



ST PHILOMENA'S SCHOOL, MOREE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Year 10 undertake their **School Certificate Trials** this week. This is important preparation for the formal examinations which follow in two weeks time.

In **August 2010**, St Philomena's School has been invited to host a breakfast for **Variety, the Children's Charity**. While **Variety, the Children's Charity** is involved in many high profile activities each year, this occasion is part of the *Variety Bash*, where drivers and crews travel through the outback, having a hoot of a time, bringing fun to towns along the way and most importantly raising funds to improve the quality of life of children with special needs. The Basher's extraordinary cars will be lined up on our school oval and we will get to meet the drivers and their crews. This is a **BIG** breakfast experience for many hungry enthusiasts! Not only will we get to join in the fun, but we will be financially rewarded for our catering. Additionally, **Variety the Children's Charity** leaves generous gifts and resources for the schools they interact with, along their bash route. The Parents' and Friends' Association will be looking for your great ideas and support in 2010, as St Philomena's takes on the *Variety Bash Breakfast*.

On Saturday the **Primary Choir** drew many compliments as they entertained at the annual Fairview Fete. With a repertoire of eleven songs, they were sensational bringing great joy to the residents of Fairview, parents and fete visitors. Congratulations!

"**Showcasing the Arts**" will be held for your enjoyment on Friday **November 13th**. In our school, there is so much talent which deserves to be shared! Last year the Parents' and Friends' Association promoted such an evening, with great success, offering an occasion for our parents and families to gather socially for pure entertainment. THE P&F will provide a sausage sizzle and drink for those attending. BYO nibbles and chair. More details to follow in next weeks newsletter.

To assist us with our planning for next year, if you are not returning, please use the form in this newsletter to communicate this information to us.

Karen Jagers

WEEKLY REFLECTION

The phrase: **if you have faith you can move mountains**, is not one that readily comes to mind this week; but the Gospel of Mark speaks of the son of Timaeus and Jesus response to this blind man who is cured and who follows Jesus along the road.

Jesus called the blind man to himself even though the crowd was great. It was probably only one of two things Jesus could do – ignore him, or help him. Even the apostles are nonplussed, because everyone has told the blind man to be quiet. "**Courage**" is called for, and courage it is that brings the blind man to Jesus.

Jesus, when he has the man in front of him, asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" "Master, let me see again." This statement implies that there was a time when Bartimaeus **could** see; so he knows what he is missing! People sometimes value that which they have lost through no fault of their own.

Jesus also would have known exactly what the man wanted, but he requires that we ask for what is needed. That is our part to play: "**Ask and you will receive.**"

We are each called by Jesus to return to the "land" that God has set aside for us. In this way, in this small beginning God calls us to God's self. There is no recrimination on Bartimaeus for seeking out the "Master". **There is no greater joy than to receive what we have been waiting on and promised.**

Jesus is many things. In his life on earth he was a miracle worker, a healer. He also confronted those who would push away the weak and the downtrodden. **He calls us to himself everyday in some one or more ways.**

Are we listening to the voice of Jesus in the liturgy? **Are we listening** to Jesus through our partner's voice? **Are we listening** to the voice of Jesus in our children? **Are we responding** to those who call us to come closer; those who are able to heal us with a word or in some action?

Let us pray that throughout this week we pray for those students doing exams; may they hear Jesus call to real life in him

Every good wish,

Pat Clancy.

WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

School photos

Sports and group photos are available to order in the school office until 5th November. Please collect an order envelope from the office.
Thank you , Cate Bailey

STUDENTS LEAVING THE SCHOOL

If your child is **not returning** to St Philomena's School in 2010, please fill out the form below and return it to the Principal . Thank you.

My child / children ----- from class/es -----

will be leaving St Philomena's at the end of the term / year / date ----- to attend -----

----- in -----
(name of new school) (town)

Signed ----- Print your name: -----

SECONDARY NEWS

University of New South Wales Mathematics Competition Results

The following students are to be congratulated for their achievements in the University of New South Wales Mathematics Competition.

