

# St Philomena's School, Moree

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009

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Term 3, Week 8



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As part of our participation in the **National Partnership –Literacy Numeracy**, we have a **Parent Survey** to disseminate to the community. We have added some additional questions to the survey to assist us with feedback in regard to other aspects of the school. Anonymity is part of this survey. We would appreciate your prompt response to our survey over the next week. These can be returned in an envelope to the school office marked *SURVEY*. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

**NAPLAN DATA** was received by the school at the end of last week. Student envelopes will be distributed on Friday. Over the coming weeks the school will analyse the data from these reports.

We now move into **major excursion** mode for **Year 6 and Year 9** students. Next week Year 6 leave for their five day excursion to Hervey Bay/ Fraser Island. In the last week of the term Year 9 travel to Lake Keepit for four days, participating in a range of outdoor experiences. Thanks to the office ladies who attend to bookings and related aspects of the trip. Sincere thanks to participating staff. All excursions reflect the dedication of our staff, however overnight excursions require the enormous generosity of our dedicated staff.

The **P & F Association's** main fundraiser, the **Spring Fair** is this Sunday! There are still some spots where helpers are needed. Perhaps you can lend a hand for an hour or so to assist. A cheery group of fathers undertook some tree-logging at the weekend, saving us valuable dollars in labour. Thanks! Much of this was associated with providing easy access to roofs for the reroofing project.

We hosted our **Horse Sport's Day** last Friday. A very capable parent committee ensured that the 2009 event was a great success. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, family friends and judges who brought the day together, so smoothly and efficiently.

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

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### FAMILY MASS -THANK YOU

Mrs Nora Carrigan and Sr Margaret wish to thank sincerely the children who helped welcome,serve,read, take up gifts, sing solos or join the choir for the Family Mass on 5th/6th September. Each ministry was beautifully carried out and added to the dignity of these two occasions. Thank you to the parents who support and encourage their children in the practice of their faith on these occasions. We are proud of you.

**Sr Margaret Cusack**

### 2009 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

We would like to invite any businesses associated with our school community to advertise in our school magazine "The Anchor". The valuable donations by our generous sponsors helps to produce a wonderful record of the activities, triumphs and celebrations of our school year. Advertising rates are as follows:

1. **A quarter page sponsorship** Cost: \$121 (GST incl.)
2. **A half page advertisement** Cost: \$242 (GST incl.)
3. **A full page advertisement** Cost: \$363 (GST incl.)

If you are interested please fill in the slip below and send it to the office, and you will be contacted for the details of your advertisement:

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Business Name

.....  
Contact person

..... Phone No.

**Cate Bailey**



### Library Book Fair

The Book Fair is in full swing. Everyone is most welcome to come in and browse. This may be a good opportunity to stock up on birthday and Christmas presents. The Fair will finish at the close of school on Wednesday, 16th September. Hope to see you there.

**Loyce Bruce**

### Mercy Day

On Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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**

### **St Philomena's Horse Sports Results**

#### **Overall Secondary School**

1st Moree Christian School  
2nd Moree Secondary School  
3<sup>rd</sup> St Philomena's School

#### **Overall Primary School**

1st Moree Primary School  
2nd St Joseph's Walgett  
3rd St Philomena's School



Our team consisted of: Molly Parkes, Sarah Wyatt, Joshua Oakenfull, Jessica Towns, Bella Bailey, Isabella Ritter, Sarah Parkes, Jessica Munro, Geena Depeczynski, Charlie Upton, Sarah Jane Hobday

Congratulations to:

Jessica Towns (equal second overall- 10 years),  
Bella Bailey (1<sup>st</sup> overall- 11 years),  
Isabella Ritter (2<sup>nd</sup> overall -11 years)  
Jessica Munro (2<sup>nd</sup> overall- 13 years)

Many thanks to our wonderful parents who gave up their time to help. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

**Vicki Gall**

## **SECONDARY NEWS**

### **Thursday Mathematics**

There is no Thursday afternoon mathematics this week as I will be in Sydney for CCC Athletics. **Mr Baldwin**

### **Agriculture**

Last week the Year 9 & 10 Agriculture class hatched eleven ducklings as part of their animal welfare studies. They would like to thank Ms Phillipa Hamilton for providing the eggs, Mrs Christine McCumstie for providing the incubator and Mrs Tammy Shearer for caring for the ducklings overnight. The ducklings have all gone home with caring students who will learn a great deal about nutrition, welfare and cleaning up mess in the weeks to come.

