



St Philomena's School, Moree

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A reminder that a **PUPIL FREE DAY** has been set down for **Friday, March 27th**. On this day all staff will be undertaking and upgrading First Aid and CPR training. This is an important requirement of our roles.

An additional calendar consideration for your planning is that of the **return date for Term Two**. The official return for all NSW schools is Wednesday April 29th. This is however NOT a public holiday.

The first of our **CAP** (Country Area Program) professional development workshops for staff take place at the end of this week. The theme of this workshop is Technology and Mathematics.

Throughout the year, **Diocesan Principals' Meetings** are scheduled. This week I will be in attendance in Armidale. A comprehensive list of agenda items include:

- BER (Building Education Revolution) –our dollars from the Rudd Government. Proposals and possibilities.
- OH&S (Occupational Health and Safety) on the school site.
- Financial briefings.
- NSW Education Act.
- National Educational Agreement.
- NAPLAN 2009
- New Teacher and Support Staff Awards.

A copy of the **Narrabri Eisteddfod Handbook** is available for perusal at the front office. The eisteddfod is scheduled from May 11th through to May 21st.

On Saturday, **Jodie and James Litchfield** welcomed the arrival of their daughter Esther! Our best wishes to Jodie and James as they commence a new stage in their lives.

On Friday, I experienced and enjoyed one of those unforgettable moments. After visiting the Kindergarten classes, one of the students was overheard by the teacher, clarifying to a friend, my role. "*She's not the real one; she's just a fake one until they get the real Principal*". Perhaps this is a reminder to us all that often life is just too serious!!

Karen Jagers, ACTING PRINCIPAL

VERIFICATION REPORTS

WE ARE STILL AWAITING MANY REPORTS TO BE RETURNED. We will be telephoning any family who has not yet returned the reports. Please advise the office if you need your child's report reprinted.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS

Closing this Friday 13th March

**See form attached
to this newsletter**

WEEKLY REFLECTION 2ND WEEK OF LENT, 2009

Twice a year we find the readings including the Transfiguration of the Lord being read at Mass. This past Sunday and on the 6th of August, the Feast of the **Transfiguration**, when we remember Hiroshima and three days later, Nagasaki. What happens on this occasion is really as plain as sunlight, but **it is still a mystery**, an ineffable mystery.

The Transfiguration has a double significance. Firstly, **it did something for Jesus**. Here, from this moment on, His face is turned toward Jerusalem – the acceptance of the Cross. Moses and Elijah met with Jesus: Moses was the Law-giver of God and Elijah was the first among the prophets. **Everyone looked back to the prophets** as if they were the very voice of God. They surely asked him to go on. It was through Jesus that they saw the fulfilment of all that had gone before. **This is the fulfilment of history**. God spoke with Jesus as well. "What will you have me do?" is the question Jesus asked of God. God also says: "Go on!" Jesus then knew the inevitable and essential rightness of the Cross (according to Barclay).

The Transfiguration, secondly, did **something which proved to be precious for the disciples** as well. They were not sure that this needed Jesus' death. They were baffled and bewildered and were broken-hearted. What they saw on the mountain of the Lord was something that they could hold onto even though they could not understand. **"Cross or no Cross, they had heard God's voice acknowledge Jesus as God's Son."** They were witnesses to the glory of Christ, and they had to keep it secret until after Jesus was raised.

What does this mean to us today, 2009, in Moree?

One thing it does mean is that **we may rely on the Gospel of the Second Week of Lent Year B as being the reassurance of the exposition of God's will to God's people**. We are bound by love between ourselves and we are bound by Love Eternal – the Christ as the living witness to all that has been said of God in truth in ages past and present. When we turn to God in Faith, Hope and Love, God will always turn to us and give in kind.

Our Prayer:

May we, by the message of the Gospel, proclaim a living witness

In these times of difficulty and struggle.

May we ever be mindful of others and the pain of some of the decisions they must make.

