

St Philomena's School, Moree

Tuesday 2nd June, 2009

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Term 2, Week 6



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

2010 Enrolments

2010 enrolments are now being accepted. Please contact the school office to have an enrolment pack sent to you. Current year 6 students are reminded that they need to enrol for year 7.



Education Week Open Day was well supported. Thank you to those who were able to drop in. Parents, grandparents and family members observed and assisted in a variety of ways, across the classrooms. If you couldn't make

it last week, you are welcome any day! Only a call in advance is necessary.

Next weekend is the June long weekend and the traditional **change over to winter uniform**. A reminder that the Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday afternoon from 2 - 4 and Thursday morning from 8.30-10.30. A current price list can be accessed from our school website or from the front office.



At the May **School Board** meeting, the Board endorsed the introduction for the K-6 school of official St Philomena's School **sport socks**; the same as secondary, keeping in line with universal socks across the school. These are available now from the Uniform shop and will be **compulsory for the start of the 2010 school year**.

The current **ballet style or slip in shoe** which is in vogue with some Secondary girls does not meet OH&S standards, in particular for practical lessons. The same applies to a slip in style of canvas shoe which trots out on sport day. These provide no support for physical activity. The safety aspect of both these types of shoes is consistently communicated to the Secondary body. The loss of our chain store shoe shop has restricted access to a broader school range. At the commencement of the 2010 school year, **both of these styles will not be permitted, under any circumstances and are at present considered unacceptable**. This time frame will allow all concerned to adequately plan for these requirements.

As a community, we can unite to support change. Proposed amendments to **Youth Allowance** eligibility will make things far more difficult for our children as they move from home to larger regional towns and cities to undertake TAFE and tertiary study. As a western rural town, our voices are

important tools to give our children the same opportunities as their regional and city equivalents. Petitions are in place around town to ensure that there is a positive outcome for Youth Allowance.

As a **CAP** school we are hosting a gathering of the CAP State Advisory Group on Thursday, June 18th. The group is visiting the northwest on a whirlwind tour to see first-hand how this program is empowering schools. The parent community is welcome to join staff and the Advisory Group for morning Tea at 10:40am in the hall.



Congratulations to Sean Baldwin and the Secondary staff for hosting the **Diocesan Sports Day** in Moree last Friday. After a very foggy morning, Moree's blue sky shone and the tennis, cross country, debating and chess unfolded and a great day was enjoyed.



To Give Away

Organ, older style .Working order 67524458

WEEKLY RELECTION - PENTECOST

For parents and friends who would like to join the **Tuesday Masses at 9.15am**, celebrated with the **Parish Community**, the groupings of classes are as follows:

Group A includes: KM, KO, 4C, 5KD, 5D/6D, 6M.

GROUP A MASS DATES, remaining 2009.

30th June; 18th August; 17th November

Group B includes: 1B, 1R/2R, 2SO, 3F, 3L, 4PV.

GROUP B MASS DATES, remaining 2009.

22nd September; 27th October.

Pentecost is a way of living! Yes, I think so! What we do in the time we have from birth to death tells the world, and the Lord, who we really are!

The Birthday of the Church – Pentecost. Every Mass is the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We are forever in debt to Christ for the gift of His life for ours, a ransom.

As we head into the second half of Term 2, We are reminded that we must be willing to include in our prayers those youth who are engaged in our Parish Program for First Eucharist to be held on Sunday, at 11:00am, 14th June. (Continued Page 3....)

Preparations have been made in Scripture Classes in the state schools and at St Philomena's School over the past four weeks. The last of our parent and child gatherings takes place on Sunday next (7th June), before First Eucharist the following Sunday.

Confirmation with our Bishop, Luc Matthys, occurs in Term 3 (Sunday August, 30th). Students at St Philomena's School will begin their preparation before the end of this term.

I will be visiting all classes over the next five weeks to team-teach lessons with classroom teachers and as a formation of students in prayer and meditation, Kindergarten to Year 10. I hope that the students and teachers find these valuable expressions of our catholicity.

I would like to thank those parents and friends who have been and continue to support the Retreat Program for students run in the school over the year. Next Tuesday, June 9th sees the Year Ten Retreat; I hope that all students in Year Ten are ready for this Mid-Year Retreat and have returned the notes and \$10 payment due this week.

Every good wish , Pat Clancy.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

I have the following list of great resources which parents may find helpful:

- The Strong Willed Child
- Princess Bitchface Syndrome
- Surviving Adolescents
- Got Issues Much?
- Teenagers – The Agony, The Ecstasy, The Answers
- Queen Bees and Wannabes
- Strategies for Teens
- The Big Talk

Please call in to see me at the library if you wish to browse through or borrow any of these titles.

