

# St Philomena's School, Moree

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Term 3, Week 3



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In regard to **H1N1, Human Swine Flu**, the first confirmed case in the school's student population has been reported. It is suspected by family doctors, that a couple of other students may also have this strand of flu. These cases are in the K-6 part of the school. The students are at home, following the advice of their doctors. A letter was sent to parents of the specific class and grade, who are impacted. Families known to us, who have particular high health alerts, have been contacted. On Friday, I was in contact with the Health Department who confirmed that the process that the school has followed has been correct. As **H1N1, Human Swine Flu**, is prevalent in the Moree community, it would be feasible to predict that we may have further cases in the student population. I would appreciate you informing me should your child/ children be confirmed as having, or suspected of having **H1N1, Human Swine Flu**. Last week's newsletter contained plentiful information. Alternatively, to access this information, head to the Health Department's website.

- **If your child/children are unwell with cold/ flu symptoms, please do not send them to school.**
- **In the event of a student presenting to school as being unwell, parents will immediately be contacted to collect and take their child home. It is recommended that parents have a backup plan to accommodate this need.**

*The current recommendation from the Health Department is that schools continue to be operational. Only those students who exhibit flu like symptoms should be excluded from school. In this case early advice from the doctor should be gained.*

The **Parents' and Friends' Association** is to be congratulated on their very successful Quiz Night, held on Friday Night! The purpose of the evening was for a school community gathering. With good humour, eleven tables of "brain trusts", both parents and staff, presented for the 2009 challenge. Don't miss the event in 2010!

Our **National School Pride** money, from the Rudd Government, was targeted to **reroof** our school; replacing tiles with colourbond roofing. I am pleased to announce that the work will be undertaken by Crawford Constructions, a local Moree company. The project will commence in the next school holidays with a view to completion, in this most, in this holiday period timeframe.

Karen Jagers

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

19<sup>th</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

**We are at present preparing for the Parish Confirmation; our Bishop Luc will be in our Parish. At the Masses before this occurs, we ask the Parish and school communities to pray for the Confirmandi. Here are a few words that enable us to enter into the Mass and its influence on us.**

**The two main "panels" of the Mass are the Liturgy of the Word and the one following is called the Liturgy of the Eucharist.** Jesus has been made present to the believing Assembly at the table of the Word. But in the Eucharistic Liturgy at the table of the Altar, that presence is taken to a whole new and deeper level of intimacy.

The whole life of Jesus came together in his selfless act of self-giving in which he passed over to the Father. This is what is called **the Paschal Act**. We are asked to participate in that Act, and so we participate in the whole life and story of Jesus. This Eucharistic Liturgy is the source and summit of the preparation. It is in this act that we have an effective communion in his Passover and in everything else that he did. **Participation is becoming a part of something much bigger than just the singing at Mass** or in the taking up of the collection.

There are four parts to the Eucharistic Liturgy. First, Jesus **took the bread** in the preparation of the gifts. Next, Jesus **gave thanks** which is the Eucharistic Prayer. Thirdly, Jesus **broke the bread**, and then **Jesus gave it to his disciples**.

**What we are called to do is to TAKE, THANK, BREAK, and GIVE.** By doing this we are in communion with the living Christ in the sacrifice of the Mass. Everything at Mass leads our participation in Holy Communion. This communion gives out the meaning of the Eucharist for us, present today and into the future.

We are involved totally with the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, now, and every time we attend to the Eucharist. Let us be joyful at all time and pray for those who for any reason are unable to join with us in the life of the Eucharist.

Every good wish,

Pat Clancy.

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.

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Notification #3: SCHOOL PHOTOS THIS WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> AND THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> AUGUST.

SCHOOL PHOTO SCHEDULE: Parents and students are reminded that certain groups of students need different uniforms for different days.

**Full uniform** will be required for class photos. Appropriate sports uniform will be required for sporting teams.

#### **WEDNESDAY:**

- **Secondary sports** photos and **Primary** (*not infants or 5D/6D*) class photos will be taken.
- The **SRC** photo will be taken so captains and prefects will require their full WINTER uniform and badges.
- **Aboriginal students** photo will be taken.
- Some **Family photos** will be taken

SECONDARY SWIMMING  
SECONDARY CROSS COUNTRY  
SECONDARY ATHLETICS  
SECONDARY CCC REPRESENTATIVES  
PRIMARY SPEECH FINALISTS  
PRIMARY CHESS TEAM  
PRIMARY CHOIR

