Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed the Fete as much as I did! Friday was just a fantastic day/evening and it was terrific to see all the Columba Families working with such energy and enthusiasm for the school. The Fireworks were a truly fitting finale to a memorable Columba event! Many, many congratulations to the Fete Team for the outstanding success of this year’s Fete. It was very satisfying to see so many people from the local community attending and enjoying the Fete. Many people have commented on the friendly and welcoming atmosphere as well as the quality of the food, stalls and entertainment. The band, ‘Monkey Business’, added a wonderful dimension throughout the evening and we are very grateful to Rose Ahrens and the crew for once again sharing their talents and keeping us so well entertained!

One of the very special aspects of this year’s Fete was the many volunteers who joined the Fete Team and worked behind the scenes to ensure we all had a great day. I know you will join with me in thanking all these wonderful people for their tireless work with a special thank you going to Andrea Williams for coordinating the big event.

End of Term
Thursday 28th March
1:00 pm

Happy Easter to everyone!
Our Amazing Students

Congratulations to Will Papley & Matthew Nadenbousch who headed off to Sale on Monday to compete for selection in the Victorian School Cricket Squad. A terrific effort Will & Matt to reach this level!!

Congratulations to the Relay For Life participants

And Past Students!

Best of luck to Lauren Gooden who is flying to Canada over Easter to compete in an International Hockey Tournament. Lauren will represent The Wanderers.

School Sports

Many, many thanks to all our helpers and spectators last Friday at the School Sports. Your assistance ensured the success of the day. Thank you to Kim Delosa for organizing a special lunch for the students, a mighty effort after all the work in the canteen at the Fete!

I would also like to particularly acknowledge the efforts of our past pupils who came back especially to assist with the various events. They set an excellent example of community responsibility for Columba students. Well done, Dean, Aaron, Griff, Miranda, Matt, Josh, Chloe, Beth, Nick, Ben, Riley, Rhys, Alex, Akayla and Macy great to see you all again.

Congratulations Red Team!

Well done to our three Sports Teams, Red, Gold & Green on your enthusiastic and determined participation, with special congratulations to the winners of the 2013 House Sports—Red Team!

Champion Boy & Girl!

This year we had two Champion Boys, Dylan Gallasch & Jake Stewart, who both received a total of 32 points and Natalia Dijkstra was awarded Champion Girl with an amazing total of 34 points.
Congratulations to Wade, Jason, Georgia & Jaimie 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 Matt Bow, Dylan, Lilly and Olivia who did a marvelous job as school leaders during the past fortnight.

Fete Rides proudly sponsored by:
Bracken Electrical
Bunyip Swim School
Easter Prayer

Proclaiming Your Resurrection
Help us, O risen Lord, to proclaim your resurrection,
By bringing good news to the poor and healing the hearts that are broken.

Help us, O risen Lord, to proclaim your resurrection,
By feeding those who are hungry and clothing those who are naked.

Help us, O risen Lord, to proclaim your resurrection,
By releasing the captives of injustice and all who are
imprisoned by their suffering.

Help us, O risen Lord, to proclaim your resurrection,
By welcoming the foreigner and visiting those in
loneliness.

Help us, O risen Lord, to proclaim your resurrection,
By bringing your peace to those who are in trouble and
your joy to those who are in sorrow.

God of Life, who raised Jesus from the dead,
Help us to understand that we conquer death
And rise with Jesus today when we live in love.
We ask you this grace through Jesus Christ,

Who died in the face of human sin
And rose to show us life.
Amen.

Fr Lucien Deiss

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 Su-
pervisor next term.

The School Bank will resume next Term and we will
also send home an information package to each family
just incase any new families wish to join.

School Bank Day will be: Tuesday

Assembly

The next Assembly is scheduled for Friday 19th
April at 2:30 pm. (First Week of Term 2) The
Prayer will be lead by students from Grade
Prep/One. Please come along and help
celebrate the achievements of the students. All
families are welcome to attend each Assembly.

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.
In ELMS, we are learning all about the topic of FLIGHT. We started with listing all the things we know about flight – what can fly? So many things can – birds, butterflies, planes, helicopters, paper planes, insects. Our first focus was on insects that can fly. This is what we discovered…..

**THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY** by Maddy A’Herne
The Monarch Butterfly came from North America and has been in Australian for 142 years! The main food is milkweed plant which has a milky sap.

