

# St Philomena's School, Moree

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Term 3, Week 9



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The **Parents' and Friends' Association** is to be **congratulated** on the success of the Spring Fair, on Sunday! Thorough planning, team work, great weather, a wide range of activities and the generosity of parents, grandparents, families, students and parish members were the key ingredients to success. On the day, we were well supported by our school families and community members. Thank you to all involved with our Spring Fair; those who donated, the workers and the sponsors. A particular thanks is extended to our the enthusiastic and creative 2009 Spring Fair coordinators. More information will follow in next week's newsletter.

Currently our **Year 6 students** are on their **annual five day excursion** into Queensland. While speaking to the group on Friday, suggested student highlights included whale watching, Fraser Island and the opportunity to attend "Outback Spectacular" (the live performance on the Gold Coast). I couldn't agree with them more, but just to add how privileged they are to have such an opportunity to experience a great week. A phone call last confirmed the group arrived safely and were ready for adventure.

**Whooping Cough** has been identified in the school population. I urge parents to take particular precautions to seek medical advice should you have concerns in regard to lingering coughs. At present 2SO and KM have identified cases.

Please take time to read the information *in this newsletter* about the **changes to the school leaving age, which are effective as of January 2010**. This will be of interest to all families, either soon, or much further down the track.

Karen Jagers

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

## WEEKLY REFLECTION

25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

This week's scripture passage contains **three parts**. Jesus finds time to be alone with his disciples, telling them he will be betrayed and killed and that in three days he will rise again. Jesus intercedes in an argument the disciples are having about who is the greatest among them. Jesus tells the disciples to follow him.

The disciples do not understand at the time what Jesus is telling them. It appears that they are afraid to ask him. Later **we see fear controlling the actions of the disciples** as they disown him.

Jesus defined true greatness as being in **humble service** to others, in fact, to all. A proud or puffed up person has no place in Jesus' scheme of things.

**Jesus points to a child**. In his days on earth, children were slaves. When they reached maturity they became free agents to do their own will within the cultural bounds of good living. "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mk 9:37). **Jesus is saying that by serving the lowest in society, one serves God.**

In chapter nine of Mark's Gospel Jesus gives the disciples **three warnings**. The **first** is about ambition and seeking out the top place (9:33-37). The **second** Jesus warns about envy and intolerance (9:38-41). In the **third** warning we understand Jesus to be talking about scandalizing others (9:42-48).

The only way out is to serve God and others humbly. As we become servants to all we also come to know Jesus and live as one of his disciples.

We Pray:

*Lord, you ask us to be humble and faithful in following you;  
May our prayers and petitions this week find us in harmony  
with your will.*

*May our hearts welcome all as you would welcome them,  
And may we be an inspiration to others in all we do.  
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Every good wish, Pat Clancy

## WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

### Mercy Day 2009

Last Thursday, St Philomena's School had a Feast Day for the **Mercy House**. Students bought in a coin donation to complete a mural designed around our school's logo; the anchor. The class who raised the most money was 4C and their massive contribution helped the school raise a fantastic total of \$332.00 to go towards Catholic Missions. A HUGE thank you to everyone that contributed on the day.

Mercy Teachers

## SECONDARY NEWS

### Year 9 / 10 Electives

A reminder to parents and students that the Year 9 / 10 Elective Line nomination form was due yesterday. This is the final step to constructing the class lists for electives in 2010. Your cooperation in returning these nomination forms promptly would be greatly appreciated.

Additionally, some Year 8 students are still to return their Year 9 Mathematic choices for 2010. Could those students please attend to this situation quickly.

**Alana Goldman**

### Zonta Scholarship 2010

We are inviting applicants for the 2010 Zonta Scholarship. The scholarship provides \$1000 over the 2 years of senior secondary school at Moree Secondary College. Interested persons are required to complete an application form that can be collected from Mr Baldwin or Mr May. The closing date for applications is Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The scholarship also provides assistance with mentoring in their potential professional area of study.

**Sean Baldwin**

## PRIMARY NEWS

### KO Shared Reading

Shared Reading has finished in KO for Term 3. We will start again on Tuesday Week 1, Term 4. Thank you to those parents who help with Shared Reading - the children love reading with you and are progressing fabulously.

**Pamella O'Neill**

### Library Book Fair

The Book Fair was a resounding success! There are now hundreds more books in the homes of our students and the school benefited by \$700 in commission and 32 donated books to the value of \$429. A huge thank you to all the students, families and friends who supported our annual Book Fair.