**Libby Smith**

### **NSWCCC Athletics**

This Friday 10 students will be representing the Armidale Diocese in the NSWCCC Athletics Championships to be held at Homebush. For the first time the relay championships will be held as a school team competition not a diocesan team competition. If your school won at diocesan level then you compete as a school in Sydney. St Philomena's has 2 relay teams competing – the Junior Girls (Riana Wright, Jessica Munro, Hannah Wareham and Geena Depeczynski) and Intermediate Boys (Edward Onus, Holt Cubis, Danyon Heffernan and Daniel Ryan). Both teams have been training their hearts out at lunchtimes so we hope for excellent performances. Brennan Sinclair and Lori Depeczynski will also be competing on the day in field and track events. We wish all students the best of luck in competing.

**Sean Baldwin**

## **PRIMARY NEWS**

### **The Phillies' Factor**

Congratulations to the staff and students for a fantastic concert. The Phillies' Factor was a great success and both staff and students thoroughly enjoyed performing to our school community. There are a number of people who helped to ensure that this concert was a success;

- \* Office ladies – the office ladies sold tickets through the front office and we appreciate their support with this job.
- \* Other staff and students of St Philomena's – thank you for your help on the nights with make up and ushering.
- \* Simon Haddad – for setting the atmosphere with fantastic lights
- \* John and Jenny Bruno – for helping move the sets to and from the hall
- \* Michelle Maurer – for her fabulous work with the choir
- \* To all the parents/grandparents/guardians – thank you for your support and help with the concert. Without your support and help with costumes, make-up and all of the other jobs, the concert would not have been the success it was.
- \* Marty Roberts – for taking a great deal of time to help with sound and lighting
- \* Students of St Philomena's – for their fantastic effort and enthusiasm, they were all stars!
- \* K-6 Staff – thank you to the dedicated team of K-6 staff. They have worked extremely hard with their students. A special mention must go to Dayna Raulston who was the backbone to our concert.

Once again thank you to the school community for supporting The Phillies' Factor, we hope that you enjoyed the performance and the photo pages attached!

**Amanda McLeod**

**Junior Josephite Associates Meeting**

Tuesday 22nd September at 1.30pm in the Hall.  
Anyone who has stamps, please bring them along and also prayer intentions books where possible.

**PRIMARY DIOCESAN CARNIVAL**

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 33 Primary students competed in the Diocesan Athletics Carnival.

All students participated with exceptional sportsmanship and a competitive desire to do their best. I was extremely proud of the way they represented St Philomena's. A huge thank you to the parents who helped at the Carnival and to all parents for taking their children over to Tamworth.

The end of the day saw many of our students achieve outstanding results and gain selection into the Armidal Diocesan Team to compete at the Polding Athletics Championship in Newcastle on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Charlie Wells - Senior Boy Champion  
1st Shot put  
1st High Jump  
1<sup>st</sup> Long Jump  
2<sup>nd</sup> Discus

Paige Clissold - 2<sup>nd</sup> Discus (Senior)

Will O'Neill - 1<sup>st</sup> 800m (Junior)  
1<sup>st</sup> High Jump (Junior)

Jaime Clissold - 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m (9yrs)

Maggie Wilton - 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m (8 yrs)

Jaime Clissold, Jessica Towns, Celine Depczynski,  
Georgie Gray - 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Girl Relay

**Touch Football Training**

*There is no Touch Football training for the rest of the term. A very big thank you to Mark McGrady and Matthew Haddad for their assistance throughout the term.*