Help us to walk with Christ and others so that we may always reveal

The Christ in each of us.

We as this prayer through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Every Good Wish, Pat Clancy.

SECONDARY NEWS

Diocesan Swimming

We have our secondary swimming team travelling to Gunnedah this Friday to compete in the Diocesan carnival. Those swimmers who place first or second in the freestyle or win their stroke event will be chosen to represent Armidale in the NSWCCC Carnival held at Homebush. Good luck to our 14 swimmers competing. A reminder to those travelling to Gunnedah: the bus will leave from the Boston Street gates at 6.50am. We hope to return to Moree by 4.30pm.

Sean Baldwin

University of Newcastle Health Expo

The school has received information from Hunter New England Health and the University of Newcastle concerning a Health Expo to be held at Tamworth Hospital on Wednesday 25 March 2009. It is open to students in Year 10 only.

The expo will enable students to learn about careers in the Health Industry and training pathways offered in Tamworth and North-West NSW. Health professionals will be available to advise on training pathways in Occupational Therapy, Nursing, Physiotherapy, Medicine, Pharmacy and a range of other related careers.

If your child is interested in attending the expo could you please contact Mr May at school as soon as possible. Parents and guardians are also encouraged to attend.

Andrew May

PRIMARY NEWS

SUPER SMILES

This afternoon your child was given a form from Hunter New England Health with the information of the 2009 Super Smiles initiative. This program allows parents/guardians of K-6 students to take advantage of the SUPER SMILES Dental check up. If you would like this opportunity then please fill in the form that your child has been sent home with. Thank you

Amanda McLeod

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten will not be learning any new sounds this week. Phonics books will still be sent home each day for students to revise the sounds learnt over the past 4 weeks. Have fun revising!

Catherine Moylan and Pamella O'Neill

JUNIOR JOSEPHITE ASSOCIATES MEETING This year is the 100th Anniversary of Blessed Mary MacKillop's death (8th August, 1909).



Twenty-six children from Years 3 and 4 gave up their play at lunch time to become members of the group which meets once a month. Each was presented with a JJA badge of Blessed Mary MacKillop, while the children prayed "Mary MacKillop, please look after" for each one.

The children then recited the prayer to God through the intercession of Mary MacKillop.

Sr Margaret showed the members a photo of the family of Blessed Mary MacKillop. (This was revision for some of the year four students). The family picture is in one of the classrooms. Used stamps were collected and each class chose a representative to take charge of these each month. A person from each class was chosen to take charge of the book of prayer intentions. Some students wanted to do research on the places in the Armidale Diocese where Mary MacKillop had opened the school in the 1880's. Sheets and dates were distributed.

The next meeting will be held in April - date to be confirmed.

Sr Margaret T. Cusack
rsj

CANTEEN ROSTER

Telephone: 67511349

Wednesday: Jennifer Bingham, Helen Spain, Kathryn Corderoy, Lou Grellman

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

Friday: Michelle Tucker, Gillian Wallace, Jane Angus, Margot Marshall, Sandi Osmond

Monday: Rebecca Bailey, Susan long, Marguerite Wyatt, May Winter, Melissa Pollard

Tuesday: Melissa Tzannes, Angela Walker, Sam Ledingham, Jenny Durack

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Opening hours

TUESDAY	2.00pm—4.00pm	THURSDAY	8.30am—10.30am
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

- 12th March Primary Swimming
- 13th March Secondary Diocesan Swimming - Gunnedah
2009 School Board nominations close
- 16th March Yr 7 Reconciliation
- 17th March St Patrick's Day
School Mass – Years 2 & 4
- 18th – 20th March – Nymboida excursion – Year 8

COMMUNITY NEWS

Moree Junior Rugby Anyone interested in playing junior rugby can sign on at WeeBollaBolla Oval this Thursday, March 12th from 4.00 pm or Thursday 19th March. Fees are: \$20/child for under 7's and \$40/child for all other grades. Socks, shorts etc will be available at sign on. All new players are welcome, no experience required. Please bring a copy of birth certificates for new players. Enquiries: Lisa Slack on 0428546525.

