

St Philomena's School, Moree

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As you know, there are so many changing requirements in the workplace. In particular and for very good reasons, the **NSW Commission for Children and Young People (CCYP)** has been very active in this pursuit. They now have requirements in regard to a **Certificate to demonstrate that self employed people over the age of 18 years are not prohibited from working with children.** The Certificate is designed to show parents, carers and organisations that the self employed people they engage to work with their children have not been convicted of the crimes which would make them a 'prohibited person'. Self employed people have one year to apply for a Certificate before it becomes compulsory. After 1st May 2010, it will be an offence for self employed people aged 18 years and over, without the Certificate, to work with children. Self employed people will also have to display or show their Certificate to people who engage them. **As of May 1st 2010, parents who engage paid tutors for any reason; for example sporting, academic or musical tuition have every right to expect this certificate will be shown.**

The CAP (Country Area Program) State Advisory Group is visiting St Philomena's School this Thursday, June 18th. The reason for their visit is to see and learn how this program benefits the recipient schools. Our target for this grant is highly focused on technology. The parent community is very welcome to join us for morning tea in the school hall from 10:40- 11:00am.

Our school based **Athletics Carnivals** are scheduled over the next few weeks. I would like to reiterate the importance of these days, as part of building community and spirit. Events and activities are scheduled to cater for all students. If unwell or injured, students have the capacity to cheer and support their house members and so therefore **absence on this day is not an option.** Attendance at these events is closely monitored. A review of absences from the previous year brings a reminder of the need for the attendance, for those concerned.

Last Friday our old wooden hall absorbed the voices of the talented **Primary Speech Finalists**, as they shared their speeches with persuasion, passion and humour! Along with Father Paul and Lila Fisher, I had the privilege to be an adjudicator. It was an outstanding morning. Public speaking is an annual event for all students in Years 3 - 6; culturing an important life skill.

Congratulations to our Year 3 students who received their **First Eucharist** on Sunday. Both sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation are now parish based programs. While learning about the sacrament is still part of the school religious education instruction, a commitment from parents to assist with the preparation of their child in the weeks

leading up to the receipt of the sacrament, is now part of the Parish plan.

Karen Jagers

WEEKLY REFLECTION

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS

A massive thank you is extended to the parents, guardians and friends for your childrens' First Holy Communion. Your great attention to detail was rewarded in the very smooth running of a very well organised liturgy and breakfast. *Any sashes that were taken home by mistake can be returned to the school office or Parish centre.*

Thanks also to the generous hearts of teachers and parents who were able to help in preparing the children. **Nora Carrigan and Pam O'Connor, as well as Scripture teachers and class teachers knew exactly what was needed,** and had the children prepared accordingly.

The team will be having a review of the preparation for the day, so if parents, guardians or friends have any comments which would aid next year's group, it would be appreciated.

The commitment that parents have made to the continual spiritual development of their children is evident here. Understanding that such commitment takes time and effort, it has been for your children **an incredible journey** that we pray will not dissipate or disappear, but that will continue for the whole of your child's life, as they grow and change, having this Holy Communion as their one stable part of their life. To visit continually the **Table of the Lord** is now their privilege. May they be aware of Jesus' continuous giving to them in this Sacrament. **What we give in terms of time and effort to Christ will be continually returned to us is joy, comfort and peace through Christ himself.**

We thank Father Paul McCabe for his preparation with our parents and guardians. He has the ability to know what is needed and essential for our continual learning as parents and friends. His guidance and sense of detail has been appreciated. **We recognise his intuitive giftedness and thank God for every blessing that he is to our community.**

As we settle into the knowledge that we have co-ordinated or encouraged our children to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist, we "give thanks" – which is the true meaning of EUCHARIST...THANKSGIVING, and pray that our children will always be able to prepare for and accept the Eucharist when it is offered, even long after we have gone to God. May our merits and prayers bring us closer to the Christ who leads us home into the care and concern of the Trinity.

Pat Clancy.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Seasons for Growth - Reminder

As mentioned in 2nd June, 2009 Newsletter we will be facilitating the program "Seasons for Growth" next semester.

"Seasons" will commence in the Primary(K-6) / Secondary School 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**.

