

St Philomena's School, Moree

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Term 2 , Week 7



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

June marks an important month for St Philomena's School. Consideration to planning and organisation for 2010 becomes a priority. Families who have children seeking **enrolment for Kindergarten and Year 7, 2010** can obtain an enrolment pack from the front office. For most families, this will be the first encounter with the new enrolment form. The format is different from the previous version and asks for additional and more detailed information. As per the process in place for transition to Secondary schooling, all applicants for Year 7 have an interview process. Interviews for both Kindergarten and Year 7 take place early Term 3.

At the end of this term, Week 11, all parents (K-10) will receive their child's/children's **Semester One Report**. Opportunities for parent/teacher/student interviews will be available in the first two weeks of Term 3. More information surrounding this will be shared in coming weeks.



Change-over to winter uniform is now official. For uniform needs, the **Uniform Shop** is open each Tuesday afternoon 2:00pm -4:00pm and Thursday morning 8:30am - 10:30am.

This week, the official site for our new multipurpose hall will be surveyed. This follows the recent soil testing.

Don't forget the
P&F Bonfire in the Paddock on June 27th!
Like last year, it is sure to be another great night!

Karen Jagers

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

ICAS Science Exam this Wednesday.

It is important that those students from Years 3 – 10, who enrolled to sit for this exam, attend school this Wednesday.

Thank you. Cathy Downes and Alana Goldman

SECONDARY NEWS

Year 10 Graduation Dinner

A meeting for all interested parents and students will be held in the school library this Wednesday 10 June to discuss this year's graduation dinner. The meeting will commence at 4:00 p.m. and all are welcome. Issues to cover include venue, cost, format of the evening and entertainment. Any questions please contact Mr May at the school.

Andrew May

PRIMARY NEWS

Primary Speech Competition Finals

Congratulations to all students in Years 3 – 6. Your speeches have been well prepared, well rehearsed and well delivered. Teachers have been delighted with the standard of the speeches and have found selecting the finalists a very difficult job. Extra congratulations are also extended to those students who made it into the grade semi-finals. Unfortunately, not everyone can make it through to the final stage of the St Philomena's Public Speaking competition. The finals take place this Friday 12th June, commencing at 9.30am in the school hall. Visitors are most welcome.

Please note: this agenda is our best estimate of the commencement times for each of the sessions.

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| 9.30 am | <u>Year 6</u> |
| 10.00 am | <u>Year 3</u> |
| 10.40 am | Recess Break |
| 11.00 am | <u>Year 4</u> |
| 11.40am | <u>Year 5</u> |

Stage 3 Sewing

Thanks to the wonderful mothers, grandmothers and friends who have been helping us each Friday in Years 5 and 6. This week, due to the Speech Finals, there will be no sewing. We look forward to seeing you next week.

K-6 Parents

We wish to inform you of the presence of headlice within the student body. We are grateful to the parents who have come forward to inform us of this occurrence. Although not a topic that is pleasant, as a school community it does however require addressing.

Please take the time to check your child's hair for both live and egg infestation. Treatments are available from supermarkets, chemists and some hairdressing salons. Thank you for your assistance

K-10 Staff

Open Day

We would like to thank the parents who were able to attend our open day. The children thoroughly enjoyed showcasing their classrooms and their workbooks.

K-6 Staff

SPORT NEWS

Secondary Diocesan Sports Gala Day

Last Friday we held a Diocesan Sports Gala Day here in Moree. Cross Country, Tennis and Golf Championships were held as well as competition in chess and debating. St Philomena's students were involved in all activities.

Cross Country

Our Diocesan Cross Country competition was an outstanding success. This year we conducted the run utilising the town walking track around the Mehi River. Competitors commenced the course at the Tourist Information Centre and continued their run via the low level bridge at Edward Street, along the walking track under the town bridge, down to Moree Secondary College, around the back of the Showground and through Jellicoe Park back to the finish line at the Tourist Information Centre. The track was undulating and provided attractive scenery for the runners. The new track was well received by runners and staff from other schools. Competitors who finished in the top five were selected to represent the Armidale Diocese in the NSWCCC Championships to be held at Eastern Creek on Friday June 19th.

Seven students from St Philomena's finished in the top 5. They were Brendan Murray (14 yrs boys), Tom Ryan (16 yrs boys), Ellie-May McKnight (15 years girls), Demi Sabine (14 yrs girls), Ryan Humphries (15 yrs boys), Jock Gartshore (15 yrs boys) and Jack Evans (16 yrs boys). Congratulations to these students. Also congratulations to the many St Philomena's students who competed on the day. Also a huge thanks to the 40 plus students who assisted runners on the track and at the finishing point. Well done.

Golf

Our golfers successfully defended their Diocesan title with victory in the teams event. Angus Croft shot an excellent round of 76 including an eagle on the 11th hole. Angus won the gross event for the 2nd consecutive year. Angus was backed up by Luke Stahlhut, Angus Smith and Sachin Ramsamy to win the Schools title. Well done boys. Overall, St Philomena's had 12 boys compete in the competition, which provides a very pleasing statistic.