Loyce Bruce

SPORT NEWS

Armidale Diocesan Primary Cross Country

Special mention needs to go to Will Haddad who sacrificed his chance to represent the Diocese to help an injured team mate who after a fall was left suffering on the side of the road. Will's display of compassion and sportsmanship makes it a pleasure to take our students away to carnivals.

Athletics Training

All primary students are welcome to attend athletics training this Tuesday afternoon. Training is on the school oval from 3.30pm until 4.15pm.

Primary Rugby League Training

Primary rugby league training will be held on Wednesday afternoon on the school oval from 3.30pm until 4.00pm. All

boys playing in the Legends of League Shield Carnival are encouraged to attend. Boys must wear appropriate gear and have a mouth guard.
Toni Munro

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

TUESDAY 2.00PM—4.00PM

THURSDAY 8.30AM—10.30AM

CANTEEN HELPERS

If you are unable to arrive by 9.30am, please let
Kristy know - 67 511349

Wednesday: Margaret Catterall, **HELPERS NEEDED**

Thursday: Jenny Carrigan, Jeannie Clissold, Stephanie Burrow, Vicki Peddle

Friday: Sonia Rowe, Kylie Smith, Shayne Quirk, Brenda Rees-Smith, Jane Angus, Kelly Rae

Monday: PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday: Dannielle Robinson, Mike Montgomery, Terry-Anne Turner, **HELPERS NEEDED**

Please find attached new winter canteen menu and price list commencing 8/6/09

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday: Secondary Semester 1 Exams

Thursday: Secondary Semester 1 Exams

Friday: Secondary Semester 1 Exams

K-6 Performance: 'Tiddalik the Frog'
Yr 2 Assemby 2.10pm

Monday: PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday: Changeover to Winter Uniform
Year 10 Retreat

COMMUNITY NEWS

Looking for something to do this June long weekend?
NSW State Motocross Titles are on June 6, 7 a& 8 at the
Booloroo Track – 8km north of Moree
\$10 ADULT \$20 FAMILY
Canteen facilities available every day
Racing starts 9am until 3pm
Bring the family along for a great day out.

St Josephs School, Wee Waa is celebrating its Centenary this year on 26th, 27th and 28th June with a range of festivities.

Friday: from 10am Mass, morning tea, assembly, sausage sizzle

Saturday: Open Day 11am – 3pm. Centenary Dinner 7pm at the Bowling Club \$40 RSVP 18 June Tel: 67954038

Sunday: Mass 10am with Bishop Luc Matthys. All welcome



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SEASONS FOR GROWTH

Dear Parents,

Many of you may have heard of "Seasons for Growth" which is a program we have been facilitating in the school. Staff have attended training days to become nationally accredited Companions in the "Seasons for Growth" Program. In our school there are some students who may be assisted by participation in this program.

Loss and grief are issues which affect all of us at some stage in our lives. Learning to deal effectively with these issues is central to personal wellbeing and happiness. Unresolved grief can also affect a student's learning. St Philomena's is offering an Australian Education Program – "Seasons for Growth", which supports participants who have experienced change in their family because of death, separation or divorce. This program explores issues such as change, loss, managing feelings, coping strategies and support networks.

"Seasons" is an eight-week program, which concludes with an additional "Celebration" session. Later in the year each group will have the opportunity to meet on two further occasions to discuss issues arising from the program.

"Seasons" will commence in the Primary (K-6) / Secondary (7-10) School next semester and will be facilitated by a Companion who has received special training in the use of this program. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from "Seasons" we would encourage you to discuss this with them. Should he / she decide to participate please fill in the tear-off section below and return to the school by 22nd June, 2009.

St Philomena's is pleased to again be able to offer this important program which will be a valuable learning experience for those involved.

Yours faithfully,

Meg Bourke and Rosemary McCormick
Seasons for Growth Coordinators

Karen Jagers
Principal

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Please complete and return to Meg Bourke

I give consent for my son / daughter

.....Class Age

to attend the "Seasons" Education Program. I have discussed this with him / her.

Parent / Guardian Signature

Child's Signature



Ask those who came last year about how much fun it was!

St Philomena's P&F

[weather permitting!]

Yes, it's on again

Social Family Event

Bonfire Night and Dinner

in the paddock - under the stars

Saturday 27th June

from 5.00pm



East on Inverell Road for 7 km, then turn right on Terry Hie Hie Road and follow for 8.7 kms.

Venue on left. Scout Leaders will occupy the kids with a night time adventure
Great food, great fun, great company, kids encouraged.



Not your average evening!

This year there is a small entry fee which will be collected on the night to cover costs

\$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children

BYO beverage of your choice

BYO Chairs



RSVP Please by Monday 22nd June 2009 by returning this tear off portion to the school
P&F Camp Oven & Bonfire Night 2009

Name

Yes I will attend Approximate number of Adults number of Children.....

No I am unable to attend or phone Andrew Pitman 0427668377 for further information