If you have any enquiries, please contact the "Seasons for Growth" co-ordinators, Meg Bourke or Rosemary McCormick at school on 67521577.

✂.....
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

State of Origin Evening

The St Philomena's Primary and Secondary Prefects would like to invite all Year 5 to Year 10 students to the 2009 Game Two – State of Origin Evening to be conducted in the hall on Wednesday, 24th June (Week 9) at 7.30pm. See the poster on the last page with more information.

Remember to come dressed in your state colours (navy and light blue of course) and bring along pillows or bean bags to improve your personal comfort during the broadcast of the game. Hope to see you all there for a great night of watching the Baby Blues even the score up and push the series to an interesting Game 3.

Alana Goldman

PRIMARY NEWS

Primary Speech Competition

Congratulations to following students who were finalists in the St Philomena's Primary Speech competition held last Friday.

Year 6 :Nick Murray, Clare Downes, Charlie Wells, Lachie Smith

Year 5: Charlie Wyatt, Lucy Wells, Will O'Donoghue, Jarrod Bourke, Claudia Adams

Year 4: Will O'Neill, Abbey Downes, Joe Smith, Charlie Crawford, Max Gaynor, McKenzee Hardman-Webb

Year 3 : Georgie Arthur, Dominic Spain, Flynn Berry, Zoe Jones, Isabelle Manchee, Sarah Wyatt

Many thanks to our adjudicators, Lila Fisher, Karen Jagers and Fr Paul. What a difficult job they had!

Congratulations to the winners, Nick Murray, Isabelle Manchee, Abbey Downes, Charlie Wyatt, and runners-up,

Lachie Smith, Georgie Arthur, Joe Smith and Will O'Donoghue.

Cathy Downes

Year 1 Assembly

This Friday Year 1 will be holding their assembly. All friends and family are very welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Guided Reading Year 1 & Year 2

Due to the CAP special visitors coming to our school there will be no guided reading on Thursday this week. We look forward to seeing you all next week

Catrina O'Mullane, Belinda Bremner & Dayna Raulston

Annual Yr 6 Religious Education Test

On Wednesday morning students in Year 6 across all Catholic schools in the Armidale Diocese will be engaged in sitting the Annual R.E. Test. This testing procedure has been with us for the past six years. This year there will be 50 multiple choice questions taking up the whole one hour of the test. Students have been introduced to the formal response answer sheet which most university and well-administered tests possess. The questions posed come from the past five years of the students R.E. formal classes. I will report back to parents and guardians of Year 6 students during the early weeks of Term 3.

Pat Clancy

SECONDARY NEWS

Secondary Disco

All Year 7 to Year 10 students are invited to the Secondary Disco to be conducted on **Thursday night 2nd July (Week 10)**. Terms 2 has been a long term, so why don't you come along and let your imagination run wild as you try to come up with a suitable costume to satisfy our 'Winter Wonderland' theme for this disco? Be prepared to be dazzled by the efforts of our Secondary Prefect body to decorate the hall for your enjoyment.

Theme: Winter Wonderland

Cost: \$5.00 per single and \$8.00 per family

Location: School Hall 7pm – 10pm

Food and drinks available

Alana Goldman

Year 10 Graduation Dinner meeting

There will be a brief meeting this Wednesday 17 June at 4:00 pm in the school library for interested parents and students who were not able to attend last week's meeting. Issues to discuss will include venue, costs and format. If you are unable to attend and would like to have something raised at the meeting please contact Mr May at the school.

Year 10 Work Experience

Students in Year 10 will complete two weeks Work Experience following the School Certificate Exams in Term 4. I know it is early days however students are encouraged to start investigating their options for Work Experience placements.

Andrew May

SPORT NEWS

Cochrane Cup

Congratulations to our 14 years rugby league that competed in the Cochrane Cup last Friday in Armidale. Our boys defeated St Mary's Gunnedah and Holy Trinity Inverell but were defeated by O'Connor Armidale and McCarthy

Tamworth. Overall St Philomena's finished equal runners-up with O'Connor in the competition. From the matches Dylan Dyball and Holt Cubis were chosen in a squad for the 2010 Diocesan 15 years trials. Well done boys.

