



# St Philomena's School, Moree

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3<sup>rd</sup> April, 2009.

Dear Parents of St Philomena's School Moree,

Following a call for expressions of interest for the position of Acting Principal at St Philomena's School for 2009, I am happy to inform you that Mrs Karen Jagers has been affirmed in the position for the remainder of the year.

I would like to thank Karen for the excellent work she has done in Term One and ask you to continue to support her as she leads St Philomena's for the remainder of 2009.

Yours sincerely,

R.W. Johnston

*Diocesan Director of Catholic Schools*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This week, St Philomena's School farewells **Bev Northey** a loyal, devoted and long serving member of the staff. 2009 is Bev's 30<sup>th</sup> year of service to St Philomena's School. Over time, Bev's role has been diverse. In *so many ways*, the school is a fortunate beneficiary from her expertise, knowledge and wisdom. Additionally, Bev's presence, support and expertise have been extensively shared with St Francis Xavier's Parish. Over the last 10 years, Bev has also been employed by the Catholic Schools Office, utilising her skills to assist other diocesan schools and secretaries, in all matters fiscal.

On this long dedicated journey, Bev has been well supported by Jim and their children; Tania, Monique and Darrin. In the near future, Bev and Jim will relocate to the Queensland coast and enjoy more time with each other, their children, grandchildren and friends.



The students, parents, extended school community and staff wish you happiness and good health in your retirement, Bev.

Enjoy the holiday break! School returns on Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**Karen Jagers,**  
Acting Principal

## WEEKLY REFLECTION – Tuesday of Holy Week



We celebrate the Easter festivities with a **SCHOOL STATIONS OF THE CROSS** to be held on Holy Thursday in the school grounds at 9.30am. Parents/guardians and friends are invited to attend a re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross, with all students to be involved in some way.

**Well, those most sacred days are upon us.** Like every Sunday that we are engaged in, the holiness of these days are poignantly special. We gather as Christians from the Four Winds, we attempt to downplay our differences and be as ecumenical as possible; we prayer (as we have over the past one hundred years) for Christian Unity. We maintain our culture through the gifts of music and song, music and dance, and are bound together to **remember the Triduum, those three days that bind us to the Cross of Christ.**

**But first, on Monday evening we had a Parish Reconciliation at 7pm in our local church. On Holy Thursday we have at 7pm the Mass of the Last Supper, Good Friday at 9am we have Morning Prayer of the Church; and 3pm Friday we partake in the Lord's Passion. On Saturday morning, we again have Morning Prayer of the Church, and can attend**

Our Mission is to provide students with a Catholic Education in a caring, disciplined environment where striving for excellence and respect for others are promoted.

**Individual Reconciliation.** The Eater Vigil is at 6pm Saturday, and Easter Sunday we have Masses at 7:30am and 9:30am at St Francis Xavier Church, Moree.

Our time is grace-filled when we are witness to the ceremonies of Holy Week. How little time is necessary to partake in these ceremonies. **As a Christian family we hope to include all those who have prayed with us over the past one hundred years of Christian Unity.** As one of our locals has said, we are all on this journey home together, Christians as well as all faiths, centering on the truth, the hope, the love and the justice and mercy of God. May we each remember someone who once entered into our life and honour their memory with gratitude and love of God for them.

This year at Easter-time we pray for all past students and teachers, alive in God and alive with God; **we pray for all the staff who have worked in the school office, especially Bev Northey at this time;** we also pray for all past principals, religious and lay, but especially all the parents and guardians of our student body over the past one hundred and more years. History is remembrance of things past. The summit of our history is our remembrance of Jesus in the light of the sacred liturgy, our Mass.

**May Christ bring us home to the Father as we pray:**

*Jesus,  
We look to you to bring us hope in times of faltering faith.  
May we receive the Light of Christ in our lives this Easter  
And steadfastly follow The Way of The Cross.  
May our steps be in unison with all members of the human race  
In our Journey Home to God.*

Every good wish, Pat Clancy.