**Touch Football Gala Day**

*Today 92 St Philomena's primary students, have travelled to Narrabri to compete in a Touch Football Gala Day. The NSW Touch Football Association will be hosting the day, teaching and developing the finer skills associated with the game.*

*Toni Munro*

**Books and Brains Day**

In Week 6 we held Books and Brains Day and students were able to dress as their favourite book character. Students were involved in a number of different activities throughout the day. There was a fashion parade, story telling and maths games. The staff and students thoroughly

enjoyed the fun filled day. The following students won prizes for the best dressed for their grade:  
Kindergarten: Harry Bowden - Town Mouse  
Year 1: Paris Wibley - Madeline  
Year 2: Emma Conroy - Rapunzel  
Year 3: Sarah Wyatt - Porkie Pine  
Year 4: Hunter McDouall - Earth Worm  
Year 5: Timothy Humphries-Tattam - Sponge Bob Square Pants  
Year 6: Max Beinke - Cat in the Hat  
Congratulations to these students and to all of the students being involved in Books and Brains Day.  
**Cathy Downes**

**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

**TUESDAY 2.00PM—4.00PM**

**THURSDAY 8.30AM—10.30AM**

**CANTEEN HELPERS**

This Thursday is Mercy Day and a range of 'blue' foods will be available to purchase from the canteen. Prices will start from 50 cents.

**Wednesday 16th:** Louise Alchin, Bernadette Fernance, Lyn Hamilton

**Thursday 17th:** Penny Jones, Helen Livingston, Sarah Greer, Cath Cannington, Karen Gall, Felicity Manchee, Ruth Matthews

**Friday 18th:** Joan Newnham, Jane Angus, Coral Spens-Black, Toni Haddad, Nicole Davidson, Gabrielle Price

**Monday 22nd:** Susan Long, Marguerite Wyatt, May Winter, HELPERS NEEDED

**Tuesday 23rd:** Katrina Squires, HELPERS NEEDED

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 6751 1349 or fill out the slip below.

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**I would like to volunteer as helper at the canteen:**

**NAME:**.....

**PHONE NUMBER:**.....

**Monthly Fortnightly Weekly**

Please circle your preferences

**Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday**

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

16<sup>th</sup> Sept

\*P&F Meeting

\*Vinnies Youth Camp departs- Echidna Gulley

17<sup>th</sup> Sept

\*MERCY DAY

\*Vinnies Youth Camp

18<sup>th</sup> Sept

\*CCC Athletics Homebush

\*Vinnies Youth Camp

20<sup>th</sup> Sept St Philomena's Spring Fair

21<sup>st</sup> Sept

\*Yr 4 Reconciliation

\*Yr 6 Excursion

\*School Counsellor Visit

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept

\*K-6 group B

\*Yr 5 Retreat

\*Yr 6 Excursion

\*School Counsellor Visit

\*AEA State conference – Rooty Hill

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### MOREE JUNIOR TENNIS

#### Spring 2009 Comp Registrations

Registrations: Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 09 at Clubhouse 3.30 – 5.30 pm

OR register at Freeman's Jewellers (attaching fees)

OR email: kgmoree@bigpond.net.au

Grading: for NEW players from 5.00 pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 09

Registrations close: Thurs 24th Sept 09

Parent Meeting: at 4.45 pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 09

Fees: \$25 Comp Fee (+\$15 M'ship if a new player this comp)

Comp starts: Friday 23rd Oct 09 for 8 weeks

Comp format: will depend on numbers.

Enquiries: Helen 67522827/Kerrie 0427511596

## P&F NEWS

### Spring Fair

Set up of tents will be from 1.30 pm onwards on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September

This is the last week to volunteer for the Spring Fair which is on this Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. Helpers still needed!



**SPRING FAIR  
MONSTER  
RAFFLE  
\$2 PER TICKET  
LOTS OF WONDERFUL  
PRIZES TO BE WON**

Tickets available at the office.