Credit Certificates were awarded to:

- Year 3 - Flynn Berry, Amelia Crowe and Thomas Haddad
- Year 4 – Celine Depczynski, Alexandra Pitman and Joseph Smith
- Year 5 – Jarrod Bourke, Charlie Wareham and Regan O'Connor
- Year 7 – Laura Haddad, Connor Lovett, Nick Marshall and Andrew Stevenson
- Year 8 – Katherine Munn
- Year 9 – Patrick Quirk and Kate Tuart

Distinction Certificates were awarded to:

- Year 3 – Sarah Wyatt
- Year 9 – Lauren Davis

Cathy Downes and Alana Goldman

Secondary Apex Public Speaking

Congratulations to Laini Kirkman (yr 8) who won the Secondary Apex Public Speaking Competition during Week 10 of Term 3. Laini presented her speech on celebrity role models. She spoke of the antics of some questionable celebrity role models and questioned the influence they are having on the behaviour of our youth today. Laini then covered the great works of other celebrity role models who assist starving children overseas and provide valuable funding for education and health care. Laini's speech was well written and well presented. Her victory in the competition is a commendable. Well done.

Study Skills Program

The Year 7, 8 and 9 Semester Two examinations and Year 10 School Certificate examinations will be conducted during Week 4 of Term 4. The 'Study Skills Sessions' will be continue this Wednesday the 28th October from 3.20pm till 4.20pm in R4. Those students who attended last week need to bring along all their handouts from Week 1, the work they have done in preparation for Week 2 (i.e. completion of the Week 1 handouts and any unit summaries they may have started) and a unit of work to summarise during this week's Study Skills Session.

If you would like to participate and you have not already notified me of your interest, please complete the slip below and return it to me Wednesday morning at Sport Assembly.

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I, _____ of _____ (Pastoral Class) would like to participate in the study skills program

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Parent's / Guardian's name

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Parent's / Guardian's signature

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Date

Alana Goldman

ACER Exams – Assessment for Language Competence in Japanese

This year the Year 8 and 9 Japanese students were given the opportunity to do the Australian National Language Certificate presented by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER). The following students who completed the Japanese certificate Level 1 exam were Isobel Manchee (Year 3), Sarah Buckley (Year 8), Katherine Munn (Year 8), Emily Taylor (Year 8) and Georgina Venz (Year 8). The Year 9 students who completed the Japanese certificate Level 2 exam were Jesse Brinkmann and Kate Tuart.

All students participated in a level above their current knowledge and should be congratulated on their efforts. This achievement at such an early stage in their language development is very impressive.

Japanese Certificate 1

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| High Distinction | Sarah Buckley (Year 8) |
| Distinction | Isobel Manchee (Year 3) |
| Credit | Katherine Munn (Year 8), Emily Taylor (Year 8), Georgina Venz (Year 8) |

Japanese Certificate 2

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| Jesse Brinkmann | Credit for Listening; Participation for Reading |
| Kate Tuart | Participation for Listening and Reading |

Helen O'Neill

School to work transition seminar – Tamworth

I have received information from the Central West Community College concerning a seminar for parents of children with disabilities who will be leaving school education in the next few years. The seminar is to be held in Tamworth on Thursday 5th November at the Tamworth Community Centre. The aim of the seminar is to provide parents with strategies to support their child from school into the workplace as well as up-to-date information on post-school opportunities, including apprenticeships, traineeships, TAFE and other options. The seminar is free to all. For further information please contact Mr May or Mrs Meg Bourke at the school.

Andrew May

Work Experience

A number of students are yet to return their work experience forms. Can these please be returned to Mr May by the end of week 2 so that all arrangements can be made in good time. If your child is unable to obtain work experience, please inform Mr May

Andrew May

Year 9 Excursion

Many thanks to the students of Year 9 who participated in such great style at the Year 9 excursion held at Lake Keepit at the end of Term 3. Everyone had a fantastic time and students learnt a great deal about each other and themselves during the course of the excursion. My deepest thanks go to Miss Banson, Miss Yuko Kuriki and Mr Conomos who gave up their time to assist (and in Miss Banson's case, get very, very wet).

