



St Philomena's School, Moree

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week across the K-10 school, we immersed ourselves in the festivities of Literacy and Numeracy Week. It was a great week! This week, the focus moves to Creative Arts where the K-6 school will present "The Phillies' Factor" to our community. Thank you for the home support which assists us to ensure these activities are the success they are.

A celebration for our Grandparents will be held on Thursday. We are very pleased to be able to include Grandparents into our school calendar, in a special way. Please join us if you can.

**PUPIL FREE DAY: DAY 1
TERM 4
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19th 2009**

WEEKLY REFLECTION

23rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

This week began for most of us sharing time with, or remembering our fathers on Fathers' Day. The readings were particularly appropriate to my family's understanding of my father. My father, from about the age of ten, started to stutter in his speech. He kept that stutter – acquired by imitating a friend of his uncle – until the ripe young age of seventy-two when he died.

One of the most complex psychological steps was taken there, as it is known in our family that **our father never stuttered whilst he was talking to young children or whilst he was singing**; and boy, did he have a great tenor voice.

My father never had the chance to get rid of the stutter, we just knew we had to wait until he worked it out. **We learned patience and prediction** of what he was about to say. We waited.

The fellow in the Gospel for **this week's Sunday readings** was cured of his speech impediment. This was a wonderful outcome. Jesus touched his ears and placed spittle on his tongue – Jesus had cured him. I wonder if my father would have given us so many jokes at his own expense if he hadn't stuttered?

Sometimes we take for granted all the wonderful attributes our God and our genes give us! When **we see something** from a loss or a different perspective we are, I believe, more able to appreciate what it is we have had, or that which we still possess.

As our year has quickly unfolded and is now disappearing into the early throes of summer, the birds tell us that it is spring coming, and all that goes with it. Our fathers who are farmers, or otherwise dependent on the water from the skies, **I hope will find time in their busy schedules to look back at the joy they have in their partner and their children.** Those others of us who are able to, will offer a little prayer for the whole community that each father's prayers for his community and family are met.

**May the joys of this Springtime bring a prayer of thanksgiving to the heart and the lips of every father,
long before the Christmas Season sets in.**

Every good wish,

Pat Clancy.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Mercy Day

On Thursday, 17th September, St Philomena's School will be celebrating **MERCY** Day. This day is set aside to remember the Sisters of Mercy and all they have done for St Philomena's. The sisters of Mercy are the founders of our school. As part of our celebration on the day, we are inviting all students in **MERCY** to come dressed in **BLUE** for the day. As a fundraising initiative, we are asking **ALL** the students to bring a donation of a coin to contribute to our 'Mercy Money Mural'. There will be a prize for the class who donates the most to our mural. All money raised will be going to support Catholic Missions.

Mercy House Teachers

Grandparents' Day – Thursday 10th September

St Philomena's would like to invite all Grandparents to our "Grandparents' Day" to be held this Thursday, 10th September. Grandparents will be greeted at the Boston Street gates by our senior students who will direct them to their grandchildren's classrooms for a visit from 9.30am – 10.15am. You are then asked to join us under the shade cloth at 10.30am for a blessing from Father Paul, children sharing some of their work and a performance from the Primary Choir. Afterwards, please feel free to collect a cup of tea from the Hall on your way to the playground for morning tea with the children. We hope to see as many Grandparents (or if Grandparents can't attend, a special substitute friend) at our inaugural 'Grandparents' Day' celebration.

Grandparents' Day Committee

ART COMPETITION

The Moree Plains Art Gallery has asked our school to participate in a community art project. Our school will be given a wall space of 3 metres long and 1.25 metres high in which to paint a mural. The wall space will be on the Woolworths building near the skatepark.

If you are interested in helping out with painting the wall please contact Mr Conomos at the school. The painting of the wall will begin on Saturday 19th September. I will need at least ten volunteers to help on the day however anyone from the school is welcome to come along and help out. The project will be ongoing and will likely require more than one day to complete.

Requirements for the competition

The theme for the mural is LAND, SKY and WATER and your design must include elements of each.

Your design needs to be coloured in the following hues, BLUE, GREEN, YELLOW with BLACK for the outlines.

Remember only flat colour will be used on the mural so your designs must not include shading. Keep your design simple, focusing mainly on symbols that represent the theme.

All designs must be completed on an A4 sheet of paper with a landscape orientation (very important).

There will be prizes awarded for the top three entries with first prize ultimately becoming transformed into a mural.

All designs must be handed in to Mr Conomos by Wednesday 16th September.

John Conomos

CALENDAR CHANGES:

PLEASE NOTE: The Primary and Secondary Discos and the K-2 Games night published in the Term 3 calendar have been cancelled for this term.

