



ST PHILOMENA'S SCHOOL, MOREE

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This Friday we take the opportunity to thank the vast range of volunteers who contribute so generously and effectively in a multitude of ways in our school. Our **Thanksgiving Mass** is being celebrated on Friday, November 6th, at the Town Hall commencing at 9:30 am. All members of the school community are warmly welcome to attend. Morning Tea follows in the school hall.

Our **school website** now has a **BER (Building Education Revolution) page**. As our projects continue, this page will expand. Visit <http://www.stphilomenasmoree.nsw.edu.au> to view the BER page.

KO is the most recent classroom to have a **Smartboard** installed, occurring last week. The K-10 school now has 13 Smartboards as ICT resources.

Remembrance Day will be acknowledged on Wednesday 11th November at 10:40am (TBC) on the bitumen area. Parents, relatives and friends are very welcome to attend.

With the newness of the term over, amongst many school dates, the following are highly significant dates. Please note them if and where relevant.

• 6 th November (Friday)	Thanksgiving Mass	Week 3
• 6 th November (Friday)	K-2 Games Night / Kindergarten Sleepover	Week 3
• 9 th , 10 th & 11 th November	Year 10 School Certificate Exams	Week 4
• 13 th November (Friday)	"Showcasing the Arts" evening sponsored by the P&F	Week 4
• 17 th November (Tuesday)	Kindergarten Orientation Day 9.30am	Week 5
• 19 th November (Thursday)	Connecting Kinders visit # 1	Week 5
• 25 th November (Wednesday)	Year 7 Orientation Day 9.30am	Week 6
• 26 th November (Thursday)	Connecting Kinders visit #2	Week 6
• 27 th November (Friday)	Year 10 Graduation Mass and Dinner	Week 6
• 10 th December (Thursday)	Year 10 last day of school	Week 8
• 11 th December (Friday)	K-10 Prize-giving Ceremonies	Week 8
• 16 th December (Wednesday)	Last day of Term 4 for students	Week 9
• 17 th December (Thursday)	PUPIL FREE DAY	Week 9
• 18 th December (Friday)	PUPIL FREE DAY	Week 9

To assist us with our planning for 2010, **if you are not returning** to St Philomena's School, please use the form in this newsletter to communicate this information to us.

Karen Jagers

"Showcasing the Arts"



A night of performance and music presented by students of St Philomena's School.

Sponsored by the P&F

Sausage sizzle and drinks for sale

Friday 13th November, 7pm – 9.30pm in the school grounds

Bring your own nibbles and chair

All are welcome to enjoy a convivial evening while being entertained by our talented students

WEEKLY REFLECTION
WEEK OF ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS

On Friday the friends and families of Saint Philomena's School will be totally engaged in a Mass of Thanksgiving from 9:30am at the Moree Town Hall, followed by morning tea in the School Hall. Our welcome extends to all who have been gracious in helping individuals and the school in any way.

As this year disappears quickly into the past and our work and social lives head into the Advent Season of the Church very soon, we prepare carefully for the last seven weeks. **These weeks are especially poignant to our Year Ten students as they move on, out into the world of work and further education.** The goal we have of giving of our best has been brought home to both teachers and students. We move more deeply into this final term knowing that some things are yet to be done; but, in the wisdom of both parents and teachers, we know that your child has given of their best sometime throughout the year and we are both proud and elated at their higher levels of accomplishment.

The Gospel of Luke (14:7-11) has been chosen for our Thanksgiving Mass. The focus is on **finding our place in the great scheme of things.** We are called into God's work of bringing up our collective children firstly in humility and in love. We are guests of each other and we need to remember that we are never alone.

In our search for God in our own lives we keep on searching because we are unaware that God is within us. We keep searching everywhere but right under our nose, in our own heart. We need to tap into the Holy Spirit in our lives and ask: **"What do you ask of me, O God?"** Then it is that we are open to the Lord's work.

So, as we are caught up in the momentum towards the end of the year, the end of the school year, **we wish each other the grace to accomplish that which is needed by our family and friends,** and that which is needed to bring us closer to the ever-present God we seek with a clean heart and an open mind.

May our prayers find a place at the Table of the Lord, and may we each gain a little more depth to our soul so that we may bring each other safely through troubled waters or through the dunes of the dry desert in our search for love and peace in Christ Jesus, our Lord. See you on Friday at our Thanksgiving Mass, our prayer for you.

Every good wish,

Pat Clancy.

THANKSGIVING MASS, FRIDAY,
9:30AM
AT MOREE TOWN HALL



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



SECONDARY M.A.D NIGHT

This Thursday, Secondary **Music Art and Drama** elective students will be showcasing their talents and artworks in the School hall at 6pm. We encourage as many people to attend as possible as this is an assessment task for some students. Light refreshments will be available. Come along and be entertained!

Casey McCowan

After School Maths Tutoring

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no after school maths this Thursday.

Water polo starts on Wednesday

Sean Baldwin

University of New South Wales English Competition Results

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

Credit Certificates were awarded to:

Year 7 – Nathan Bruno, Laura Haddad

Year 8 – Katherine Munn

Year 9 – Lauren Davis, Anna Newnham

Alana Goldman

School based Traineeships or Apprenticeships

For students going on to Moree Secondary College into Year 11 in 2010 and would like to complete a school based traineeship or apprenticeship the following positions are vacant:

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Type of Traineeship/Apprenticeship</u>
Moree Tyre Power	Automotive
Hunter New England Area Helath	Health Service Assistant x 2
Auscott Limited	Automotive
Auscott Limited	Metal & Engineering
Auscott Limited	Primary Industries
Auscott Limited	Business Services
Moree Plains Shire council	Indigenous Business Administration
Moree Plains Shire Council	Library and Invorfmaton Services
McDonald Moree	Traineeships

If you would like further details on these positions could you please contact Liz Pilon on 0428 522833.