Andrew May

Year 10 Dinner

Friday 27th November is fast approaching! Tickets for the Graduation Dinner will shortly go on sale and will be available through the school office. Tickets are \$50 per person. The format for this year is similar to 2008, in that the dinner will be preceded by the Graduation Mass, commencing at 6:00 pm. The venue for the dinner is the Moree RSL club.

Andrew May

Water Polo

Junior water polo begins tomorrow evening at 6.00pm at the local pool. If any students are interested in a game of water polo please come on down every Wednesday.

Sean Baldwin

Local Sporting Feats

Congratulations to a number of students who have been involved in recent sporting success representing local teams and Moree. We had a large number of St Philomena's students taking part in the soccer Grand Finals last Thursday. Sachin Ramsamy, Meg Spain and Eliza Bourke won special awards for their performances throughout the year. St Philomena's was well represented in district cricket matches against Gunnedah last Sunday scoring plenty of runs and taking wickets. In Warialda on Sunday, Angus Croft, Angus Smith and Sam Roohan won trophies at the Junior Open Championships.

Sean Baldwin

I am a great supporter of the old adage "Kids who play sport do better in the classroom". I also believe this adage extends to kids who play musical instruments, try drama or painting, or simply have and outside interest that excites and enthuses them. They too will perform better in the classroom. **Bob Allwright –Presenter of Brilliant Minds Workshop held at St Philomena's for Yr 10's last week**

Berg Shield Cricket

Next Thursday our Berg Shield cricket team will travel to Inverel to compete in the first round of this Statewide competition. Players from Year 7, 8 and 9 are eligible to compete. St Philomena's has drawn O'Connor Armidale in the first round whilst Holy Trinity will be playing McCarthy Tamworth. The winners of either match will then play a second round match whilst the losing

teams will have a consolation 30 overs-a-side match. Our side this year is very young as we have lost a lot of experienced players from last year, but the boys are full of enthusiasm and I am sure they will perform to the best of their ability next Thursday.

Sean Baldwin

COMMUNITY NEWS

“Showcasing the Arts” Friday, November 13th at 7pm
BYO – nibbles and chair. Sausage sizzle and drink provided by P&F



St Philomena's P&F Spring Fair 2009

What a great day! The fair went brilliantly with many stalls a sell out. This year food was a feature. Thank you to those who contributed to providing the variety of food available. The other new feature was the Sand Wizard stall with children rushing to have a go. The children had a ball and it was great to see all the families enjoying themselves. All funds raised will be used to benefit the school.

A big thank you to our stall and activities coordinators and helpers. Without their support the day would not happen. We would especially like to thank the students and teachers that helped on the day and in particular the Prefect Body who were the MC's for the day.

St Philomena's P&F would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their donations, support and assistance for the Spring Fair 20 September 2009

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| Apex Moree | Metaland |
| Arthur family | Michelle Maurer |
| Auscott | Moree Car Spa |
| Auto Touch Ups West | Moree Fire Brigade |
| Ali Estens | Moree Freight Services |
| Australia Post | Moree Mitre 10 |
| Back 2 Front Turf | Moree Motor Enthusiasts Club |
| Balo Square Newsagency | Moree Pharmacy |
| Balo Square salon | Moree Pipe band |
| Barrington family | Moree on a Plate Committee |
| Berry Building Services | Moree Plains Shire Council |
| Boomi Party Hire | Moree Real Estate |
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| Catholic Women's League | Moree Signs and Embroidery |
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| Coates Hire | Namoi Cotton |
| C&W Partners | Pitman Deakin |
| DG&SM Moore Carpet Cleaning | Powermaster Batteries |
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