Dear Columba Families;

As Remembrance Day draws near I am again reminded of my trip to Flanders Fields where the evidence of the senseless destruction caused by war is still very visible today. I was amazed when our guide showed us piles of unexploded shells which had been dug up from fields and were lying in neat piles in front of farmhouses waiting to be collected by the bomb disposal unit. These bombs and shells are detonated every Friday afternoon!

For me, however, the most moving and distressing experience was visiting the Australian war cemeteries and reading the names of the fallen soldiers, many of whom were just teenagers. It seems that history has repeated itself over and over again since these soldiers were laid to rest in World War One. On Monday when we stop and pause at 11:00 am we will pray that the children growing up now will only know a peace-filled world. Let us pray that they do more to bring peace to the world than all previous generations!

I recently found this prayer written by a primary school student which expressed these thoughts exactly:

My Lord,
Teach us to live in peace. Teach us to love how you love.
Teach us to be fair with others. Teach us to walk in your footsteps. When you teach, we will listen and we will teach others.
Amen

Madeleine Harvey

Please note
Parents & Friends AGM next Friday,
15th November at 9:15 am
Assembly

The next Assembly is scheduled for Friday 15th November at 2:30pm. The Prayer will be lead by students from Grade 2. Please come along and help celebrate the achievements of the students. All families are welcome to attend each Assembly.

Remembrance Day

On Monday Columba will be involved in two Remembrance Day Services.

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Lest We Forget

Our Amazing Students

Hooptime

Well done to the Junior Future Stars Team who played some fantastic matches in the Hooptime Championship last Thursday in Dandenong. Congratulations to Keely H., Teagan, Jessica, Christina, Eddy, Patrick, Campbell, Ben B. and Alex D.

Dancing with the Stars!

Many of our Students are feverously preparing for their end of year dance concerts and we wish all our students the very best of luck. Enjoy your big night! Also good luck to the mums who no doubt are in charge of the hair, make-up and costumes!

Orientation

Prep Orientation Days for Columba are fast approaching and we welcome the 2014 Preps:


Orientation Days take place on:
Thursday 14th November 2:00 pm—3:15 pm
Wednesday 20th November 2:00 pm—3:15 pm

School Mass

Many apologies for the short notice of the change of Mass time. We celebrated a beautiful Mass today with Fr Peter and therefore there will be no Mass tomorrow as previously advertised.

Library/Technology

As you are probably aware, Denise Cook our wonderful Librarian is unwell and is expected to be absent from school until the beginning of December. In her absence, Janine Kilmartin will facilitate a Library/Technology session for all Grade One to Grade Six students. During these sessions students from Grade One to Grade Three will animate a scene from a story using the program Kahootz to provide movement and sound effects and the students from Grade Four to Grade Six will use research skills to develop and advertise a known product with a particular emphasis on marketing and demographics. Prep students will still receive their Library experience through book borrowing and story time on Tuesdays.

We wish Denise a speedy recovery and ask that you keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

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Lest We Forget
Congratulations to Angelina, Willow, Ethan and Will Papley 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 and thank you to Matt Bow, Vanessa Gooden, Jake Stewart and Wade Harris who worked hard as school leaders in the past two weeks.

School Bank
Friendly reminder that the School Bank operates on: Thursdays

Parents & Friends Meeting
The P&F is our Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday 15th November at 9:15 am.
We would love to see you there!

Lucky Bottles Summer Theme
Our last Lucky Bottles Day takes place on Friday 29th November and has a Summer Theme. Students can wear summer clothes although these will need to be Sunsmart because of playtime and lunchtime.

This time we can accept perishable items but only if their used-by date is well after the fete in March 2014. Lollies and chocolates may not survive the summer holidays so a little caution is advised!

REMEMBER TO LOOK UP AT THE STARS, NOT DOWN AT YOUR FEET.
## Calendar of Events

### November

- **Monday 11**
  - Remembrance Day Presentation: Grade 3
- **Monday 11**
  - Grade 5 Students to represent Columba at the Bunyip Remembrance Service
- **Wednesday 13**
  - School Board
- **Thursday 14**
  - Prep Orientation
- **Friday 15**
  - Parents & Friends AGM
- **Friday 15**
  - Assembly Prayer Grade 2
- **Wednesday 20**
  - Prep Orientation
- **Thursday 21**
  - Newsletter
- **Friday 29**
  - Lucky Bottles ‘Summer’ Theme
- **Friday 29**
  - Assembly Prayer: Grade 4/5

### December

- **Wednesday 4**
  - Combined P/F & School Board Dinner
- **Thursday 5**
  - Swimming Sports
- **Thursday 5**
  - Newsletter
- **Sunday 8**
  - Graduation Mass
- **Wednesday 10**
  - School Christmas Carols
- **Friday 13**
  - Grade 6 Excursion
- **Friday 13**
  - Bunyip Community Carols
- **Friday 13**
  - Assembly Prayer: Prep & Prep/One
- **Monday 16**
  - Class Transition Day
- **Monday 16**
  - Reports & Learning Journals sent home
- **Tuesday 17**
  - End of Year Mass - Iona (11:30 am)
- **Wednesday 18**
  - Last day of Term 1:00 pm finish

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### Sick Bay Linen

- **8th Nov**
  - Doherty Family
- **15th Nov**
  - Pilikidis Family
- **22nd Nov**
  - Crisfield Family

**GOAL:** To ensure that the sick bay linen is clean and hygienic.

**TASK:** Stripping the sick bay bed of linen and making it up again with fresh linen, which is usually done on a Friday. The linen from the bed needs to be laundered and returned by the following Thursday.

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### Tan Bark

- **9th/10th Nov**
  - Whiting Family
- **16th/17th Nov**
  - Spry Family
- **23rd/24th Nov**
  - Mathisen Family

**GOAL:** To ensure there is a consistent and even coverage of Tan Bark throughout the adventure playground.

**You will need to bring a rake with you.** This task can be completed anytime between 3:30pm Friday and 8:00am Monday.

With kindest regards,

Jan Gubbins
Principal