Tennis

Our tennis team of Sophie Henderson, Sarah Buckley, Shane Smith and Blake Townsend did the school proud with their efforts. Playing against much older opposition our players held their own against the other schools. Our girls team finished an excellent 3rd whilst the boys finished a commendable 4th. Shane Smith used the competition as a valuable warm-up as he is off to compete in the United States in coming weeks. What a great opportunity for Shane. We wish him well.

Debating

Our debating team consisted of Anna Newnham, Talia Dyball and Jesse Brinkman. They enjoyed their day against the other competing teams. The St Philomena's team won 2 of their 3 debates. They won both of their impromptu debates which highlights their ability to debate a point of view, shows their excellent research skills and ability to formulate a speech in a short period of time. A big thank you to Libby Smith who adjudicated the debating throughout the day.

Chess

Michael Du Preez and Tom Sharples represented the school in chess. Both Tom and Michael played 3 matches winning the majority of their contests. Both boys thoroughly enjoyed the day.

Bingara All Schools Carnival

Last Saturday 2 netball teams and 3 rugby league teams travelled to Bingara to represent St Philomena's in the Bingara All Schools Carnival.

Our open primary rugby league team played well throughout the day. They played Bungarra (Bingara/Bundarra) in their first match and won 2 tries to 1. In the second match they played Holy Trinity 1. The final score was 2 tries to nil for St Philomena's. The boys played Warialda in their 3rd match and were defeated 3 tries to nil. In their final match against Holy Trinity 2 fatigue had set in and the boys were beaten 7 tries to nil. I know coach Brad Kelly was very happy with the team's performance on the day and I would like to pay a huge thanks to Brad for coaching the boys.

Our 14 years rugby league team played 3 matches on the day. They were defeated 3 tries to 1 in their first match against Inverell High school. The Inverell side were a bigger side physically but our boys stuck to their task and competed throughout the match. The St Philomena's team also played Bingara and Holy Trinity in the competition. They went down to Bingara 1 try to nil and Holy Trinity 2 tries to 1. These matches gave our boys valuable experience as a team before the Cochrane Cup in Armidale on June 12th. A big thank you must go to Alan Wells and Warren Faulkner who coached and motivated the boys throughout the day. Our 16 years team played in a 7-a-side competition. They were victorious in their first match against Bundarra/Ashford 4 tries to 2. In the 2nd match they played a combined team from Warialda and Bingara. Again the boys were victorious 6 tries to 4. In the final of the competition, they played Inverell High School. In a fiercely fought match our boys were defeated 4 tries to 3. The team played particularly well on the day.

Our Years 7/8 netball team began the competition with a bang winning their first 3 matches against Holy Trinity 2, Warialda and Bingara. Their 4th game was against Holy Trinity 1. The girls tried their best but were defeated 17 to 3. Their 5th and final match was against Bungarra (a mixture of players from Bundarra and Bingara). The final score was 8 to 2 in favour of Bungarra. Our junior girls finished 3rd in the competition – a great result.

Our 9/10 girls team played 6 matches on the day. They won two and lost four. Close results were the name of the day with no more than 4 goals the difference in any of the girls' matches. These matches provided excellent preparation for our girls who compete in the Cochrane Cup netball competition in Armidale on Friday June 12th. Thanks again to the many students who represented the school last Saturday. A big thankyou to the many parents who travelled to Bingara to support our players.

Sean Baldwin

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

TUESDAY

2.00PM—4.00PM THURSDAY

8.30AM—10.30AM

CANTEEN HELPERS

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| Wednesday | Jennifer Bingham, Helen Spain, Kathryn Corderoy, Lou Grellman |
| Thursday | Mary Weal, Shaun Bussell, Toni Kirkman, Maree Smith |
| Friday | Gillian Wallace, Jane Angus, Jane Davis, Margot Marshall, Sandi Osmond, |
| Monday | Rebecca Bailey, Susan Long, Marguerite Wyatt, May Winter |
| Tuesday | Melissa Tzannes, Angela Walker, Jenny Durack |

HELPERS are needed on 29th and 30th June and 1st July, if any one can help out on these days, please phone the canteen on 67511349

The Winter Menu starts this week.

Special days Include: *Wednesday Only*
Chicken and gravy rolls \$ 4.00

Thursdays Only
Hot dogs with sauce \$ 2.00

Friday only
Fish and wedges \$ 4.50
Fish \$ 3.00

WEEKLY CALENDAR

| 10 th June | 11 th June | 12 th June |
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| ICAS Science Exam | Legends of League | Public Speaking Primary Finals |
| Auscott/Waste Man. Excursion | Prim Dio RU trials – Tamworth | Corcoran Cup - Armidale |

P&F NEWS

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 17 June 2009 at 7.00 pm in the Staff room. All welcome.

Don't forget the Bonfire night Sat 27th June 2009 please see flyer.

It is important for catering that numbers attending are known. Please send in the blue slips and come and join everyone for a great evening.

P&F Committee

FUNDRAISER FOR SHANE SMITH TO TRAVEL TO AMERICA TO PLAY TENNIS



PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT A

Trivia Night

at the
Moree Services Club

on Friday 19th June

at 6.30pm

Cost: \$10 per player, 8 players per team

Lots of great prizes on offer

Nibbles will be available

To book a table or to make enquiries please call
Paul Raveneau on 0427 523008 or
Janice Raveneau on 0428 541854



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