



Term 2 Week 6

Important Dates

Student Free Day
Friday 10 June

**Public Holiday -
Queen's Birthday**
Monday 13 June

Enrolment Tour
Wednesday 15 June

**Reception
Transition**
Friday 17 June

Principal's Report

Hi all!

As myself and Emily complete our time as Acting Principal, we'd like to acknowledge how grateful we are for the support we've received throughout this short period of time. It has been a lovely reminder of how supportive the community at St Columba's really is.

We have come to realise more specifically, and have a deeper awareness and gratitude for our principal, Scott, and more broadly for all principals. Even though it has only been two weeks, we have been able to grasp ever so lightly, the constant balance a principal has to juggle. Holding space for students, teachers, parents, staff, the community, as well as the admin side of running a school. It's a demanding job, one you never really switch off from, even after you have left the school grounds. So, while we can, we want to acknowledge not only Scott's work and what he does for this school, but also our neighbouring principals at YAS, Michael Beelitz and Warooka Primary, Beth Purdy-Dart. Thank you for the hard work and

constant sacrifices you make for the children in our community.

Over the past two weeks, three of our students attended SAPSASA football competition in Adelaide. Congratulations to Max Johnson, Angus Slade and Sam Phasey. The boys won two of their games and had a great time over the three-day period.

We'd also like to acknowledge the outstanding effort made by Lukas Rowe, whilst attending the Cross-Country running event, held at Oakbank this week. Lukas was a great representative for our school and did very well in his group.

Please don't forget that tomorrow is a Student Free Day. Staff will be attending a refresher course for First Aid on site.

Once again, thank you for the patience and support you've shown us over the past two weeks. We look forward to having Scott back on site in week seven.

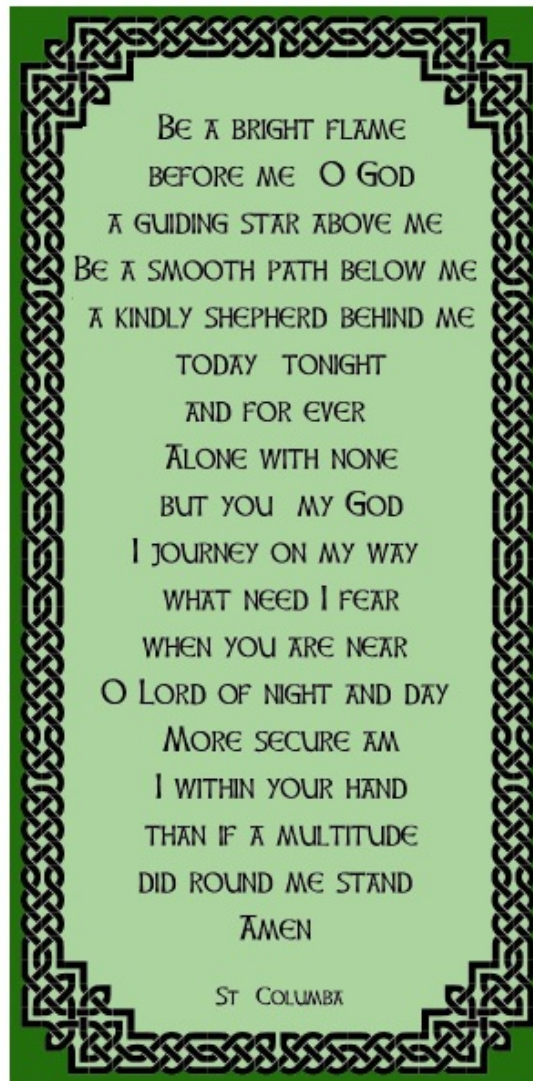
Have a wonderful long weekend,

God Bless,

Miriam Honner and Emily Rowe

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Recent News



Hello!

Today is the feast day of St Columba and we take the time to remember who this man was and why he is important to us and our faith and our community. St Columba was born in Ireland around 521AD in County Donegal. Tradition asserts that, sometime around 560, he became involved in a dispute with Saint Finnian over a psalter (prayers). Columba copied the manuscript at the Scriptorium under Saint Finnian, intending to keep the copy. Saint Finnian disputed his right to keep the copy. The dispute eventually led to the pitched Battle of Cul Dremhe in 561, during which many men were killed. As penance for these deaths, Columba suggested that he work as a missionary in Scotland to help convert as many people as had been killed in the battle. He also promised to move from Ireland and never again to see his native island. At 42 and landed on the island of Iona off the coast of Scotland. There he built the monastery which was to become world famous. With SS Canice and Comgall he spread the gospel to the Picts; he also developed a monastic rule which many followed until the introduction of St. Benedicts. He died on Iona and is also known as Colm, Colum and Columcille. He is one of the three patron saints of Ireland.