**PHILLIES BOOK & DVD STALL  
WE WANT YOUR  
PRE-LOVED BOOKS, DVDS, CDS AND COMPUTER  
GAMES. PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR ITEMS TO SCHOOL  
OR BRING TO THE FAIR ON SUNDAY!**

**HELPERS NEEDED TO ROSTER ON FOR TATTOO DEN!  
PLEASE CONTACT KRISTY AT THE CANTEEN  
67511349**

**Cake stall**  
Cakes, slices, biscuits, quiches, treats, preserves,  
anything goes and all contributions are greatly  
appreciated!  
**Helpers wanted – contact Felicity Manchee  
67548614**

**Needed urgently clean 4 litre ice cream containers  
for Spring Fair.  
Please leave at front office.**

**Next P&F meeting, tomorrow Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
September at 7.00 pm in the staff room. All  
welcome.**

Thank you, P&F



# ST PHILOMENA'S SCHOOL MOREE

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## PARENT SURVEY about LEARNING

As part of our school's self-evaluation, we would like to know the opinions of parents and caregivers on different areas of school life. Your response is confidential and will be stored securely. Survey completion is voluntary.

Colour the circle for the answer you agree with most. For example, the parental response was *usually* for the statement – *What students are asked to learn is important*. If you do not have an opinion about a question leave all boxes blank.

	Almost Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
1 What students are asked to learn is important	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Almost Always	Usually	Sometimes	Rarely
1 The school promotes and reflects a Catholic identity.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2 My child participates in meaningful liturgies and masses.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3 My child is developing in his/her understanding of Catholic traditions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4 My child's classroom is an interesting place to learn.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5 My child has access to appropriate equipment that helps him/her to learn.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6 English (Literacy) is an important subject to learn.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7 Mathematics (Numeracy) is an important subject to learn.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8 I feel confident that the school is implementing the NSW K-6 English and Mathematics syllabus.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9 Are students given every opportunity to achieve Literacy and Numeracy outcomes?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10 In class, my child's teacher provides a balance of independent and group learning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11 The school expects students to achieve to the best of their ability.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12 Students at the school demonstrate pride in their learning.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
13 My child looks at samples of his/her work over time to see how he/she has improved.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

PLEASE TURN OVER



**Sunday 20th September 2009 commencing at 10.30am**

Thank you so much for all those who keep on volunteering to help at the Spring Fair

**"4 MORE SLEEPS!"**

**YIPPEE!! ITS NEARLY HERE!**

This is shaping up to be a wonderful **SPRING FAIR** with The **Chargrilled Lemon** entertaining us, *Sushi* and **GOURMET SALADS**, *Just Desserts* two new food features; and **Sand Art** a new Kid's activity, heaps of fun for everyone so bring one and bring all for a great morning out and support St Philomenas.

**TO DO LIST**

- Collect your trash and treasure and deliver to the school
- Pot up those plants

The above items need to be delivered before 9am on the day of the Spring Fair. If you cannot do it then please call office to arrange drop off.

- Start baking -- the fresher the better, bring to school Friday if you need, but would prefer them delivered Sunday before 9am to the cake stall. All baking items need to have ingredients listed and labelled on them, you can price your items or they will be done on the day.

If there is anyone available to help set up tents on Saturday afternoon or to hang around when the Fair is over to help pack up that would be greatly appreciated! Neither of these jobs take very long and many hands make light work. Please contact Andrew Pitman 0427668377. Thankyou

**Spring Fair Co-ordinators**

Helen Spain 67528282 0428 983 880

[hspain@irritek.com.au](mailto:hspain@irritek.com.au)

Bernie Seery 67525279 0427 228803

[bseery@bigpond.net.au](mailto:bseery@bigpond.net.au)

If you are interested in co-ordinating a stall or helping on one, please tick the box below and return to the office. Any questions please contact one of the co-ordinators.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT DETAILS: \_\_\_\_\_

<input type="checkbox"/>	I would be willing to <b>co-ordinate</b> a stall Which stall? _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	I would be willing to <b>help</b> on a stall Which stall? _____

