WELCOME TO THE 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Our Kinder Girls; Prue, Lucy & Hannah.

Through the eyes of Jesus, we at St Columba’s Catholic School Strive to achieve high levels of learning for all.
Welcome to the 2017 school year! Hopefully the Christmas break has been a time of rest and recreation for you and your family. All students bounded into school on Monday and were very excited about beginning the new year. We of course made a special welcome to our new Kinders; Hannah, Lucy & Prue. We also extend a warm welcome to Dan & Nicole Veer who are joining our school community.

May a spirit of generosity and goodwill prevail throughout the year when school and home come together to bring success to a new phase of development for your child. No doubt 2017 will be filled with many exciting activities and we look forward to a happy and successful year together.

Classroom Refurbishments
We have all enjoyed returning to our freshly painted classrooms following their makeover in the holidays. The bright colours sure will be conducive to some creative and positive learning. Please pop in and have look at what has been done. We are awaiting our new carpet and glass doors between the classrooms which should both arrive within the next few weeks.

Staffing 2017
Mr Brown – Teaching (Monday, Tuesday) Office (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
Mrs Brown - Primary Class Teacher (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
Mrs Angell – Infants Teacher - Monday, Tuesday (& Wednesday odd school weeks)
Miss Baker – Infants Teacher – (Wednesday even school weeks) Thursday, Friday
Mrs Gough – Tuesday-Thursday (Literacy & Numeracy Assistant)
Mrs Hunter -Tuesday & Thursday (Support Teacher)
Mrs Mawbey – Monday, Wednesday & Thursday (Infants Assistant)
Mrs Kerin - Wednesday morning (Library)
Mrs Englert – Monday - Friday (Administration)

Three Way Swimming Carnival
The Three Way Swimming Carnival will be held at the Yeoval Pool within the next couple of weeks. Yeoval Central School is this year’s host school. Schools competing in the carnival are St Columba’s, Cumnock Public School and Yeoval Central School. All students who can competently swim 2 strokes are able to participate. The teachers will assess eligibility of swimmers at sport this coming Friday. Non-competitors will remain at school on the day of the carnival. We will notify you as soon as the date has been set.

Newsletter/ Assembly Day
The weekly school newsletter will be sent home on a Wednesday afternoon. A weekly school assembly will be held on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.45pm in the Library and parents are most welcome to attend. Please check the newsletter each Wednesday to ensure you are aware of events occurring.

Swimming
Swimming activities for sport will begin this Friday. All students (K-6) will be at the pool from 12noon – 1.30pm. Please ensure your child has a rashie as well as all other necessary items required for swimming. Pool admission is $1 for those students who do not have a season ticket. Younger students who require flotation vests etc are encouraged to bring them for swimming.

Library
Weekly Library borrowing has commenced today, Wednesday. Students must have a library bag to help protect the borrowed books. Please encourage your child/children to make regular use of the wide range of library books and resources available.

Term Calendar
Attached to the newsletter is a Term Calendar for your reference.
CDF Banking
CDF Banking will resume next week. If you are interested in opening a CDF (Catholic Development Fund) savings account for your child / children, please contact Julia Englert at school.

Covering School Books
Student workbooks will be sent home for covering this Friday. The Infants teachers have requested that all books sent home for covering be covered in clear contact/plastic only. The Primary students will need to have text books covered in clear contact and all other workbooks covered in a covering of your choice. We know that it can be a tedious task so please just return any books uncovered and you can cover at your earliest convenience.

Drink Bottles
Children are encouraged to have a drink bottle (water only) in the classroom during lessons. No frozen water bottles or cordial please.

Friday Lunch Orders by Junior Joeys – Beginning Week 1 (lunch order form attached to Newsletter)
- Toasted Sandwich - $2 (ham, ham & cheese, cheese).
- Small Pies / Sausage Rolls - $1 each.
- Poppers - $1
- Zooper Doopers 50c - AVAILABLE EVERYDAY

Something Special Friday - Weeks 2, 4, 6, 7 & 9 for Term 1. e.g a hotdog day, a sausage sizzle day or pizza day.
Please send in your child’s money in a named envelope . Please do not feel that your child has to have a lunch order every Friday.

School Fees
The first instalment of 2017 School Fees will be sent home next week. Please contact me at school if you wish to discuss any aspect of the fees or methods of payment.

Local Excursion Note
To enable students to participate in local excursions (around Yeoval) a signed permission form is necessary. It would be appreciated if the attached form could be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.

Commonwealth Privacy Act
The Commonwealth Privacy Act requires schools to issue collection notices to parents each year so that the school may obtain and use information to assist in providing schooling for your child. The Collection Notice is attached to this Newsletter. In addition the school is regulated by a Catholic Education Office Privacy Policy which is available on request from the Principal, or on the Catholic Education Commission. Website:http://www.cecnsw.catholic.edu.au
These notices need to be returned to school ASAP.

Opening School Mass
Sunday 19th February 8.00am
BBQ Breakfast to follow

Kind regards
Glen Brown
Principal
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