SECONDARY NEWS

Year 7 and 8 Mathematics Fun Day

Last Friday the annual Year 7 and 8 Mathematics Fun Day was conducted. Students were divided into mixed groups of Year 7 and 8 students to work together cooperatively to solve a variety of mathematics problems in the form of trivia questions, multiple mathematical worksheet activities, a mathematics problem solving relay and a construction activity where students had to build the tallest tower that they could using the following list of materials (small box, ten straws, ten toothpicks, a large paperclip five Minities and a plastic cup). All teachers involved agreed that the day was a huge success and one of the best Year 7 and 8 Mathematics Fun Days that has been conducted for some years purely because of the willingness of the students to get involved in the activities on the day and to work as a team to achieve success. The final results of the day were very close with only a few points separating the first three teams. Congratulations to the following students who were amongst the winning teams of the day.

1st place **The Gangster Dividers** scoring **155 points**

Group Members - Angus Smith, Rekaya Geddes, Fallon Williams, Catie Ledingham, Katelyn Mills, Kiara Sabine

2nd place **Addition All Stars** scoring **152 points**

Group Members - Georgina Venz, Edward Onus, Jessica Munro, Nicholas Marshall, Oliver Crawford, Mia Haines

3rd place **Pythagoras' Triangles** scoring **151 points**

Group Members - Charles Onus, Sarah Buckley, Kodie Clissold, Benjamin Yates, Talia Duke, Laura Haddad, Caitlin Williams, Mitchell Cartwright

Congratulations must also go to the ten Year 9 students who assisted with the running of the day. These students were – Jesse Brinkmann, Daniel Bye, Lauren Davis, Harry Depczynski, Jock Gartshore, Cameron Haddad, Anna Newnham, Carlyn Percy, Sachin Ramsamy and Kate Tuart. Their motivated, mature and common sense approach was greatly appreciated. The initiative that each of them demonstrated on a consistent basis throughout the day was fantastic and clearly showed that they

are an asset to our school and would also be a valuable employee of any workplace in the future. Congratulations once again to each of you and thank you for your assistance.

Alana Goldman

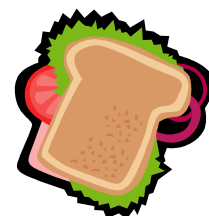
Year 8 and 9 Elective Selections for 2010

Last Monday Year 8 and 9 students were presented with a brief overview of each of the elective courses for the 2010 school year. They also received an Elective Information Booklet which provided more detail about each of the courses. Students were asked to return their Elective Nomination form by last Thursday. Many students, especially those in Year 9 are still to return their forms. Further organisation cannot proceed without a clear indication of student interest for particular courses. Parental and student support to ensure the prompt return of the Elective Nomination forms would be appreciated. Please note that the Elective Nomination forms should also be returned even if your son/daughter is not returning to St Philomena's in 2010.

Alana Goldman

CANTEEN ROSTER

Wednesday 9th Sept: Jennifer Bingham Helen Spain Kathryn Corderoy Lou Grellman
Thursday 10th Sept: Mary Weal Shaun Bussell Toni Kirkman Maree Smith
Friday 11th Sept: Gillian Wallace Jane Angus Jayne Davis **HELPERS NEEDED**
Monday 14th Sept: Kerrie Gaynor **HELPERS NEEDED**
Tuesday 15th Sept: Melissa Tzannes Angela Walker Sam Ledingham Jenny Durack



Recently we have had a number of our regular volunteers withdraw from the canteen roster, mostly due to personal and work related reasons. This has left us desperately trying to fill large gaps.

Helping in the canteen is a wonderful way to meet other parents and support our school. It also gives your child a thrill when they see you in the canteen! Most of our volunteers are Mums and Dads; although Nannies, Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents are all welcome to volunteer. Ask everyone in the family!

If anyone is interested in joining our canteen team, please phone the canteen on 67511349 or fill out the slip below.

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I would like to volunteer at the canteen:

Please circle
your preferences

NAME:..... PHONE NUMBER:.....

