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Dear families and children, staff and friends of St Columba's,

**St Columba’s Centenary Cookbook**

From October 2016 St Columba's will begin celebrating its centenary year. One of the ways we would like to celebrate this significant milestone is to publish a cookbook that is unique to our community.

The community of St Columba’s, from the past and present, is a community that gathers, shares and cares and often at the centre of this is food. Our food is always made with the warm and genuine affection we have for the friends and families of St Columba’s.

We are proud of our heritage of sharing, caring and gathering and would like to invite you to contribute your favourite recipes to our Centenary Cookbook to celebrate this special part of our school life.

**Spread the word**

Please spread the word, and forward this information onto a past family or friend, staff or student of, or someone you know who has had a connection to, St Columba's.

Or, please forward any names onto the Cookbook Team, so we can endeavour to make contact with them. We would love to fully represent 100 years of St Columba’s cooking.

**What to do next**

Please read the information we have attached and send us your favourite recipes for the St Columba’s Centenary Cookbook.

We require all recipes to be submitted to stcolumbas100cookbook@gmail.com by 26 October 2015.

We are looking forward to creating this cookbook as part of our St Columba’s centenary celebrations. Please contact anyone of the Cookbook Team if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

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St Columba’s Centenary Cookbook – Information about submitting recipes

Timeframe
Our aim is to have the book ready by late 2016, so we are ready for the beginning of the centenary celebrations. We would like to collect all of the recipes before the end of Term 3, so please email your recipes by 26 October 2015 to stcolumbas100cookbook@gmail.com

How to share your recipes
Please use the template we have provided to share as many recipes as you like. You can email your recipe to stcolumbas100cookbook@gmail.com. Please send your recipe as a word file and name your file as such: Recipe Title_Your Full Name.doc. Or, alternatively, send a hard copy of your recipe to the school office in an envelope. Although we cannot guarantee that all recipes will make it into the final publication, we will endeavour to accommodate everyone’s contributions.

Which recipes to share
If a favourite recipe of yours has already sprung to mind, then it is probably the one you should consider. If you are keen to share more, or need inspiration, consider these ideas:

- dinner party hits
- your signature share plate
- salads and vegetable dishes
- quick healthy (or fail-safe, sure-winner) snacks
- Christmas platters
- Friday afternoon finger food
- come back again please canapés
- the recipe you let your children help prepare
- the cake or slice your children and their friends just demolish
- BBQ delights
- bring a plate winners
- dips, marinades, or sauces
- punches, jug cocktails, or smoothies
- the dish you make to help a family in need
- a Café Columba long-time favourite
- a cake-stall best seller
- a jam, pickle or conserve
- a lunch box staple your children’s friends beg their parents to make

The list is endless.

We encourage you to send us your recipes. The special touches you add and your little twists on familiar recipes will make this cookbook unique, special to our community, and a celebration of one, two and, maybe even, three generations of St Columba’s gathering, sharing, and caring.

Details to include on the template
The template is a useful form for you to fill out, because it lists all of the information we require. If you don't wish to use the template, please include all of the information we need and take note of the details on the template. Feel free to extend the template to accommodate your recipe, but be mindful of length.

(Please note, your contact details will not be printed, and we will not share your contact details with anyone other than those on the Cookbook Team. When we are finished the cookbook project, we will destroy all of the contact details.)

Pictures
We hope to be able to illustrate the cookbook with photographs of your prepared dishes. More information about how we will do this and how you can help will be sent out to those with recipes included in the cookbook.

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