SECONDARY TOUCH FOOTBALL  
SECONDARY GIRLS & BOYS SOCCER  
SECONDARY U13/U14 & U16 RUGBY LEAGUE  
SECONDARY JUNIOR & SENIOR NETBALL  
SRC  
ABORIGINAL STUDENTS

#### **THURSDAY:**

- The **whole school** photo will be taken at 9am sharp, so students need to be on time for school on Thursday. The school office will be closed for about 20 minutes from just prior to 9am
- **Primary sports** photos and **Infants classes, 5D/6D and Secondary class** photos will be taken.
- Equestrian team members must bring riding gear.
- Members of 5D/6D please bring in full winter uniform to change into.
- Any infants students who will be in sporting photos eg: Cross Country, Athletics or Swimming champions will need to bring in their sports uniforms to change into for the photos.
- **Family photos that were not taken on Wednesday will be taken on Thursday.**

PRIMARY NETBALL  
PRIMARY RUGBY LEAGUE  
PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY  
PRIMARY SWIMMING  
PRIMARY PSSA REPRESENTATIVES

PRIMARY POLDING REPRESENTATIVES  
PRIMARY ATHLETICS  
PRIMARY SOCCER  
SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM  
SECONDARY CHESS TEAM

If you have any queries or requests, please do not hesitate to contact me at the office Thank you

**Cate Bailey**

#### **University Of New South Wales – Science Competition**

Forty two students from St Philomena's recently competed in the 2009 International Competition and Assessment for Schools within the area of Science. Students from across Year 3 to Year 9 were awarded their distinction, credit or participation certificates at last Friday's Primary and Secondary assemblies. Congratulations to all students who participated in this competition. Special mention is due to the following students who performed particularly well.

Distinction Certificate: Year 4 Alexandra Pitman  
Year 6 Meg Spain  
Year 9 Patrick Quirk

Credit Certificate:

Year 3 Flynn Berry  
Year 3 Thomas Haddad  
Year 3 Isobel Manchee  
Year 3 Sarah Wyatt  
Year 4 Abigail Downes  
Year 4 Joseph Smith  
Year 5 Claudia Adams

Year 5 Charlie Wareham  
Year 5 Charles Wyatt  
Year 6 Regan O'Connor  
Year 7 James Nolan  
Year 9 Cameron Haddad  
Year 9 Sean Lovett  
Year 9 Anna Newnham

**Cathy Downes and Alana Goldman**

#### **Premier's Reading Challenge**

Time is running out!! All permission notes and reading logs need to be handed to me by 11<sup>th</sup> August. Thanks

**Loyce Bruce**

## SECONDARY NEWS

### NSW Rural Fire Service Cadet Programme

Twelve Year 10 students will commence their Cadet Programme with the NSW Rural Fire Service this Wednesday. Students complete the 10 week course at the Fire Service depot in Tycannah Street. Throughout the programme, students receive expert tuition in the handling of fire and the first aid skills required by a safety officer. The programme was conducted in 2008 and proved a wonderful success with our students. No doubt the Cadet Programme will be as successful in 2009.

### World Roll Call Class Relay Championships

Last Friday afternoon the Inaugural World Roll Call Class Relay Championships were run on the St Philomena's Oval. Students from 7R, 8H, 9B and Year 10 lined up on the starting blocks for the 10 lap extravaganza. The finalists were decided with heats on Wednesday afternoon. Each roll call class had to run a total of 2000m with each student completing a sprint leg of approximately 70 metres. Team members could run a maximum of 2 legs. Year 10 had to run in the outside lane (4), Year 9 in lane 3, Year 8 in lane 2 and Year 7 in lane 1. This offset any advantage the senior students had. The winning team was Year 10 who defeated the very talented yet desperately unlucky 9B team. 7R ran a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> whilst 8H ran a disappointing 4<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to all students who took part and competed with enthusiasm. By the way, the title of slowest roll call in the world goes to 8M.

### Diocesan Athletics

Good luck to all students travelling to Tamworth this Friday to compete in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. Of course successful students from this carnival can qualify for the NSWCCC Championships to be held at Homebush later in Term 3.

### Ticehurst Cup

Our teams are training hard in preparation for the Ticehurst Cup matches against Holy Trinity on Friday August 21<sup>st</sup>. The matches will be conducted at Ron Harborne Oval commencing at 10.00am. A barbecue and canteen will be operating throughout the day for students and parents. We want to bring the Ticehurst Cup home to Moree so parents and friends are asked to come along and support our teams on the day.

**Sean Baldwin**

### Secondary Performance - Shakespeare's Women

All Secondary students attended a free performance entitled Shakespeare's Women today at the Memorial Hall. There is an evening performance on tonight. Please see the back of the newsletter for more information.

