



St Philomena's School, Moree

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I would particularly like to give you an update of where we are situated with our Rudd **Building Education Revolution** money.

National School Pride allocation: This is for the purpose of upgrade/maintenance to buildings and classrooms. Our allocation will be used for the replacement of our tiled roofs to iron roofing. Over time, roof and guttering leakage have provided us with continuous problems and absorb considerable dollars from our school maintenance budget. We envisage that by targeting this problem, we will eliminate other consequential problems that result due to leakage. We are classified in Round One of this project and it is anticipated that we will commence in the near future. Under the guidelines, this project must be finished by December 18th, 2009. Like all building projects, some disruption will occur. Plans to minimise disruption will of course be activated.

Building Primary Schools for 21st Century: This is our proposed school hall. A definite spot on our site has not yet been finalised. However, CSO project managers and architects have visited the school to look at the possible options. We are classified as Round Three in this project with project commencement later in the school year. At this point in time the required completion date is unknown.

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) takes place across the nation next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. Attendance at school over three days is extremely important.

Mother's Day is celebrated next weekend. The traditional P & F Mother's Day Stall for the K-6 students is operating this week, with selling on Thursday. On Friday the K-2 students, mothers, grandmothers, aunts and special women will celebrate Mother's Day with a liturgy at 10am in the church followed by morning tea. I hope you are able to make this occasion. Motherhood is a real vocation! Mothers are called to serve in so many ways. I hope this day is blissful for each of our mothers, in which ever way is satisfying to them! For those whose mothers have passed away, we remember too their love and service. May they rest in peace. Enjoy this little anecdote explaining the determining factors!

Karen Jagers

THE SMILE

I was out walking with my 4 year old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it in her mouth. I took the item away from her and I asked her not to do that. "Why?" my daughter asked. "Because it's been on the ground and you don't know where it's been, it's dirty and probably has germs" I replied. At this point, my daughter looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Mummy, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart." I was thinking quickly. "All mums know this stuff. It's on the Mummy Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mummy." We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information. "OH... I get it!" she beamed, "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the daddy." "Exactly," I replied back with a big smile on my face.

WEEKLY REFLECTION

- Parents and Guardians need to be aware of the new process in place for children who wish to receive First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 14th, in St Francis Xavier's parish. Please call Janine Buckland at the Parish Office on 6752 2886, or Pat Clancy. Important changes have taken place to keep this Sacrament a Parish based occasion. (Year 3 parents please note changes).
- The Year 10 Semester 1 Retreat set down for 26th May has been postponed to Tuesday 9th June.
- Mary McKillop Foundation Art Competition. Theme: Pupils are to illustrate what 'tolerance' means to them. Age groups: Years 1-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-11. Competition closes on 31st July, 2009. Details and entry forms available on www.mackillopfoundation.org.au.

Father Paul stated in his Homily on Saturday evening at Mass that, when the Good Shepherd had rescued the sheep from the clutches of the offending wolf, the shepherd failed to fix the hole in the fence through which the sheep strayed out into the "big, bad world." The bond between the shepherd and the sheep is a very close one. So close in fact that the shepherd's voice was known to the sheep. The flocks in those days must not have been as extensive as they would be in Australia in good times. **The shepherd places himself at the**

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.

service of these sheep willingly. With our understanding today of Jesus as the Good Shepherd, we see Jesus as leading this flock of parishioners in Moree in the ways of truth and righteousness. Jesus seeks out those who have lost their way to bring them back to the fold.

As well as this reference to John 10:11-18, we may see another reference in John's Gospel (John 13:1-15) where Jesus washes the feet of his Apostles. Here Jesus models his understanding of how to shepherd people ... Jesus models service. Jesus has come to serve, not to be served. In our own community we see others providing the necessities of life for those suffering, without food, suffering illness, or just needing companionship. These corporal works of mercy, or acts of charity, are modelled on the call heard by ourselves to follow Jesus.

Vinnies Youth, and Minnie Vinnies, as well as the St Therese's Conference of Saint Vincent de Paul, and other local (town) charities will again this year offer their services in many ways. The young Josephite connection in Years Three and Four at this school offer companionship as well – it is never too early to start. Prayer and perfect charity or love are the keys. Care for others is a lifelong reality. Parents know it. Parents show it! To know each of our children, closely and personally – much like Jesus – then we are able to show care and concern in guiding our young in a unique way. If we love them we will always will only good for them.

Our Prayer

For ourselves, who desire beyond all things to know Jesus deeply, May we bring all our cares and concerns

To the Good Shepherd who knows, even before we ask, that which we need to survive and love.

May our family prayer be our community prayer And may we join with others in seeking out the life that Jesus wishes for us. Amen.