Moree Junior Rugby League

Sign on Days - Tuesday 10th & Thursday 12th March
5-7 years \$50 8 years & over \$70

Where - Taylor Oval 4.30pm to 5.30pm

All players wishing to play at Goondiwindi this Saturday must be registered to be eligible to play. Training is on Tuesday & Thursday starting at 4.30pm.

School Board Nominations for 2009

The School Board is seeking nominations from parents interested in assisting the school as a Board member for 2009. This year there are two positions available for a minimum term of two years. Standing members are eligible for re-election after serving a two year term if they so wish. Please find nomination form attached. Completed forms are due to be returned to the school office by Friday, March 13th when nominations will close.

If a vote is required, it will be conducted through the newsletter on March 17th. Results of the vote will be announced the day before the AGM on the March 24th newsletter.

The School Board AGM will be held on Wednesday, 25th March.

This meeting is the only Board meeting which non-elected members are able to attend. We would be very pleased to see members of our parent community at this meeting to hear the annual reports and news of the annual budget.

The School Board is an advisory body and supports the Principal and Parish Priest. *This group is not a decision making body.* It is responsible for offering advice, renewing school policy and monitoring the Strategic Plan. Members are required to attend monthly meetings and an AGM of the Diocesan School Board Association.

The current members are:

Ex Officio Members:

Parish Priest

Fr Paul McCabe

Principal

Karen Jagers

Finance Officer

Bev Northey

Nominated Members:Teaching staff :

Alana Goldman, Tricia Siddins

P&F

Brett Arthur

Aboriginal Community

Kiely Smith

Elected Members:

Basil Downes Chairman

Peta Carroll Secretary

Scott Kellahan

Bill Crawford

Matthew Haddad

2009 SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION FORM

I, wish to nominate for the 2009 St Philomena's School Board

Please Print

OR I,wish to nominate.....for

your name

name of nominee

the St Philomena's School Board for 2009.

(Please out line below the reasons for this nomination and provide a summary of previous school participation)

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Signed:Date: Telephone:

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

**The St Philomena's P & F are holding this year's Race Day on
Easter Saturday April 11th 2008.**

Can anyone help at the races, even a small amount of time volunteered is welcome.

The P & F especially welcomes the new families to the school, everyone would love to meet you and it is a great opportunity for you to meet other families.

The P & F is looking for volunteers who can help out at the working bees for **setting up** on Good Friday at 9.00 am and the pack up at 11.30 am Easter Sunday. We also need volunteers for **the Barbeque Tent and Kidz Corner** and taking names at gate **for gate prize**. Many hands make light work.

**Lidia Mathews
Secretary**

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

NAME : _____

CONTACT DETAILS : _____

I would be willing to help on the Barbeque Tent Please circle time Time 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.30 pm 3.00pm 3.30pm 4.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm Coordinator Michael Murray 6752 9085
I would be willing to help on Kidz Corner , jumping castle and activities area. Please circle time Time 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.30 pm 3.00pm 3.30pm 4.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm Coordinator Bernadette Seery 0427 228 803
I would like to help on the front gate to take info for gate prize Please circle time Time 1.30pm 2.00pm 2.30 pm 3.00pm 3.30pm 4.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm Coordinator Lidia Mathews 0427 608 130
I would like to help on Good Friday for Set up 9.00 am Coordinator Lidia Mathews 0427 608 130
I would like to help on Easter Sunday Pack up 11.30 am Coordinator Lidia Mathews 0427 608 130

P&F News

As mentioned last week the following people have taken up the 3 non elected P&F positions.

Canteen Support coordinator:	Mary Weal
Fundraising/Spring Fair co-ordinator:	Helen Spain
Garden/Working bee co-ordinators:	John & Jeni Bruno

The P&F would like to thank those that have volunteered for the above roles. These positions are vital for the running of the P&F and their help is very much appreciated.