Andrew May

School Certificate information

Students in Year 10 sitting their School Certificate examinations in Week 4 are required to wear full school uniform, NOT sports uniform, for the duration of the examinations. Year 10 will not participate in school sport on Wednesday morning therefore are NOT to wear their sports uniform on that day.

In accordance with Board of Studies guidelines, students will not be allowed to take opaque pencil cases into the examination room. As has been explained to them, they will be required to carry their pens, pencils, ruler and calculator in a clear plastic bag such as an A4 sheet protector. In order to prevent unnecessary embarrassment or problems, please ensure that your child complies with this instruction

Andrew May

PRIMARY NEWS

McAuley Feast Day

On Wednesday the 11th November St Philomena's will be celebrating McAuley Feast Day. There will be a number of green food items available for purchase. More information regarding the food and prices will be on next weeks newsletter.

McAuley Feast Day Committee

Year 7 Transition

A reminder to Yr 6 parents to send in the transition permission slips to Mrs Bourke as soon as possible. The first transition morning is next Wednesday.

Meg Bourke

4PV Sport:

From this week and for the remainder of the term, 4PV students will need to wear their sports uniforms every Wednesday and Thursday, and normal summer uniform on the other days.

Thank you. **Mr Boyd/Mrs Philp**

Water Awareness Reminder

Thank you to all of the parents who have returned the permission note and money for Water Awareness. Just a reminder that this money is due by Friday 6th November. We will be commencing Water Awareness next Friday 13th November. If you are able to assist us either in or out of the pool and haven't yet let us know, please send a note into your child's teacher. We will greatly appreciate your assistance.

Thank you in advance, **Dayna Raulston**

K-2 Games Night.

This Friday we are having a **RAINBOW GAMES NIGHT** for the K-2 students. It will start at 6:30pm and finish at 8pm. For \$4 (or \$8 a family), the students will have an evening full of fun, games and dancing. Prizes will be awarded to the best rainbow dresser in each grade. Students will need a note if they are being picked up by an adult other than their parents. Please send the note to the class teacher prior to the Games Night.

Pamela O'Neill

KM GUIDED READING

Guided reading has re-started in KM. We would love any helpers on Mondays and Thursdays at 10.30am. Guided reading will conclude in Week 7.

Catherine Moylan

KINDER SLEEPOVER

Just a reminder that Kinder Sleepover is this Friday 6th November following the K-2 Games Night. Any outstanding money and permission notes need to be sent to school by Wednesday 4th November. Thank you for your assistance with this.

Catherine Moylan and Pamela O'Neill



K – 2 Water Awareness

As a requirement of the PDHPE curriculum all students in Years K – 2 will be participating in a Water Awareness Program in Term 4. The program shall only run for five weeks. The dates are as follows:

- Week 4 Friday – 13/11/09
- Week 5 Friday – 20/11/09
- Week 6 Friday – 27/11/09
- Week 7 Thursday – 3/12/09 and Friday 4/12/09

Session Times are:	Year 2	10.00 – 11.00
	Year 1	11.00 – 12.00
	Kinder	12.00 – 1.00

For this program to be successful we are again asking for the invaluable support of our parent body. Any parent who is willing to help (formal swimming qualifications not essential) on any of these days, either in or out of the water, could you please fill out the form below, identifying times and dates and return to the school office

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I,am able to assist with infant water awareness on the following day and during the following sessions. Child's Name: Year:

Your contact phone number:.....

Week 4	Friday 13/11/09	Yr 2/ Yr 1/ Kinder
Week 5	Friday 20/11/09	Yr 2/ Yr 1/ Kinder
Week 6	Friday 27/11/09	Yr 2/ Yr 1/ Kinder
Week 7	Thursday 3/12/09	Yr 2/ Yr 1/ Kinder
	Friday 4/12/09	Yr 2/ Yr 1/ Kinder

Thank you, **Toni Munro**

CANTEEN ROSTER

THURSDAY'S SPECIAL

Hot Dogs with sauce \$2.00

Hot Dogs with sauce and cheese \$2.50

Wednesday 4th	Thursday 5th	Friday 6th	Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th
Bernadette Seery	Jenny Carrigan	CANTEEN CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING MASS	Kerrie Gaynor	Dannielle Robinson
Pat Sinclair	Cath Cannington			Mike Montgomery
Sam Ledingham	Amanda Fisher			
	Vicki Haddad			
			HELPERS NEEDED	HELPERS NEEDED

The Canteen is closed on Friday 6th November for the Thanks giving Mass, for both recess and lunch.

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.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

TUESDAY 2.00pm—4.00pm

THURSDAY 8.30am—10.30am

REMINDER: Year 7 Appointments available on Tuesdays between 2pm & 4pm. Please phone Terry-Anne outside these hours on 67528152 for your appointment.

Terry- Anne Sharples

WEEKLY CALENDAR

4 th Nov *Yr 4 Ambulance visit – Hall 2-3pm *Author Visit	5 th Nov *Secondary MAD Night *Author Visit? *Berg Shield Cricket Inverell	6 th Nov *K-2 Games night *Kinder Sleepover *Thanksgiving Mass	9 th Nov *Yr 10 School Certificate *Yr 7, 8 & 9 Semester Exams	10 th Nov *Yr 10 School Certificate *Yr 7, 8 & 9 Semester Exams
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P&F NEWS

'Showcasing the Arts' is on Friday 13th please bring a chair and come along to support the evening from 7pm in the school grounds. Sausage sizzle and drinks will be available to purchase.

The next P&F Meeting is on Wednesday, 18th November, at 7pm. All are welcome!