Every good wish, Pat Clancy.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to our Japanese Intern - Yuko Kuriki

I would like to welcome Yuko to St Philomena's and wish her all the best for her stay in Moree.

Yuko has already been to visit some of the Primary classes and has introduced herself in Japanese to the Year 8 and 9 Japanese classes. It has been great to see many students greeting her in Japanese already as they pass her on the playground. Yuko will spend time each week in the Primary and Secondary school. She is looking forward to teaching the students Japanese language and culture.

Yuko has been studying Linguistics at Macquarie University in Sydney for two years, so her English is very good. Thank you very much to the families who have offered to have Yuko to stay in their homes. I will be in touch with you soon to organise what time of the year suits you and your family to host her. If anyone else is interested in hosting Yuko please contact me at school.

Helen O'Neill

SECONDARY NEWS

Year 7 and 10 Immunisations

Students from Year 7 and 10 will receive immunisation needles this Wednesday, May 6th. Below is an outline of which students receive which needles:

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| Year 7 girls ONLY: | HPV(Gardasil) – this will be a 3 dose schedule. [First dose given tomorrow] |
| Year 7 Students: | Chickenpox (Varicella) if no previous disease. |
| Year 10 students only: | Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough - a single dose to all Year 10 students who have not received a previous adult dose. |

Details of diseases prevented by these vaccines are included in the consent kits which were handed out last week.

- **MEDICARE NUMBER:** Please record the Medicare number on the HPV consent form (11 digits in total)
- **RECORD OF VACCINATION** – will be provided to each student vaccinated at the clinic. This should be kept for future reference and parents should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this record of vaccination.
- Parents/guardians **wishing to withdraw their consent** for any reason may do so by writing to the school principal.
- **BREAKFAST:** Please encourage students to have breakfast on the morning of their vaccination.
- **CONSENT FORMS: USE BLACK OR BLUE PEN ONLY** – consent forms will only be accepted if they are an original form, photocopies or faxes will not be accepted.
- All consent forms need to be returned to **pastoral teachers** by tomorrow morning.

Sean Baldwin

YEARS 3, 5, 7 AND 9 - 2009 National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy [NAPLAN]

12th May Language Conventions and Writing Tests

13th May Reading Test

14th May Numeracy Tests

- one test where the calculator will be allowed; and one test where the calculator will NOT be allowed

It is extremely important that ALL Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students are at school on these days.

Additionally, during Week 9 of Term 1 all Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 parents should have received a letter which provided further detail about the above testing. This letter is published by the Educational Measurement and School Accountability Directorate which is part of the NSW Department of Education and Training. If you did not receive a letter and you would like one could

Years 7 and 9 students please see Miss Goldman and could Years 3 and 5 students please ask their classroom teachers or see Mrs Downes.

ANZAC DAY SCHOOLS' AWARDS 2009

As outlined in last week's newsletter, the ANZAC Day Schools' Awards is an exciting competition that encourages students to learn about ANZAC Day and why veterans are commemorated on this special day. Entries close on Friday 22nd May. If any students are interested in participating could they see Miss Goldman or Mrs Downes. **Alana Goldman/Cathy Downes**

Year 7 Technology (Mandatory)

I would like all students to watch *The New Inventors* on ABC television on Wednesday night at 8 pm. The program runs 30 minutes. Students should keep notes about the inventors and inventions.

All Year 7 students are studying design and designing and they have an assignment to complete by 12 May 2009. Students have been given clear guidelines and shown examples of what needs to be done. If parents could provide some assistance for Part C of the assignment, I am sure the students would find it beneficial. I hope you can help.

Shirley Reynolds

Tamworth Careers Expo

Seventeen students from Year 10 attended the Tamworth Careers Expo last Wednesday. The overall reaction from students was very positive as students were able to access information on a very wide range of careers available in the region, as well as higher education options. I would like to thank the students for their attendance and approach towards the day.

Year 10 graduation

Yes, I am getting in early! If any parent would like to assist in the organisation of the Year 10 graduation dinner, please contact Mr May at the school. We will be meeting towards the end of the term to get the ball rolling on issues such as venue, entertainment, theme and so on. All parents are more than welcome to attend. Further details will be provided in the weeks to come.

ANZAC Liturgy

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the school's ANZAC Liturgy last week. A very special thank you to our guests of honour from the Moree Sub-branch of the RSL and in particular to Cr John Tramby who delivered the official address. I would also like to thank the students who displayed great appreciation of the nature of the service and participated so well in it.

NSWCCC Swimming

Best of luck to Heidi Morris who is competing this week in the NSWCCC Swimming Championships at Homebush. Heidi is competing in the 50m and 100m breaststroke. She was dominant in these events at the Diocesan Carnival and we hope she continues that rich vein of form in Sydney.