Our next rugby league matches will be played in Inverell on Thursday July 2nd.

St Philomena's Primary and Infants Athletics Carnival

The Primary and Infants Athletics Carnival is to be held in **Weeks 8/9 of this term**. The carnival will be conducted over two days. On Thursday afternoon, 25th June, from 12.30pm the finals for all field events that is, shot put, long jump and high jump will be held. Students have been trialing for these events over the last two weeks during sport and PDHPE lessons. Students will be notified as to which events they are in. The track events will be held on Thursday, 2nd July from 8.45am. All students will be participating in both 100m and 200m events.

As usual we are seeking the invaluable help of parents for Thursday, 2nd July. If you are able to help in any of the following areas please fill out the form below and return to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

I can help at the athletics carnival in the following capacity:

✂.....
Recorder / Timekeeper / Judge (Please circle)

Times available: _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

Polding Cross Country

This Thursday Sarah Wyatt and Clementine Crawford will be representing the Armidale Diocesan at the Polding Cross Country Carnival in Eastern Creek. We wish the girls a day of great racing.

Legends of League

Last Thursday the following boys: Toby Taylor, Charlie Shearer, Patrick Kelly, Bede Carrigan, Joe Reeves, Bryce Jurd, Jordan Roughan, Sam Onus, participated in the Legends of League Shield held in Moree. After three long and hard fought games where the boys played exceptionally well against more experienced teams, they were unfortunate not to make the finals. A very big thank you to Brad Kelly who has trained and coached the boys, imparting much knowledge and experience. Brad was assisted by his son Marcus.

This year saw the introduction of Oz Tag for girls. Despite having never played the game before, the girls applied youth and enthusiasm to each game, playing very well and learning a great deal at the same time. The girl's team consisted of Heidi Jones, Paige Clissold, Courtney Onus, Alison Quirk, Bonnie Morris, Tileah McGrady, Gemma Raveneau, Sarah Downton, Bonnie Morris, Bella Bailey, Meg Spain, Sarah Parkes, Lucy Wells, Emily Bowden, Sophie Venz, Jane Weal, Morgan Phillis, Jorja Sinclair, Amy Carrigan and Claudia Adams. Thank you to Mrs Finlayson for volunteering to assist and coach the girls at their first carnival.

Zone Cross Country

On Thursday, 18th June, St Philomena's sent 23 students to North Star to participate in the local zone cross country carnival. The students traveled by bus to North Star with East Moree Primary School. A terrific day was had by all with some great results on this very hard and challenging course. Congratulations to Will O'Neill and Sarah Wyatt who both won their age groups. Thanks to Mrs McCumstie for accompanying the students.

Armidale Diocesan Rugby Union Trials

Last Thursday Callum Bourke and Charlie Wells travelled to Tamworth to participate in the Armidale Diocesan Rugby Trials. The boys had six exhausting games of rugby. Charlie was a stand out from game one, scoring five tries throughout the day. Charlie played each game with increasing skill and enthusiasm. Congratulations to Charlie on being selected in the Armidale Diocesan team who will now travel to Forbes to participate in the Polding Rugby Union Trials.

Toni Munro

CANTEEN NEWS

Wednesday: Louise Alchin, Bernadette Fernance, Lyn Hamilton

Thursday: Penny Jones, Helen Livingston, Felicity Manchee, Sarah Greer, Cath Cannington, Karen Gall, Ruth Matthews

Friday: Joan Newhman, Coral Spens-Black, Toni Haddad, Nicole Davidson, Gabrielle Price, Jane Angus

Monday: Sandy Dillon, Nerida Finlayson, Zeljana Cikota, Helen O'Neill

Tuesday: Katrina Squires, Terry-Anne Turner, Lidia Mathews, Sarah Sampson

- ✳ Helpers are still needed for 29th and 30th June.
- ✳ Extra helpers are needed for 22nd and 23rd June for a catering job we are doing. If anyone can help out on these days please phone the canteen on 67511349.
- ✳ Changes to note on the winter menu are that 80c juice cups and chocolate poppers are no longer available

Thanks everyone!