May we follow his example and learn how to overcome our failures and to work towards making right our wrongs. And maybe even enjoy a nip of Scottish whisky in his honour!

Have a lovely rest of week.

Miriam

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From the Front Office

Hi all,

Just a few housekeeping matters:

Student Information

At the end of last year, forms were sent home to update family contact information. I am still waiting for some forms from families. If you have yours still at home or if any of your contact information, emergency contacts etc has changed, please notify the school in writing to info@scms.catholic.edu.au so that we can update our records.

Drink Bottles

We have noticed an increasing number of students coming to school without drink bottles. We have cups in the staff room just in case but can parents please make sure students bring a drink bottle with them to school each day. We are trying to encourage students that despite it being cold outside, it's still important to drink water throughout the day.

Fruit Time

Each morning, students have fruit time where they are able to have a piece of fruit or vegetable while they work. This should be something easy to eat at their desks with minimal interruption. A number of students have been bringing other snack items that are not fruit or vegetable or items that require spoons and forks. If cutlery is required, can you please pack some with your child as we have a limited amount available at school.

Lunch Orders

As with the cutlery mentioned above, if your child requires cutlery for their lunch order, can you please send some in their lunch box or bio spoons and forks are available for purchase under Snacks in the Qkr app.

Uniforms

We have a large number of un-named jumpers in the front office that are being left around the yard after recess and lunch. If you are missing any items, please let me know. This is a timely reminder to label all uniform items, jumpers in particular, so that we can return them to students. If you would like to purchase any uniform items, please feel free to pop into the office between 8.30am and 3.30pm or contact me via phone or email. We have a range of sizes in stock and can order in anything if need be.

Have a lovely long weekend!

Nicole

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Reception News



Days of the Week!



Last week the Reception classroom learnt the 'Days of the Week'. To help with our learning we played a game called 'Worms & Dragonflies' and we made some 'Days of the Week' caterpillars.

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Junior Primary News



In Year 1/2 religion we have started learning about the Seven Sacraments. These sacraments are given to us by God through the Catholic faith, as a visible gift and a reminder that he loves us.

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Literacy Coaching - Year 5/6/7



A group of Senior Students works with me 2 mornings a week, during our school Spelling Time. Our goal in this 15 minute slot, is to explore Descriptive Writing and practise various techniques that will make our writing more vivid and alive. We have brainstormed how we already attempt to do this and each week we are adding a new strategy. We have discussed HYPERBOLE, and how the exaggeration is not meant to be taken literally, but rather to stress a point that the writer wants to make. An example we examined stated that the writer felt so elated and surreal on top of the mountain, that he felt he could touch heaven.

We are currently examining the Noun Group, and how knowing what features it contains, allows us to expand our own writing to make what we are describing move from the mundane into becoming 'alive' for the reader. Here is the example we worked on together.

The noun, 'dog' becomes: His muddy, lonely, kelpie dog, with the black patch over his right eye, and a determination to endear himself to anyone foolish enough to stand still..... Once we recognise that we can expand a simple noun with a POINTER (His), DESCRIBER (muddy), QUANTIFIER (lonely), CLASSIFIER (Kelpie), and the longest component, QUALIFIER (with the patch.....to stand still), our writing takes on a great deal of polish.

Regards,

Mandy Thompson, Literacy Coach.

Home Economics



Welcome to
Kitchen
Columbas!