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### ANZAC Day

The school will participate in this year's ANZAC Day march. Students are encouraged to participate and support our returned servicemen and women. The march will assemble in the Woolworths car park at 9:30 am and step off at 9:45 am. The service will commence at 10:00 pm. A liturgy will be held at school on Tuesday 28th April at 9:00 am. All parents are more than welcome to attend.

Andrew May

### Are you interested in hosting our Japanese Intern?

Next term we are very lucky to have another Japanese intern coming to our school. Ms Yuko Kuriki will be starting at school in Week 1 Term 2 and will stay with us until the end of the year. Yuko is very good at English and has had some teaching experience in Japan and overseas. She has lived and travelled overseas so she is used to communicating with people from different cultures. Throughout the year, Yuko will help in the classroom with the Year 8 and 9 Japanese students and she will also be visiting all the primary classes. This is a fantastic opportunity for our Japanese students to improve their language skills, and for the whole school to learn more about Japan and its culture.



We are now looking for families who may be interested in hosting Yuko for any period of time in Term 2, 3 or 4. If you are interested in hosting Yuko sometime during the year could you please contact me at school.

Arigatoo (Thankyou) Helen O'Neill

## SECONDARY NEWS

### **Bill Turner Soccer**

St Philomena's boys played Moree Secondary College last Wednesday and won convincingly 8 – 0. The team played well and were off to a quick start when Cameron Haddad scored within the first few minutes of the game. This set the tone for the remainder of the first half with a further 5 goals being scored. The second half was a more subdued affair as a number of positional changes were made. However, two more goals were scored to seal a strong victory. At this point in time we are not sure who the next team we face will be. It will most likely be an away game at Narrabri. More details to follow shortly!

### **Tamworth Careers Expo**

A HUGE thank you to all the parents who returned permission notes for your children to attend the Careers Expo in Tamworth on Wednesday 29 April. Final transport details will be given to students before the end of term.

On a positive note I have received an email from the organisers of the ADF Careers Expo which was held in Tamworth several weeks ago. They were full of praise for the Moree students who displayed, in their words, great maturity and intelligence in their interest and questions for the ADF personnel present. I was extremely pleased with the manner in which our students presented themselves throughout the day. Well done team!

### **Stage 5 Assessments**

As you should be aware Stage 5 students have been completing a wide range of assessment tasks in the last three weeks. Thank you to the students who have returned completed tasks on time and to a standard that reflects well on your work ethic. Students who do not submit tasks on time or to a standard that is not what is expected are running the risk of 'N' determination letters. Parents, if you are aware that your child is experiencing difficulty with an assessment task please contact the relevant teacher as soon as possible so that assistance may be provided. Requesting assistance on the day the task is due is not acceptable for Stage 5 students.

**Andrew May**

## **PRIMARY NEWS**

### **EASTER HAT PARADE**

The children in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are encouraged to begin thinking about their hats/bonnets for the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday. The Hat Parade will take place at school under the blue shade cloth at 11am and all parents, grandparents and friends are most welcome to attend. Hats can be as elaborate as you wish; even the old school hat with some streamers and eggs on it makes a fabulous fashion statement. The children will also be able and encouraged to wear their hats to the St Philomena's Race Day on Easter Saturday (11<sup>th</sup> April). The hats can be brought in to school on Thursday.

**Dayna Raulston Infants' Coordinator**

### **Moree Show**

A reminder for all Primary and Infants students to bring in 50c entry fee for their artwork to be entered in the Moree Show. For anyone entering items from home, the Moree show committee have requested that all individual art entries be delivered to the grandstand at the Moree Showground by 10.00am Friday 24th April *not Thursday 23rd April as previously stated in the schedule.*

### **National Assessment Program: Literacy & Numeracy Plan (NAPLAN) - Yrs 3 & 5**

The National Assessment Program: Literacy and Numeracy for Year 3 and Year 5 students will be held in Term 2. The NAPLAN tests will be held on **Tuesday 12th May, Wednesday 13th May** and **Thursday 14th May**. It is crucial that all students in Years 3 and 5 are present at school on these days.