Kristy Gray

WEEKLY CALENDAR

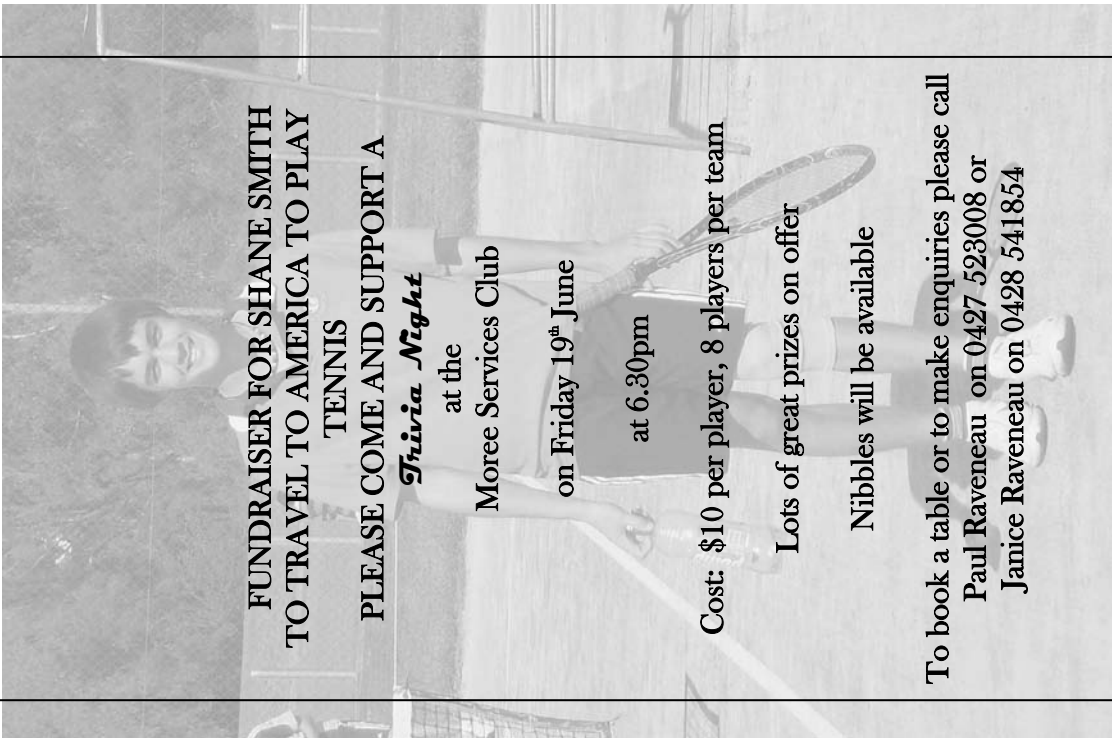
- Wednesday 17th June** *Yr 6 RE test *P&F Meeting
- Friday 19th June** * Primary & Secondary State Cross Country, Eastern Creek
- Thursday 18th June** *CAP State Advisory Group visit - morning tea 10.40 – 11am
- Monday 22nd June** *Yr 5 Reconciliation
- Tuesday 23rd June** *ICAS Spelling & Writing Exam *Yr 8 retreat

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

TUESDAY

2.00PM—4.00PM THURSDAY

8.30AM—10.30AM



**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**



**St Philomena's Prefects invite our students from Yr 5 – Yr 10
to watch the STATE OF ORIGIN
in the SCHOOL HALL
on 24th June from 7.30pm**

**Cost: \$5 (entry includes hot dog and drink) OR \$3 (entry only)
Sweets and drinks on sale from 50c at half time**

Dress in your State colours and bring pillows or bean bags.



**IMPORTANT: Return this form to pastoral/class teachers by 19th June
STATE OF ORIGIN**

Name:..... Class:

Entry fee ENCLOSED:



\$5 includes food



\$3 entry only

Urgent

RSVPs for the Bonfire night

Deadline is Monday 22nd June

For catering purposes

Please send in reply slip on end of flyer

The next
P&F meeting
will be
this Wednesday,
17 June 2009
At 7.00 pm in the
Staff room.
All welcome



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

Yes, it's on again

St Philomena's P&F Social Family Event Bonfire Night and Dinner

[weather permitting!]



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
For further information phone Andrew Pitman 0427668377

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*