I would like to thank the following students for donation of books to our library:

Imogen and Angus Taylor  
Clare, Abby & Bridget Downes  
Nick & Josh Chisholm  
Stephanie and Nicola Long  
Amy, Joe and Angus Carrigan  
Georgie and Abby-Lee Gray  
Josh, Sam and Alex Onus  
Sarah and Charlie Wyatt  
Georgia and Henry Pitman  
Thomas Price  
Jim Alchin  
Charlies, Lucy and Harry Wells  
Max Fisher  
Thomas and Oliver Haddad  
Cameron, Laura and Will Haddad  
Tim Huumphries-Tattum  
Callum, Eliza and Sam Bourke  
Stephanie, Georgia and Netia Dillon

Also I would like to thank Kip McGrath and First National Real Estate for their most generous donation of books.

**Loyce Bruce**

### Primary Polding Athletics

This Wednesday, eight of our talented primary athletes will be travelling to Newcastle, to represent the Armidale Diocesan at the 2009 Polding Athletics Carnival. Charlie Wells, Will O'Neill, Jamie Clissold, Sarah Wyatt, Maggie Wilton, Celine Depczynski, Jessica Towns and Georgie Gray have been training extremely hard over the last term. They will be very competitive on Thursday when competing against many experienced and focused Primary students from around New South Wales. We wish these students the best of luck.

**Toni Munro**

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

**TUESDAY 2.00PM—4.00PM**

**THURSDAY 8.30AM—10.30AM**

## CANTEEN HELPERS

**Wednesday:** Pat Sinclair, Bev Smith, Narelle Carter, HELPERS NEEDED

**Thursday:** Lauren Winkley, Deanne Arthur, Helen Johnson, Vicki Haddad

**Friday:** Jane Davis, Angela Ward, Jane Angus, Naomi Curtis,

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

**Tuesday:** Karen Gall, HELPERS NEEDED!!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept

- \*Padre Dio Feast
- \*Pioneer Village Excursion - Year 1
- \*School Board
- \*Yr 6 Excursion
- \*AEA State conference – Rooty Hill

24<sup>th</sup> Sept

- \*Pioneer Village Excursion - Yr 2
- \*Prim Polding Athletics
- \*Feast of Our Lady of Mercy
- \*Yr 6 Excursion
- \*AEA State conference – Rooty Hill

25<sup>th</sup> Sept

- \*Yr 6 Excursion returns
- \*St Vincent de Paul Society → Fairview 11.15
- \*AEA State conference – Rooty Hill
- \*Year 3 Assembly - 2.10pm in the Hall

28<sup>th</sup> Sept

- \*Yr 10 Semester 2 Exams
- \*Yr 9 Excursion - Lake Keepit

29<sup>th</sup> Sept

- \*Yr 10 Semester 2 Exams
- \*Yr 9 Excursion – Lake Keepit

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Moree Country Education Fund CHANGE OF VENUE

AGM to be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 7pm at The Blue Room at Anglican Church 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 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

### Holiday Cooking Courses for Kids

<b>Summer Treats</b>	Ages 5 - 6 years	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Time: 2:00pm - 4:00pm	Cost: \$25.00
<b>Chocolate Lovers</b>	Ages 7+	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Time: 9am - 12 noon	Cost: \$30.00
<b>Picnic in the Paddock</b>	Ages 7+	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Time: 9:00am - 12 noon	Cost: \$30.00

Where: Kitchen at Moree Secondary College, Albert St  
Bookings: Moree Secondary College Phone : 6752 1999 or Jane Garland : 0428840266

### 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](mailto:kgmoree@bigpond.net.au) Grading: for NEW players from 5.00 pm Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 09 Registrations close: Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> 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



### MOREE AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC. Registration Dates and AGM

The Moree Amateur Swimming Club Inc. will be holding registration days on the following dates:

Monday 28 September: Moree Spa Baths Complex – Foyer 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Wednesday 30 September: Moree Spa Baths Complex – Foyer 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Thursday 22 October: First Club Night – 6:00 pm after the AGM

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOTIFICATION** The Moree Amateur Swimming Club Inc. will be holding their AGM at 5:45 pm on Thursday 22 October night in the Club House at the Moree Spa Baths Complex. All members are encouraged to attend as there will be executive, ordinary and sub committee member positions to be filled.

Thanks, 2008-2009 Committee

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT SWIMMING CLUB PLEASE CALL LEAH MORRIS ON 67 521 630 OR (0428) 296 771**

## P & F NEWS

What a great day!

Everyone seemed to enjoy the Spring Fair.

The P&F would like to thank all the coordinators, helpers and supporters of the 2009 Spring Fair especially during such a busy few weeks of the Healing Waters Festival.

The Spring Fair raises much needed funds to further our children's education. A special thanks to all the students who helped on the two days, it is great to see such support from our student body and it didn't go unnoticed by the community.

Next week we will have a list of all sponsors please stay tuned.

Thank you from the P&F