Important Sporting Dates in Term 2:
8th May Bill Turner Cup soccer Narrabri
22nd May NSW Rugby League 15 years Tamworth
29th May Diocesan Cross Country / Tennis / Golf / Debating / Chess Moree
12th June Corcoran Cup 14yrs League, Netball Armidale

Bill Turner Boys Soccer

The boy's team plays Narrabri High School this Friday, in Narrabri. We will be departing school immediately AFTER Pastoral on Friday morning and returning in time for the boys to catch buses home. The game will be played at Hogan Oval, Narrabri, commencing at 11:00 am. The boys will be required to wear full sport uniform on the day. Thank you to those families who returned permission notes by the due date as it makes the organisation of the event that much easier.

Andrew May

PRIMARY NEWS

Sport and Library Days for Term 2

The following is a list of the days your child is required to wear their sports uniform and bring their library bags. Thank you for your attention to this information:

Week Day	Sport Day	Library Day
Monday	4PV	3F
Tuesday	4C, 5KD, 5D/6D, 6M	KM, 2SO, 5KD, 6M
Wednesday	KM, KO, 1B, 1R/2R, 2SO, 3F, 3L	KO, 1R/2R, 4PV
Thursday	4PV, 4C, 5KD, 5D/6D, 6M	1B
Friday	KM, KO, 1B, 1R/2R, 2SO, 3F, 3L	3L, 4C

FRUIT BREAK

The school canteen is *only accessible at morning tea and lunchtime*. It is not available during FRUIT BREAK time for chopping and peeling pieces of fruit. Chopped fruit in a snap lock bag sent in from home should keep fresh enough until it is required. Thank you for your co-operation from your hardworking canteen staff and volunteers. **Maree Lovett**

Primary Choir

Last week we held our first meeting where the met and commenced learning a new song. Students thoroughly enjoyed this session. We look forward to hearing the wonderful singing voices of our St Philomena's choir. We thank Marty Roberts and Michele Maurer for once again taking on this challenge. **Amanda McLeod**

Kindergarten Health Lesson

Kinder students need to bring in a baby photo and a recent photo for discussion to be used in their Health lesson in week 3. **Loyce Bruce**

Cross Country Training

Primary Cross Country training will be held at Ron Harbourne Oval this afternoon at 3.30pm. All students are welcome but please have appropriate clothing and bring a water bottle.

Polding Winter Trials

Last Friday four of our Primary sporting stars travelled to Bathurst to represent the Armidale Diocesan at the Polding Winter Trials.

Football: Ashleigh Walker, Bonnie Morris, Sam Mathews

Hockey: Lachlan Smith

It was a long day of sport with each Armidale team playing at least six games against the best from the Polding Region of eight dioceses. Lachlan Smith made it to the possibles and probables but unfortunately just missed out on selection into the Polding team. Congratulations to all four students on making it this far. Well done!

K – 6 Cross Country

The school cross country was held on the last Wednesday of Term 1. The day proved to be a huge success with nail biting finishes, spectacular war cries and humble displays of camaraderie and sportsmanship. Congratulations to all our students on a great day. A very big thank you to all our parent helpers and staff for their help in putting the day together. Congratulations to the following students.

	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Runner Up</u>
Kindergarten	Jack Matthews/Henry Ledingham	
	Alaina Seery	Imogen Taylor
Year 1	Jack Montgomery	Joe Carrigan
	Rory Moylan	Maddie Bell
Year 2	Lachlan McGrady	Hamish Cannington
	Kate O'Donoghue	Emily O'Neill
8 years	Jack Sweeney	
	Clementine Crawford	Mollie Parkes
9 years	Angus Carrigan	Roy Munro
	Sarah Wyatt	Emily Cosgrove
10 years	Will O'Neill	Will Haddad
	Georgie Gray	Eliza Bourke
11 years	Josh Onus	Beau Haddad
	Ashleigh Walker	Bonnie Morris
12 years	Callum Bourke	Sam McKnight
	Yinaar Allen	Alison Quirk

The first six placegetters in Years 3 – 6 are now eligible to represent the school at the Armidale Diocesan Cross Country Carnival in Gunnedah on Monday, 18th May and the PSSA Zone Cross Country on Tuesday, 19th May. **Toni Munro**

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wed 6th May: Margaret Catterall, Kate Hunter, Christine Taylor
Thurs 7th May: Jenny Carrigan, Jeannie Clissold, Emma Huggett, Stephanie Burrow, Vicki Peddle
Fri 8th May: Michelle Tucker, Gillian Wallace, Sandi Osmond, Jane Angus, Kelly Rae
Mon 11th May: Kerrie Gaynor, Sharon Lawson, Louise Alchin, Sandy Dillon
Tue 12th May: Mike Montgomery, Dannielle Robinson, Jodie Crowe

