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**25th April-8th May**

**Our Friend Riley**

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to our great mate Riley Harris last Friday and all our thoughts and prayers are with John, Sharon, Wade and Teagan, their extended family and Riley’s many friends.

Riley lived a big life at Columba and had an extraordinary impact on all those around him. Staff and students alike learnt much from Riley. He taught us all to be resilient, brave, to see the humour in everything and to make the most of all our opportunities. Even more importantly Riley showed us how to be a good friend. Riley was very perceptive and had a great understanding of other people which enabled him to connect very strongly with all those around him, making him hugely popular with students in every grade. Riley would be the first to show compassion and sympathy towards others even when ill himself. He would always use humour to make other people feel better.

When it was announced last year that Riley would be the coach of the school football team, a remarkable feat for a 13 year old, a huge cheer went up and the team played superbly for their coach,

Riley achieved much in his time at Columba, including many sporting feats in cricket and athletics but his greatest legacy was to show us how to live a great life. At Columba, we will honour Riley by making the most of every opportunity to be the best we can be and by being good friends to one another. Thanks Riley for all your gifts to us.

Rest in peace.

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**School Photos**

Thursday 2nd May  
Full Winter uniform!
Fr. John Update

Fr. John rang earlier this term to wish everyone a great term. He was in great spirits and said the treatment was progressing very well. He hopes to have a respite from treatment later in the year to take a short holiday. Please keep Fr. John in your prayers.

District Sports

Congratulations to the Athletics Team at the District Sports, they were weighed down by all the ribbons won on the day! Many talented students have qualified for the Zone Athletics to be held on May 9th at the Newborough Athletics ground.

Go Vanessa!

Best of luck to Vanessa Gooden who flies to Queensland this week to compete in the Australian BMX Championships. Vanessa will compete in the Under 11 section. A wonderful achievement and we wish her every success.

Footy Jumper Monday

Students may wear Footy Jumpers (any code, any sport) on Mondays if their teams wins. And yes, we hope Bomber supporters are able to wear their jumper every week!

Wet Weather Gear

Please ensure that your child has suitable wet weather gear if they are using the Pick-Up Line at the end of the day.

Because so many students are now using the Pick-up line it is impractical to have them wait in the Multi-purpose Room on wet days! (Don’t forget, this includes staff as well!)

In the event of torrential rain we will place students inside but on all other occasions they will need wet weather gear to wait outside in the Pick-Up area.

Mother’s Day Celebrations

Don’t forget our special Mother’s Day Luncheon in the Multi-purpose Room next Thursday, 9th May. Over 50 people are attending the Luncheon and we thank June Aspinall and Liz McDonagh for all their efforts. It is sure to be a really special day at Columba.

There is also a Mother’s Day Stall next Tuesday 7th May and gifts range from $2.00—$10.00. There is a limit of 2 gifts per child initially and any left-over gifts may be purchased on Friday 10th May.
Congratulations to Liam, Charlotte, Stephanie & William who have been selected as school leaders for the next fortnight. I am sure they will set a great example for all our students to follow.

Well done to Wade, Jason, Georgia & Jaimie who did a marvellous job as school leaders at the end of Term One.

Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea

Is an opportunity for us all to get behind Cancer research and make a difference. This is an invitation for you to join us on

Wednesday 15th May 10am
Iona-Maryknoll Parish Office
Next to St James School
60 Nar Nar Goon Road,
Nar Nar Goon

Sadly we are all touched by Cancer and no one is immune. By supporting events such as this we can contribute and hopefully one day there will be a cure. We remember especially at this time Fr John Allen & many of our parishioners who are currently receiving treatment for Cancer.

Further info ph. June 0410 561 842 or the parish Office 5942 593

Project Compassion 2013

Now that the season of Lent has been completed and the Easter season has begun with the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, it is now time to complete our annual Caritas Australia Project Compassion appeal.

We would be grateful if you could return your Project Compassion boxes with your donations by Friday 10th, so we can tally the money and send it off to Caritas.

Thank you to those who have already sent in their boxes or have donated online.

Please remember that with the funds you have contributed, you can Open doors into the future for others!

Leonie Hester
R.E.C
Many, many congratulations to the following students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday at Nar Nar Goon:

Liam Bow, Matthew Bow, Stephanie Evans, Dylan Gallasch, Wade Harris, Lilly Hatley-Smith, Finn Hower, Kassy Interlandi, Caitlin Marson, Jason Pisa, Jaimie Pullin and Olivia Wilson.