**Amanda McLeod & Cathy Downes**

## **SPORT NEWS**

### **Primary Swimming**

There is no swimming for Primary Sport this Thursday. Could all outstanding money be paid to classroom teachers as soon as possible. A very big thank you to all the parents who came along each Thursday to help with Life Saving.

### **Cross Country Training**

Due to the school Cross Country being on Wednesday we will not have any training today. However Cross Country / Athletics training will begin again on Tuesday afternoons at 3.30pm in Week 1 of Term 2. All Yr 3 – 6 students are welcome.

### **Armidale Diocesan Winter Trials**

Last Friday, fifteen, Year 6 students travelled to Tamworth to participate at the Armidale Diocesan Winter Trials. All of our students performed very well, however four students were exceptional, gaining selection in Armidale Diocesan teams.

**Football:** Ashleigh Walker, Bonnie Morris, Sam Matthews,

**Hockey:** Lachlan Smith,

Congratulations to these students who will now compete at the Polding Winter Trials in Bathurst on 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2009.

### **St Philomena's K- 6 Cross Country**

The St Philomena's Cross Country will be held on Wednesday **8th April at the Moree Racecourse.**

All students must make their own way to the racecourse **by 8.45am** (supervision at the racecourse will begin at 8.30am) Any child arriving prior to 8.30am must remain in the care of a parent/guardian.

Students will need to bring lots of cold water, sunscreen, recess and lunch.

All children are encouraged to **wear house colours** on the day. Sandshoes / joggers are essential.

As this day is a very entertaining and fun day for the students we encourage as many parents as possible to come along and enjoy the activities.

**New Event – Parent Child Race.** *This year we are introducing a parent /child, 150m foot race. The first parent/child team to cross the line will be declared St Philomena's best. Nominations will be taken on the day.*

**Toni Munro**

## **CANTEEN ROSTER & NEWS**

### **THIS WEEK'S ROSTER:**

**WEDNESDAY:** Jennifer Bingham, Helen Spain, Kathryn Corderoy, Lou Grellman

**THURSDAY:** Mary Weal, Shaun Bussell, Vanessa Parkes, Toni Kirkman, Maree Smith

Our Mission is to provide students with a Catholic Education in a caring, disciplined environment where striving for excellence and respect for others are promoted.





# Easter Raffle



Find those tickets and send them in

Last week left for a chance to win  
Tickets and money needs to be in by Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009

## Fabulous Prizes

1<sup>st</sup> prize Springfree Trampoline Valued at \$1495.00

Guaranteed to be the safest Trampoline for children 3.66 m in diameter with safety wall mesh.

2<sup>nd</sup> prize Lovely I spy Children's Quilt Value \$400.00 Donated by Brittanee Nash and family

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Lawn fertilizer Value \$200.00 Donated by Yara Nipro

**Only \$2.00 per ticket**

Please send in Tickets and Money to school office labeled P&F raffle

## Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is fast approaching. The long tradition of the P&F Mother's Day Stall continues. This years stall will be held during Week 2, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Start thinking of items that you would consider donating, wrapped in clear cellophane and left with your class teacher or at the front desk.

Popular donations include magazines, candles, chocolates, notebooks, mugs, frames etc. All donations will be accepted during Week 1 of next term. The gifts will be sold for \$5 or less.

For each child to be able to purchase a gift for their Mum, we need every child to support this stall by donating a gift.

All proceeds from the stall go to the P&F.

Volunteers will also be needed to help wrap, display and sell the gifts. If you are able to help please circle your preferred time & return to the front office. Thank you for your support.

Jenny Carrigan  
Mother's Day Stall Co-Ordinator



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### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am - 11.00am wrapping  
11.00am - 1pm wrapping

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

9.00am - 11.00am selling  
11.00am - 1pm selling  
1pm - 3pm selling

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph No \_\_\_\_\_

**ST PHILOMENA'S SCHOOL  
PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION**

**The S&T Haddad Mower Sales St Philomena's P&F Easter Race Day on  
Easter Saturday April 11 2009.**



## **Urgent Can anyone help?**

At the Race Day even a **small amount of time** volunteered is welcome.

Please fill in the forms below if you can help and send them in to school it would be much appreciated.