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY

2.00pm—4.00pm

THURSDAY

8.30am—10.30am

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wed 6th May:

*Bill Turner Girls
Soccer game vs
MSCollege
Greenbah Oval
9.30am
*Mother's Day Stall
viewing K – 2
*Yr 7 & 10
Immunisations

Thu 7th May:

*Mother's Day Stall
K-6
*Sr Jane Barnett – Yrs
3-7 Mary MacKillop
presentation

Friday May 8th:

*K-2 Mother's day
liturgy - 10am in the
church
*Bill Turner Cup
Boy's Soccer –
Narrabri

Monday 11th May:

*Yr 8 Reconciliation

Tuesday 12th May:

*Yr 3, 5, 7, 9
NAPLAN Testing
*Yr 6 Retreat-
Weebollabolla oval &
Clubhouse

COMMUNITY NEWS

Moree Junior Rugby

New players are still welcome to register for junior rugby at WeeBollaBolla Oval on Thursday from 4.00 – 6.00pm. We cater for players from 5 year (and at school) up to 15 year. Treaining is every Thursday and players are taught skills and safety by trained coaches in a fun way. We hope to see you there!

Parenting Education Course

Aim is to encourage and support parents in their important role, through the education and discussion of family issues and skills in a relaxed and friendly environment.

Where: Moree Anglican Church Hall, Boston Street

When: Sundays – May 17th, 24th, 31st, June 14th and 21st

Time: 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Cost: \$40 per couple or individual parent – includes notes, afternoon tea and babysitting (on premises) if required.

RSVP: May 10th – Brian & Sharon Kirk 67521103 or bskirk@northnet.com.au Anglican Counselling Service - Moree

YOUR CHANCE TO **WIN \$250** FOR YOURSELF **AND \$250** FOR ST PHILOMENA'S

MOREE ON A PLATE WINDOW DECORATION COMPETITION
Please pop down to Webb & Boland and see our entry in this competition

Your name

Your phone number

Your nomination for the best decorated school window

One lucky voter will win \$250 as will the winning school.

Cut this form out drop it into the box at one of the following stores:
Assef's, Ann Marie's Boutique, Retravision, Moree Real Estate or Simply Stuck.

VOTING CLOSES FRIDAY 8TH MAY.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

A reminder to all that the Mother's Day Stall will be operating this Thursday and every child (K-6) will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift. No gift will be priced over \$5.



Thank you to the many families who have generously donated gifts, plastic bags and wrapping essentials. The stall would not operate without your support. All donations received on Wednesday & Thursday are to be left at the Hall. Donations of plastic bags would also be appreciated so the gift can be carefully transported home.

The children K-2 will be given an opportunity on Wednesday to view the gifts.

Finally a , *Happy Mother's Day*, to all and please receive your child's gift with joy and happiness as I'm sure they have chosen it with much care and consideration.

Thank you for your support.

Jenny Carrigan
Mother's Day Stall Co-ordinator

Wednesday
9-11.00am
Jane Davis
Kristy Gray
Sue Holmes
Bernie Seery
11am-1pm
Sam Ledingham

Stall Day Roster
9:00-11.00
Kelly Rae
Amanda Fisher
Melissa Tzannes
Bernie Seery

11:00-1pm
Peta Carroll
Amanda Fisher
Deanne Arthur
Sarah Greer
1-3pm
Peta Carroll
Amanda Fisher

If anyone has been overlooked please turn up at the Hall as all volunteers are always **WELCOME!**

P&F News

St Philomena's have been asked to participate in Moree on a Plate again this year. The P&F are asking for helpers for the stall on Saturday 9th May 2009.

Bernie Seery has kindly agreed to organise this stall.

If you have some time spare and are not yet involved with Moree on a Plate, please fill in the form below and send it to school marked 'Moree on a Plate Stall'.

Please support **Jenny Carrigan** with help and donations on the **Mother's Day Stall on 6th and 7th May 2009**

The list of sponsors and supporters for the Race Day has not been finalized, stay tuned to following newsletters.

The next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday 20th May at 7pm in the staff room.

Helpers for Moree on a Plate please send in form by Wednesday 6th May 2009

NAME: _____

CONTACT DETAILS: _____

I would be willing to help on the St Philomena's Moree on a Plate Stall
Please circle time

10.00 am to 11.00 am
11.00 am to 12.00pm
12.00pm to 1.00pm
1.00pm to 2.00pm
2.00 pm to 3.00pm
3.00pm to 4.00pm

Coordinator **Bernadette Seery** 0427 228 803 or Lidia Mathews 0427 608 130