Monthly Fortnightly Weekly Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY 2.00pm—4.00pm THURSDAY 8.30am—10.30am

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday 9th Sept *Primary Concert Matinee 11am *Primary Concert 6.30pm	Thursday 10th Sept *Primary Concert 6.30 *Grandparents' Day 9.30-11	Fri day 11th Sept *St Phils Horse Sports *2010 Kinder Interviews *St V de Paul → Fairview	Monday 14th Sept *Book Fair Week *2010 Year 7 Interviews	Tuesday 15th Sept *Yr 9 Retreat *Primary Touch Gala Day-Narrabri
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Moree Country Education Fund AGM to be held on Wednesday 30th September 7pm at Boyce Albert St Moree. Further details please contact: Jo Horton 0429418514 or Di Lindberg 0417624316 ALL ARE WELCOME

Moree Junior Cricket Registrations Days Ron Harborne Oval
 9.00am - 12 noon Saturday 12th September, 19th September, 26th September
 \$40 per child. Must be 5 yrs old and attending school.
 Birth certificate required for new players. Register early to avoid disappointment. Enquiries to Anne Maree 67521312 or 0427319998 or Debbie 67527461 Competition starts 24th October

P&F NEWS

Thanks to those who have volunteered for our major fund raiser the Spring Fair. There will be a Spring Fair meeting after school on Tuesday 8th September after school in the School hall.
 Please keep those blue slips coming in -- there are only 2 weeks to go.
 The next P&F meeting will be on Wednesday, 16th September, 2009 at 7.00pm in the staff room all welcome.
 Thank you, P&F

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.

ST PHILOMENA'S P & F - "SPRING FAIR"
Sunday 20th September 2009 – 10.30 am

STALL	CO-ORDINATOR	YEAR GROUP	PHONE NO	HELPERS
Set up tents	Andrew Pitman	All Years	0427 668 377	Stuart Mathews, Mark Brazel, Rob Long
Treasurer	Michael Murray			Maree Lovett,
MC	Prefect Body			No helpers required
Ham Wheel	Peter Weal, Jim Spain	HELPERS ARE	NEEDED	PLEASE
Cakes	Felicity Manchee Cath Cannington	Kinder	6754 8614 67525113	Dee Vanderstok, Karen Gall, Louise Alchin, Ruth Matthews
Craft	HELPERS	ARE	NEEDED	PLEASE
Plants/Prod.	Coral Spens-Black/ Venz	Year 8	6752 9162	Libby Smith
Books	Gabrielle Price	Year 2		Julie Depczynski
Trash/Treas.	HELPERS	ARE	NEEDED	PLEASE
Piety Stall	Molly Heffernan	TBC		No Helpers needed
Bottles		Year 4		Year 4 students
Sand Wizard	Bec Haddad	Year 1 & 3		Peta carrol, Tash Berry, Sara Bell, Kate hunter
Fairy Den	Irene Briggs	Year 6		Lidia Mathews, Wilma Tkalec
Buccaneer Bay	HELPERS	ARE	NEEDED	PLEASE
Face Painting	Sue Holmes	Year 3	6751 1616	Jessikah Haines, Melissa Tzannes, Marygold Oliver,
Tattoo Den	Kristy Gray	Year 1	67511349	
Crazy hair	Mr Conomos	Year 8 &9	67540273	Jason Fing, Sam Phelps
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	HELPERS	ARE	NEEDED	PLEASE
Pet Show	Acaysha Haddad		67524906	Katelyn Mills, Caitlin Rees - Smith
FOOD STALLS				
Drinks/chips	HELPERS	ARE	NEEDED	PLEASE
Mick Fries	John and Jeni Bruno	Year 7	6752 4757	Vicki Haddad, Susie Long, Ashton Haddad
Fresh Fruit & Juice	Helen Livingstone Penny Jones,	Year 4 Year 3	67549570	Glenda Young, Ali Estens, Helen Johnson
BBQ/Kebab Cooking	Basil Downes	Year 4	6752 2244	Bill Crawford, Matthew Haddad, Tim Grellman, Mark Johnson,
BBQ/Kebab Retail	HELPERS ARE	NEEDED PLEASE		Dom Young
Hard Rock Café	Kerry Gaynor			Sandy Dillon, Bev smith, Lou Grellman
FairyFloss/Popcorn	APEX	TBC		No helper required
RIDES				
Pony Rides		Year 7		Jaque Rowe
Harley Rides	Gary and Leah Morris	Year 6	6752 1630	
Train Rides	Peter & Lauren Winkley	Year 7	67526789	
	Stuart Mathews	Year 6	6752 5508	Tammy Shearer, Keily Smith,
Vintage Cars				
ACTIVITIES AND GAMES				
Putt Putt Golf	HELPERS	NEEDED	PLEASE	
Ball Passing comp	"	"	"	
Sack races	"	"	"	
Skittles & Hooplah	"	"	"	
DISPLAYS				
P&F Raffle	Jenny Carrigan	Year 1	6752 9185	Fiona Chisholm
Moree Scouts		TBC		Scout group
Moree Pipe Band		TBC	N/A	No helpers required
Fire Brigade	Scott Beers	TBC	N/A	No helpers required
Ambulance		TBC		No helpers required
Rubbish Removal	Cleanaway	TBC		No helpers required