Many congratulations to Chloe and Maddy A’Herne and Sarah-Belle and Ben Joynes who received the Sacrament of Baptism during the Easter celebrations and to Tyson, Bonnie, Abbey and Diesel Ashe who were Baptised yesterday. Also congratulations to Matthew and Fiona Bow who received the Sacrament of Eucharist last weekend. God Bless.

Enrolments 2014

The process for Enrolments at Columba for 2014 will be slightly different from previous years.

All Columba Families should now have Preps enrolled for 2014.

General Enrolments will open for all members of the local community on April 15th and school tours for new families and school families will be organised after this date. Because of the demand for places at Columba, Catholic families will be enrolled first followed by non-Catholic Families, if places are available.

School Banking

Thank you to our wonderful parents who volunteered to assist with School Banking, we are very grateful to you all and Tracey Horne will take over as Banking Supervisor.

School Bank Day will be: Tuesday

We are counting the days until our All Star Book Fair begins and it is creeping up on us quickly.

Look out for the Book Fair flyer coming home and read about how you have the chance to win $250 in prizes and $1,000 for your school to spend on books. All you have to do is register (follow the instructions on the flyer) and read for 15 minutes every day.

Our Fair coincides with National Reading Month in May, encouraging us all to read and enjoy reading time together.

Preview, VIP Sales & Grand Opening
Tuesday 30th April
3:15 - 4:00pm

‘Every reader is a star’ event
Tuesday 7th May
1:30 - 6:30pm

“Read every day and lead a better life”.
April
Tuesday 30   Book Fair Begins

May
Thursday 2   School photos (Winter Uniform)
Friday 3   PIP’s Junior Sports (St Johns)
Friday 3   Assembly (Senior) Prayer: Grade 5/6
Tuesday 7   Mother’s Day Stall
Tuesday 7   Parent/Teacher Meetings
Wednesday 8   School Board AGM
Thursday 9   Mother’s Day Luncheon
Sunday 12   Mother’s Day
Sunday 12   Commitment Mass Eucharist
Tuesday 14   NAPLAN begins (Grade 3 & 5)
Friday 17   Parents & Friends Meeting
Friday 17   Scienecworks (Grade 2 & 3)
Friday 17   Assembly Prayer: Grade Prep
Tuesday 21   Grade 4 & 5 Liturgy of the Word and Communion
Tuesday 21   Eucharist Workshop
Thursday 23   Newsletter
Friday 24   Interschool Sport (Warragul) Away
Friday 24   School Disco
Friday 31   Assembly Prayer: Grade 2

June
Friday 7   Columba Day
Monday 10   Public Holiday
Wednesday 12   School Board Meeting
Friday 14   Assembly Prayer: Grade 3
Wednesday 19   I love to Learn Expo
Friday 21   Parents & Friends Meeting
Friday 21   Interschool Sport (Traf) Away
Sunday 23   Sacrament of Eucharist
Thursday 27   Reports sent home

ANZAC DAY
Thank you to the many Columba families who attended ANZAC Day services in Garfield and Bunyip.

Students represented their families and school superbly and it was great to see so many people at each service.

A very special thank you to all those Families who assisted with catering last Friday. I am very proud of our community and the way in which people rally around to support one another.

Assembly
The next Assembly is scheduled for Friday 3rd May at 2:30 pm. The Prayer will be lead by students from Grade Five/Six. Please come along and help celebrate the achievements of the students. All families are welcome to attend each Assembly.

Rosters
Sick Bay Linen
3rd May   Lelievre Family
10th May   Pullin Family

Tan Bark
27th/28th April   Dijkstra Family
4th/5th May   Birkett Family

With kindest regards,

Jan Gubbins
Principal

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CLASSES
COMBO-CIRCUIT 9.30AM MONDAY COMMENCING APRIL 15TH
BOOTCAMP 9.30AM FRIDAY COMMENCING 19TH APRIL
BOXFIT 7.00 PM WEDNESDAY COMMENCING 17TH APRIL
BOXFIT 8.00AM SATURDAY COMMENCING 20TH APRIL

ALL 10 WEEK CLASSES - $10 CLASS DISCOUNT FOR UP FRONT PAYMENT
MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE.

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• 1:2 $20.00 EACH
• 1:3 $15 EACH

SPECIAL - 10 PT SESSIONS FOR $300
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