### Secondary – Term 3 Assessment Calendars

The Term 3 Assessment Calendars for Years 7 – 10 were distributed on Friday of last week. This is a useful tool to assist students to plan their time to meet assessment deadlines and adequately prepare for any in class assessments. The calendar should be placed in a prominent position (e.g. the fridge) where it can act as a regular reminder to both students and parents about upcoming assessment tasks.

### Year 10 TAFE Taster Presentation

Year 10 students will be attending a 'TAFE Taster' presentation this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August from 10.45am till 3.10pm, which will provide valuable information about their options in 2010, especially within the area of Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses. **Attendance is compulsory for all Year 10 students.** An information sheet and permission note was sent home with students last Friday and needs to be returned to their pastoral teacher by Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August. There is no cost involved in attending this opportunity and a free BBQ sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch. **Students will be expected to wear their full winter school uniform.**

**Alana Goldman**

## PRIMARY NEWS

### 5MD – Uniform change this week

5MD will be required to wear their sports uniform on Tuesday and Friday this week as school photos will be taken on Wednesday and Thursday. They will be required to wear full winter school uniform on those days. We will return to normal next week with Tuesday and Wednesday being sports days. Thank you.

**Kellie Downes**

### K-6 'The Phillies Factor'

As you know we are holding a concert in week 7 of this term. We are asking parents if they have any old records they are able to donate to be used for the backdrop for our concert. Please do not send in any that are treasured items as they will not be able to be returned. Thank you for your support.

**K-6 Staff**

### Premier's Adventure Challenge

Nathan Rees has announced a new plan for Primary children to become involved in the arts through a new program 'Premier's Adventure Challenge'. The challenge involves children visiting the participating museums and galleries across NSW and receiving their free 'Kids' Adventure Passport'.

The challenge involves:

- \* Primary children (K-6) can participate by visiting one of the 70+ participating institutes across NSW
- \* Most of the institutes are free, but for those with a general admission charge, each passport holder will be entitled to free entry on weekends, public holidays and school holidays

\* The passport is valid from 13 July 2009 to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010

\* Passport holders collect a sticker or a stamp on each visit

\* Once three stamps have been collected, complete and return the tear-off form at the back of the passport and the Premier will send an official certificate to acknowledge their achievement.

For more information on this program please visit [www.arts.nsw.gov.au](http://www.arts.nsw.gov.au)

### Mobile Phones

Just a reminder to students who bring mobile phones to school that our policy for this is that the phones must be handed to the Assistant Principal at the beginning of school and collected in at the end of the day.

**Amanda McLeod**

### Book Covering Working Bee

The K-6 department has a large number of new home reading resource books which require covering. In order to have these in the system as soon as possible, we are hoping that any mums, nans, aunties, interested males or friends may be willing and available on Monday, to commence and hopefully complete this job. Thank you in advance for assistance with this time consuming job. New parents especially welcome.

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August .**

**10:30am – 1:15pm** or however long is possible . **in the school Hall. Morning tea provided.**

**Amanda McLeod**



Book Covering Working Bee 17/8/09 I can assist at the working bee on Monday

\_\_\_\_\_ print name

Returns to Amanda McLeod, THANK YOU!

## **SPORT NEWS**

### Athletics Training

Athletics training for students in Years 3 – 6 will be held on Tuesday afternoon on the school oval from 3.30pm until 4.15pm. All students are welcome..

### Primary Netball, Football and Rugby League Training

Training is on Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm until 4.15pm on the school oval for all students wanting to participate in the Cotton Belt Challenge and the Ticehurst Cup. All students must wear appropriate clothing and a mouth-guard for Rugby League is essential.

### Hefferen Shield

Thirty Primary students have been selected to represent St Philomena's at the Hefferen Shield on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August. The carnival is at Ron Harborne for all interested parents and friends. Students must be at the grounds by 8.30am for roll call. Good luck to all students.

**Toni Munro**

## **UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**TUESDAY**

**2.00PM—4.00PM THURSDAY**

**8.30AM—10.30AM**

## **CANTEEN HELPERS**

**Wednesday:** Jennifer Bingham, Helen Spain, Kathryn Corderoy, Louise Grellman

**Thursday:** Shaun Bussell, Toni Kirkman, Maree Smith, Helpers Needed

**Friday:** Gillian Wallace, Jane Angus, Jane Davis, Elizabeth Masters

**Monday:** Rebecca Bailey, Susan Long, Marguerite White, May Winter

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

St Philomena's Moree is hosting the canteen at Harborne Oval for the Ticehurst Cup on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August. We are asking for volunteers to offer an hour or so the help run the canteen on this Day. Please complete the slip below indicating the time slot that would suit you.