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# 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, Mark Brazel, Rob Long, Phil Alchin, Dom Young
Treasurer	Michael Murray			Maree Lovett, Kylie Upton
MC	Prefect Body			No helpers required
Ham Wheel	Peter Weal, Jim Spain	<b>HELPERS ARE</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>PLEASE</b>
Cakes / Craft	Felicity Manchee Cath Cannington	Kinder	6754 8614 67525113	Dee Vanderstok, Karen Gall, Louise Alchin, Ruth Matthews
Plants/Prod.	Coral Spenz-Black	Year 8	6752 9162	Libby Smith
Books	Gabrielle Price	Year 2		Julie Depczynski
Trash/Treas.	Vicki Turton			<b>HELPERS NEEDED PLEASE</b>
Piety Stall	Sylvia Broderick			No Helpers needed
Bottles		Year 4		Year 4 students
Sand Wizard	Bec Haddad	Year 1 & 3		Peta Carroll, Tash Berry, Sara Bell, Kate Hunter
Fairy Den	Irene Briggs	Year 6		Lidia Mathews, Wilma Tkalec, Meg Spain, Nicola Long, Izzy McDouall, Bonnie Morris, Heidi Jones
Face Painting	Sue Holmes	Year 3	6751 1616	Jessikah Haines, Melissa Tzannes, Marygold Oliver,
Tattoo Den	Kristy Gray	Year 1	67511349	Nell Montgomery
Crazy hair	Mr Conomos	Year 8 & 9	67540273	Jason Fing, Sam Phelps
Tombola	Amanda Fisher Deanne Arthur	Year 5 Year 3	6752 3436 6752 3906	
2 Jumping Castles	Meg Bourke	Year 4	67521916	Emma Huggett
Pet Show	Acaysha Haddad		67524906	Katelyn Mills, Caitlin Rees - Smith
<b>FOOD STALLS</b>				
Drinks/chips	Nathan Bruno	Year 7		<b>HELPERS NEEDED</b>
Just Desserts	Michelle Maurer			
Mick Fries / Sushi	John and Jeni Bruno	Year 7	6752 4757	Vicki Haddad, Susie Long, Ashton Haddad, Lucy Wareham, Yuko, Debbie Brinkman
Fresh Fruit, Juice and Salads	Helen Livingstone Penny Jones,	Year 4 Year 3	67549570	Glenda Young, Ali Estens, Helen Johnson
BBQ	Basil Downes	Year 4	6752 2244	Bill Crawford, Matthew Haddad, Tim Grellman, Mark Johnson, Dom Young, Jon and Sarah Greer
Hard Rock Café	Kerry Gaynor			Sandy Dillon, Bev Smith, Lou Grellman
FairyFloss/Popcorn	David Lawson	APEX	67506013	No helper required
<b>RIDES</b>				
Pony Rides		Year 7		Jaque Rowe, Jeanne Clissold, Eric Scott, Charlie Upton
Harley Rides	Gary and Leah Morris	Year 6	6752 1630	
Train Rides				Rob Barrington, Bec Barrington
Vintage Cars	Stuart Mathews	Year 6	6752 5508	Tammy Shearer, Kie ly Smith, Frank Depczynski, Mike Montgomery
<b>ACTIVITIES AND GAMES</b>				
Putt Putt Golf	<b>HELPERS</b>	<b>NEEDED</b>	<b>PLEASE</b>	
Ball Passing comp	"	"	"	
Sack races	"	"	"	
Skittles & Hooplah	"	"	"	
<b>DISPLAYS</b>				
P&F Raffle	Jenny Carrigan	Year 1	6752 9185	Fiona Chisholm
Moree Scouts		Confirmed		Scout group
Moree Pipe Band		TBC	N/A	No helpers required
Fire Brigade	Scott Beers	confirmed	N/A	No helpers required
Ambulance		TBC		No helpers required
Rubbish Removal	Cleanaway	Confirmed		No helpers required