have their own medical insurance. HomeStay students will join the College in Year 10 (15 years old) and stay long enough to complete Year 12

What can families expect out of HomeStay?

- First and foremost having an international student in the home gives families an opportunity to enrich their cultural experience
- Homestay families, the international student and their families often establish lifelong friendships that have benefits that last for years
- To compensate for outgoing expenses associated with the Homestay families are paid, around \$11,000 per annum (approximately \$220 x 50 weeks)

If you are interested in learning more about hosting an international student through St Columba's International Student HomeStay program contact Jim Donaghy on 82540655 or email: james.donaghy@stcolumba.com.au and he will make an appointment to discuss it further with you.

Jim Donaghy: Development Manager

POST SCRIPT



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IMPORTANT DATES:

Term Dates:

Term Two: 4th May - 8 July

Term Three: 25th July - 30th September

Term Four: 17th October - 9th December

Term 2, 2011

JUNE:

6th Stage 2 Parent Teacher Interviews 4-8pm

9th ST COLUMBA DAY

13th Queens Birthday Public Holiday

16th Year 9 Retreat

JULY:

6th Parents & Friends Meeting

8th END OF TERM



Smithfield Plains Neighbourhood Watch

The next meeting will be held on the 14th of June 2011. It will be held at the John McVeity Centre 182 Peachy Road, on the Second Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm.

The area coordinator for this group can be contacted on 0402 358 865. All are welcome, and we would love to see you there.

From the Parents & Friends

The Parents & Friends are coordinating a number of upcoming events and would like your support. These are listed below:

Lipstick Drive: Parents & Friends Lipstick drive is now well underway. If you would like to get a great deal on lipstick and help our fundraising please get in touch with us.

Harvey Norman BBQ: We are hosting a fundraising barbecue out the front of Harvey Norman at Munno Para on Saturday the 4th of June from 9:00 am onwards. If you are a registered College Volunteer and would like to help, please ring Colleen on 0417 812 628 or just turn up on the day. We would love your help.

Community Raffle: Community Raffle Tickets are now well overdue. We are asking that you return your tickets immediately.



UNIFORM SHOP OPENING TIMES

Call: 8254 0610

Monday 8.15 am - 12.00 noon

Tuesday 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Wednesday 8.15 am - 12.00 noon

Thursday 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm

Friday 8.15 am - 12.00 noon

Shoe Fittings:

Shoe fittings will be held on Thursday 30th June from 1pm to 3pm for new reception students, as well as anyone needing shoes or orthotics. Jody from 'Footwear Plus' will be available during the shoe fitting timeslot.

TERM 2 IS FULL WINTER UNIFORM



entertainment

For those who are fans of the Entertainment book you will know that your 2010/2011 book is obsolete as from the 1st June. No problems, for The College has a limited number of 2011/2012 books available at \$65, which fans will know is still a great bargain. Get your new Entertainment book from us today and help support our Fundraising. Available from the Middle/Senior Finance Office or contact, Jim Donaghy, Development Manager on 82540655 or email: james.donaghy@stcolumbs.com.au to reserve one.

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