The next meeting will be held next Wednesday, 18 March 2009 at 7.00pm in the staff room.

It would be great to get a large turn out this year of parents and friends. The meetings are a great way to find out about what is happening in the school and to meet new friends. All welcome come and join in the fun.

Lidia Mathews

2009 S&T Haddad Mower Sales St Philomena's P&F

RACE DAY

Easter Saturday, April 11, 2009 32 more sleeps

McGregor Gourlay backs trainers' bonus

TRAINERS starting horses at the Haddad Mower Sales St Philomena's P&F Family Race-Day will vie for a \$500 bonus sponsored by McGregor Gourlay Moree. The bonus will be paid to the trainer who accrues the most points after the five races are run and won.

Points for first, second and third will be given on a 5-3-2 format and in the event of a draw, the bonus will be shared.

The bonus, along with the Picone Brothers jockeys' challenge bonus, will help bolster field sizes on Easter Saturday, a day where race meetings abound across NSW.

In the immediate region, Tamworth and Lightning Ridge will race while another seven meetings will be held across NSW on a day that coincides with the AJC Derby meeting at Royal Randwick.



Vet cheque

Moree Veterinary Hospital has again kindly donated its race-day service fee to the Haddad Mower Sales St Philomena's P&F Family Race-Day. As in the past two years, local vet David Hunter (above) has pledged the fee, which is usually paid to the Moree Race Club for race-day vet duties. Moree Veterinary Hospital joins a long list of sponsors large and small sponsoring the 2009 Easter Saturday meeting.

Become an associate sponsor

SPOTS are still open for Moree business houses to become associate sponsors of the Haddad Mower Sales St Philomena's P&F Family Race-Day.

For just \$330 your company will receive five-star treatment for two people on race day.

Full race-book and poster acknowledgement is included in a sponsorship that offers two all-inclusive tickets to the St Philomena's race-day marquee.

A free shuttle-bus from the Moree Golf Club (leaving from 11.30am) will take you to the track where gate tickets and race-books will be supplied free of charge.

Your tickets will also give you automatic

entry in to the Steve O'Hara Retravisoin \$1000 gift-voucher lucky gate ticket prize as well as access to the all-inclusive race-day marquee, which is expected to draw more than 120 patrons.

Snacks, nibbles and refreshments will be supplied throughout the day while the free shuttle-bus will transport patrons back to the Moree Golf Club from 6pm.

Associate sponsors are also welcome to display signage and business banners, as well as products and goods, on race-day.

For all sponsorship details contact Bill Poulos on 0448 203621 or e-mail wap93@hotmail.com



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Mowers—Outdoor Furniture—Sporting Goods—
Barbecues— Good Old-Fashioned Service



Associate sponsorship of the S&T Haddad Mower Sales St Philomena's P&F Family Race-Day is now available

ASSOCIATE SPONSORSHIP just \$330

Associate sponsors receive two all-inclusive tickets to the on-course marquee, which includes race-day admission and a race-book, as well as full race-book and poster acknowledgement of their support and extensive media coverage. Refreshments and snacks are provided in the marquee area. A courtesy bus will also be provided, leaving the Moree Golf Club from 12-noon and returning from 6pm.

**For enquiries on all sponsorship please contact
Bill Poulos on 0448 203 621
or e-mail: wap93@hotmail.com**

The S&T Haddad Mower Sales St Philomena's Family Race-Day will feature:

- **Five races including the St Philomena's P&F Cup**
- **A match-race between humans (on foot *and* pushbike) and a horse**
- **Jumping castle and a stream of kids' activities**
- **Free chance to win a Retravision Moree \$1000 gift voucher**
- **Beauty Matters Fashions-on-the-Field competition**
- **Shoe Elegance and Assef's Moree Fashion Parade**