9.00 - 10.00am

10.00am - 11.00am

11.00am-12pm

12pm - 1.00pm

1.00pm - 2.00pm

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### 11<sup>th</sup> Aug

\*Yr 3 ½ day retreat

\*9.30-10.30 'Shakespeare's Women' - Moree Town Hall – Yrs 7-10

### 12<sup>th</sup> Aug

\*School Photos

### 13<sup>th</sup> Aug

\*School Photos

\*Moree Preschool information evening  
- School Readiness

### 14<sup>th</sup> Aug

\*Service of the Word for the Assumption of Mary

\* Secondary Diocesan Athletics – Tamworth

\* Yr 10 TAFE Taster 11-3

\*K-6 Performance 'Shekere Beats'

\*Hefferen Shield

### 17<sup>th</sup> Aug

\*National Science Week

\*Yr 7 & K interviews

## COMMUNITY NEWS

Moree Junior Cricket AGM

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2009

6.00pm at Moree Service Club

Further information contact Anne-Maree 0427319998

## P & F NEWS



The Quiz night on Friday night was a great success and everyone seemed to have a great time with people asking when can we have another one? About 90 people attended and we were able to raise some money for the school.

A very special thanks to John and Jeni Bruno for organizing the Quiz night which would have taken quite a lot of time and Brett Arthur for being a brilliant Master of ceremonies.

Also a special thanks to our sponsors for the night **Shoe Elegance and Beauty Matters** for donating the raffle prizes.

We are counting down to the Spring Fair please see the lists attached.

The next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 7.00pm in the staff room. All Welcome

# ST PHILOMENA'S P & F - "SPRING FAIR"

## Sunday 20th September 2009 – 10.30 am

<u>STALL</u>	<u>CO-ORDINATOR</u>	<u>YEAR GROUP</u>	<u>PHONE NO</u>	<u>HELPERS</u>
Set up tents	Andrew Pitman	All Years	0427 668 377	Stuart Mathews
Treasurer	Michael Murray			Maree Lovett,
MC	??Prefect Body??			No helpers required
Ham Wheel				
Cakes	Felicity Manchee Cath Cannington	Kinder	6754 8614 67525113	Dee Vanderstok
Craft				
Plants/Prod.	Coral Spens-Black/ Venz	Year 8	6752 9162	Libby Smith
Books				
Trash/Treas.				
Piety Stall	Molly Heffernan	TBC		No Helpers needed
Bottles		Year 4		Year 4 students
Balloons				
Fairy Den	Irene Briggs	Year 6		Lidia Mathews, Wilma Tkalec
Buccaneer Bay				
Face Painting	Sue Holmes	Year 3	6751 1616	Helpers Needed
Tattoo Den	Kristy Gray	Year 1	67511349	
Crazy hair				
Tombola	Amanda Fisher Deanne Arthur	Year5 Year 3	6752 3436 6752 3906	
2 Jumping Castles	Meg Bourke	Year 4	67521916	Emma Huggett
Bric a Brac				
Pet Show				
<b>FOOD STALLS</b>				
Drinks/chips				
Mick Fries	John and Jeni Bruno	Year 7	6752 4757	Vicki Haddad, Susie Long
Fresh Fruit & Juice	Helen Livingstone Penny Jones,	Year 4 Year 3	67549570	
BBQ/Kebab Cooking	Basil Downes	Year 4	6752 2244	Bill Crawford
BBQ/Kebab Retail				
Hard Rock Café				
FairyFloss/Popcorn	APEX	TBC		No helper required
<b>RIDES</b>				
Pony Rides				
Harley Rides	Gary and Leah Morris	Year 6	6752 1630	
Train Rides	Peter & Lauren Winkley	Year 7	67526789	
<b>Vintage Cars</b>	Stuart Mathews	Year 6	6752 5508	Tammy Shearer, Keily Smith,
<b>ACTIVITIES AND GAMES</b>				
<b>Putt Putt Golf</b>				
<b>Ball Passing comp</b>				
<b>Sack races</b>				
<b>Skittles &amp; Hooplah</b>				
<b>DISPLAYS</b>				
P&F Raffle	Jenny Carrigan	Year 1	6752 9185	
Moree Scouts		TBC		Scout group
Moree Pipe Band		TBC	N/A	No helpers required
Fire Brigade	Scott Beers	TBC	N/A	No helpers required
<b>Ambulance</b>		TBC		No helpers required
<b>Rubbish Removal</b>	Cleanaway	TBC		No helpers required