NAME : \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT DETAILS : \_\_\_\_\_

<p>I would be willing to help on the <b>Barbeque Tent</b> <b>Please circle time</b> 12.00 pm to 1.00 pm, 1.00pm to 2.00pm, 2.00 pm to 3.00pm, David Quirk, 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm, 4.00 pm to 5.00pm</p> <p>There is still spaces for helpers from 2.00pm to 5.00 pm please if you have some time helpers are needed.</p> <p>Coordinator <b>Michael Murray 6752 9085</b></p>
<p>I would be willing to help on <b>Kidz Corner</b>, jumping castle and activities area. <b>Please circle time</b> Time 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.30 pm 3.00pm 3.30pm 4.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm</p> <p>More Helpers needed</p> <p>Coordinator <b>Bernadette Seery 0427 228 803</b></p>
<p>I would like to help on the front gate to take info for <b>gate prize</b> <b>Please circle time</b> Time 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.30 pm 3.00pm 3.30pm 4.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm <b>Helpers needed</b> Coordinator <b>Andrew Pitman 0427 668 377</b> or <b>Lidia Mathews 0427 608 130</b></p>
<p>I would like to help on Good Friday for <b>Set up</b> 9.00 am <b>Helpers needed</b> Coordinator <b>Andrew Pitman 0427 668 377</b> or <b>Lidia Mathews 0427 608 130</b></p>
<p>I would like to help on Easter Sunday <b>Pack up</b> 11.30 am <b>Helpers needed</b> Coordinator <b>Andrew Pitman 0427 668 377</b> or <b>Lidia Mathews 0427 608 130</b></p>

# RACE-DAY

Easter Saturday, April 11, 2009 . . . . . 4 more sleeps

## Races named

**Keith Haddad and Sons draw the St Philomena's Easter Cup**

RACE names for the Haddad Mower Sales St Philomena's family race-day at Moree on Easter Saturday have been announced – and long-term school supporter Keith Haddad has drawn coveted naming rights to the feature race on the five-race card.

The 1200m Keith Haddad and Sons St Philomena's Easter Cup – with a trophy donated by Steve Sparke of Freeman's Jewellers – headlines a card expected to draw good nominations.

The race-name draw was conducted by Father Paul McCabe and St Philomena's acting school principal Karen Jagers.

"If there is anything at all you need to know about horse-racing, I'm the man to see," Fr Paul quipped.

Supporting races include the 1600m Shoe Elegance and Video Ezy Savio 0-72 Handicap, 1000m Brighann Ginning Mercy Maiden Plate, 1200m Landmark Moree McAuley 0-57 Handicap and the 1300m Retravision Moree Goretti Maiden Handicap.

Keith Haddad, whose family has had an enduring association with St Philomena's School and St Xavier's Catholic Church in Moree that stretches several decades, said he was delighted to be named the sponsor of the feature event.

"That's really good; it's going to be a great meeting," Haddad said.

Associate sponsors have again rallied to support the meeting, which aims to raise more than \$10,000 for St Philomena's School.

A raft of local businesses has signed on the dotted line, including Simon and Kylie Smith, Webb and Boland and DSM Haulage.

Joining them will be Kenway and Clark, Moree Veterinary Hospital, B&W Rural, Grant and Katrina Squires, Haddad Bulk Storage, Moree Real Estate, Boomi Party Hire, Freeman's Jewellers, Assef's, Simply Stuck Printing and the New Bo Wa Restaurant.

Match-race sponsors include Irritek, Bikes In Balo, Pitman Deakin and Peter and Nathan Sinclair Racing Stables.



BOBS bonuses worth \$1250 per race are also on offer for eligible horses while trainer and jockey bonuses each worth \$500 must be won.

Individual tickets to the all-inclusive marquee are still available at \$100 per head, which includes a shuttle-bus service leaving the Moree Golf Club from 11.30am and returning from 6pm. Ticket-holders also receive gate entry, a race-book and a free ticket in the \$1000 Retravision lucky gate ticket prize.

Refreshments, snacks and nibbles will also be provided under the marquee cluster on the southern end of the grounds.

Kidz Korner will be in action with jumping castles and face-painting.