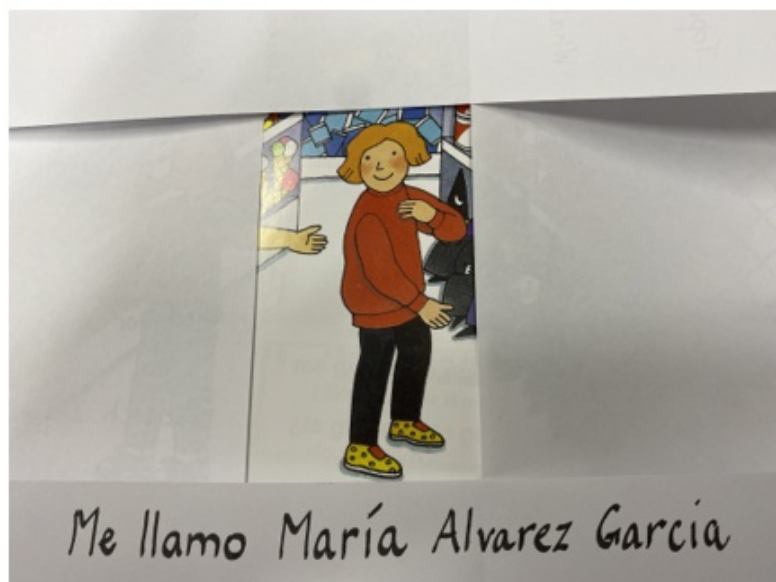
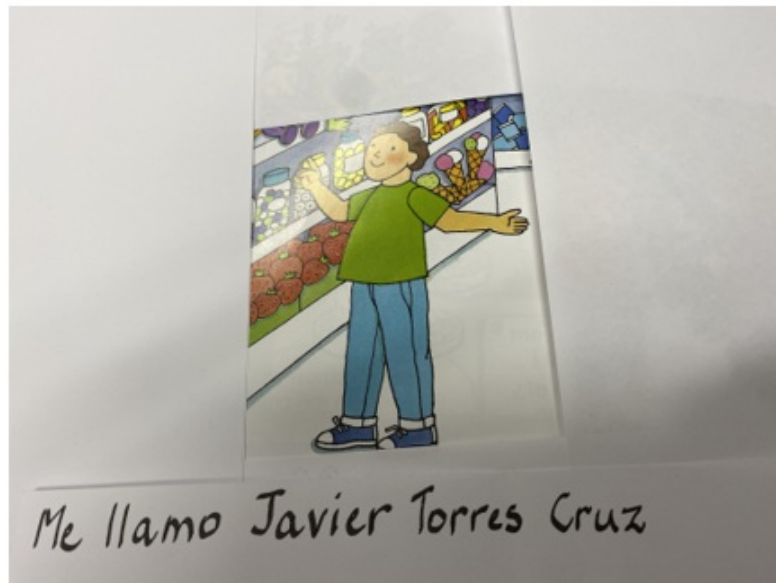
Henry even cooked
the jacket potatoes
at home for his
family!



Our first cooking group has completed their unit of work in the kitchen, with Jo Minks. They have cooked Thai Pumpkin Soup, Nachos and Jacket Potatoes with a delicious Slaw. All simple and healthy recipes, that can be cooked at a minimal cost. To conclude their unit of work in the kitchen, students opened a pop-up café in the Hall for all staff members. Students were to cook for, appropriately wait on and serve the staff. They did a fantastic job, all demonstrating skills that will be useful in their daily activities and interactions with community members. It has been fantastic to see some of our students cooking at home for their families. This is a great example of school programs, creating health habits at home. Although it can be a test of patience at home, practicing these life skills will be valuable for the rest of their life.

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Spanish News



In Spanish speaking countries, people have 2 last names, one from their father and the other from their mother. For example if your father's name is John Davis and your mother's name is Laurel Cunningham then your name would be Peter Davis Cunningham. See if you can work out what your Spanish last names would be. You would have your Christian name, then your father's last name, then your grandfather's last name on your mother's side.

An example: Mark Peters married Mary Jones and had a baby girl Sue. Her name would be Sue Peters Johns.

What is your Spanish name??

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Library News



At lunchtimes a group of our wonderful 5/6/7 students hold their Knitting Club in the Library. This is such a popular activity with the children of all ages. This group of students set up at recess time ready for their sessions at lunchtime. What a wonderful group of students we have at our school!

Book Club Issue 4 - Could all orders for this issue please be in by Tuesday the 14th of June.

Thankyou

Julie Anderson

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New Mama Meet Up



PLAY - GATHER - GROW

***New Mama
Meet Up***

A place to meet for Mums of
new babies up to 6 months old.

St Columba's School Hall
10.30am - midday each Tuesday of
the school term.

For more information call or text
Katie on 0429166392.

*Tea and barista coffee provided
free of charge.*

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LAPS OF THE LAKE

COMMUNITY WALK

*Meet at Weaner's Flat, Yorketown.
All abilities welcome.*

Every Wednesday morning, 9.00-10.00am

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Garden Woes -
dealing with pests
and diseases in
an organic and
sustainable way



Join Sophie Thomson, garden consultant,
writer, author and presenter, at Mays
Nursery Yorketown as she chats all things
pests and sustainable gardening!

10.00am, Monday 13th June
(Long Weekend Monday)

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A connecting community event
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May's Nursery,
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