**DID YOU KNOW? THE PRAYING MANTIS**
by Will Grummisich
They have sharp claws. They blend into their surroundings. They pounce on their prey with spiky legs, pinning them down! They have super speedy reflexes and they have sticky legs too.

**THE DRAGONFLY** by Alex Squires
Did you know that dragonflies are located in wetlands? They are usually found in Australia.

**GRASSHOPPER. DID YOU KNOW?**
By Eli Bracken
Did you know that grasshoppers can be found throughout Australia? Did you know that these little backyard creatures can hop up to 20 times the length of their body?

**THE CABBAGE WHITE BUTTERFLY** by Pandora Frake
The cabbage white butterfly can be found all over Australia. This butterfly likes to munch on cabbage mostly and other vegies. The cabbage white butterfly is very small and is a pest to all people with a vegie garden.
LIBRARY NEWS

The Book Fair is coming!
Be ready in the first weeks of Term 2
Look out for opening times on posters displayed at School and on a flyer to come home next term with students.

Garfield Auskick 2013

First training session for Garfield Auskick will be Sunday April 21ST 9.30am – 11

Register and pay before April 19th you will receive 4 X Tickets to an AFL Game. ($65 online + $2.75 reg fee).
Registrations to be done online before the first training session
Registration pack contains a bag, footy, pump, hat, etc…. great value for money

Times and Draws for training will be handed out at the first week along with the packs if you have paid up in time for the bags to arrive
All registration enquiries to Tate Burgmann 0433995744 (tate.burgmann@campari.com)
All coaching enquiries to Paul Osborne (ossie30@bigpond.net.au)
Congratulations to:

Raffle Winners:
First Prize: Donna Bolch
Second Prize: K. Clark
Third Prize: Kathy Hickey

Cutest Pet:
Flopsy (Marson Family)

Colouring Competition:
Senior Prizes:
Pandora Frake
Ben Hower

Junior Prizes:
Bentley Moyle
Hayley Eeltink

And many more thanks!!

Cool rooms from: Cheffields & Mobile Butchers R Us
Portable Lights: Kennards Hire
Music: Monkey Business

Please let us know of any other contributors to our Fete, we wish to acknowledge the efforts of all sponsors and local businesses who assisted in making the 2013 Fete the biggest and best ever!
Calendar of Events

March
Thursday 28

End of Term (1:00 pm finish)

April
Monday 15

Term Two begins

Monday 15
Enrolments for new families for 2014 begin

Thursday 18
Confirmation Reflection Day

Friday 19
Parents & friends Meeting

Sunday 21
Sacrament of Confirmation

Monday 22
Grade 5 & 6 Camp (Forest Edge)

Thursday 25
ANZAC Day

Friday 26
 Pip’s Summer Sports

Friday 26
Newsletter

Tuesday 30
Book Fair Begins

May
Thursday 2
School photo (Winter Uniform)

Tuesday 7
Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thursday 9
Mother’s Day Luncheon

Sunday 12
Mother’s Day

Sunday 12
Commitment Mass Eucharist

Tuesday 14
NAPLAN begins (Grade 3 & 5)

Friday 24
School Disco

Holy Thursday 28th March
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Maryknoll: 7.30pm
Koo Wee Rup: 7.30pm
Followed by the Watch until 10pm

Good Friday 29th March
Maryknoll: Stations of the Cross Ecumenical Town Community Event
Starting at 10am

Koo Wee Rup: Stations of the Cross Ecumenical Town Community Event
Starting at 11am

St. Joseph’s Iona: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 1.00pm
St. John’s Koo Wee Rup: Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil 30th March
St. Joseph’s Iona: 7.30pm
Koo Wee Rup: 7.30pm

Easter Sunday 31st March
St. James Nar Nar Goon
9.30am
St. Joseph’s Iona:
11am
He has Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia

If you are new to the area, please feel free to join us as we celebrate the ceremonies of the Sacred Trisniam.

Happy Easter

We pray for the following students who have committed to preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

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.

Rosters

Sick Bay Linen
19th April Fisher Family
26th April Williams Family

Tan Bark
13th/14th April Kelsey Family
20th/21st April Millis Family

With kindest regards,

Jan Gubbins
Principal

Website
Please make sure you have a look at the school website which can be accessed at;
http://www.bunyip.catholic.edu.au