**For more information or to book a marquee ticket contact Bill Poulos on 0448 203621 or e-mail wap93@hotmail.com.**



### Count on it

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# Noakes scare

RUMOURS that cyclist Andrew Noakes is nursing a secret injury has sent a rush of confidence through the Peter and Nathan Sinclair camps in the lead-up to the Great Irritek Human versus Horse Match-Race at Moree on Saturday.

Noakes, who takes on jockey Jim Bryans aboard Trust Me Honey as well as runners AJ Ramsamy and Manny Swan, spent the best part of last week telling anyone prepared to listen how he'll win Saturday's match-race. However Bryans, winner of the past two match-races in Moree, says he and Trust Me Honey will take centre stage at the Haddad Mower Sales St Philomena's P&F family race-day.

"If there's a chink in Noakesy's armour I'll find it," Bryans said.

"He does have one major problem though – his mouth. If he could keep that shut for just for a few minutes, he might be a rough chance of running second."

Bryans, who rides successfully on the north-west picnic circuit each year, has trimmed down to 54kg for Saturday's match-race, which also features runners Manny Swan and AJ Ramsamy.

"Noakesy reckons it took me nine years to come back after a fall, but when I did

I came back bigger and better," Bryans said.

"He had a buster a couple of years ago and he hasn't even got on the podium since. He should join Benny-blaise in the paddock—it might do him the world of good if he has nine years off."

Bryans says Trust Me Honey is over the line on Saturday—and suggests Noakes gets some outside help if he wants to topple the hot-pot.

"He might be a chance if he uses one of those tandem bikes and gets Ronny Clissold to ride with him," Bryans said.

"Ronny had to carry him across the line in the Hell of the West at Goondiwindi so Noakesy can sit behind him on the two-seater and let Ronny do all the work.

"And Jack Roohan, the young bloke that busted Noakesy at Gundy, has given me some tips on how to beat him. "I've been told that if I put the pressure on, Noakesy will pull up – he'll go to water," he said.

Trainer Nathan Sinclair says Trust Me



Honey will win Saturday's match-race – and win easy.

"She's doing very well and is nice and fresh. She'll love a little 400m sprint up on the weekend," he said.

Sinclair's father Peter, who plans to saddle up Dr Freckles, Walhalla Gold and Jenmare at Saturday's meeting, prefers to sit in the wings as the days count down to Easter Saturday.

"I'll stay in the same corner as the two runners; Jimmy and Noakesy have enough to say for the lot of us," he grinned.

"All I can say is, Trust Me Honey is going good – she'll be ready.

"And so will Jimmy, I hope."

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## She'll win . . . Trust me

IT is sweetly ironic that a young bloke inflicted with spina bifida plans to win a foot-race at Moree on Easter Saturday – well, sort of.

Nathan Sinclair has suffered the disease since birth, and while he won't actually compete in the Great Irritek Human versus Horse Match-Race, he trains equine entrant Trust Me Honey.

Nathan has been training horses for just over 12 months. He took the lead from his dad Peter, who 20 years ago took the lead from his old man, Phil.

As co-incidence has it, Phil learnt the trade from his father, George.

Nathan, a fourth-generation trainer and a St Philomena's old boy, says Trust Me Honey is a put-in-take-out proposition on Saturday.

"She'll win the race . . . and win it easily," Nathan said.

Trust Me Honey will be ridden by Jim Bryans, the quietly-spoken picnics jockey that has won the past two match-races held in Moree.

"There won't be any game plan; I'll leave everything up to Jimmy," Nathan said.

"He's knows what he's doing in this type of race."

Trust Me Honey will sprint 400m from a breeze-up start while runners AJ Ramsamy and Manny Swan—sponsored by Pitman Deakin—will each sprint 100m in relay.

Bikes In Balo-sponsored cyclist Andrew Noakes, an easing favourite for the match-race after rumours were rife at the weekend that he was hiding an injury, will pedal 250m from a roll-up start.

The race will be officially started by Grant Custance and John Shepherd, who missed narrowly in Moree's inaugural human versus horse match-race four years ago.