Dear Friends

We continue to keep the Kerin family in our thoughts and prayers at this time. All of us have been touched in some way by last week’s tragedy, especially as we think of Brad’s family and remember the type of fellow he was.

O Lord God we come to You at this time of great shock and grief and ask that in Your grace, You shed Your peace and comfort to all who are mourning. Amen

This week we celebrate the Feast Days of two great saints; St Patrick and St Joseph.

Tomorrow is of course St Patrick’s Day. Students are asked to wear little or as much green as they like and make a gold coin donation to Project Compassion. We will also have a guessing competition for the students and some treats available to purchase.

On Friday we will host St Joseph’s Day with our friends from the St Joseph’s Schools at Eugowra, Manildra, Molong. Students will need to wear their normal sports uniform on Friday. Below is an outline of the day’s activities. Parents, friends and grandparents are most welcome to join us for any activities throughout the day.

10am – Mass
11am – Morning tea in the school grounds
11.15am – Rotational activities; dance, craft, museum tour, jumping castle, footy clinic, tallest tower challenge
1pm – Sausage Sizzle Lunch
1.30pm – Tug-O-War Challenge
2pm – Farewell
Sesqui-Centenary Celebrations
A reminder that this Saturday is the Sesqui-Centenary Celebrations of the Sisters of St Joseph at St Mary’s Church Wellington. Mass will commence at 11am. Students attending are asked to wear their Summer School Uniform.

Palm Sunday
This Sunday is Palm Sunday, the final Sunday of Lent and the beginning of the most important week in our religious calendar, Holy Week. It commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified.

In the Gospels, Jesus entered Jerusalem riding a young donkey and to the lavish praise of the townspeople they threw clothes and palms in front of him as a sign of homage. This was a customary practice for people of great respect.

Palm branches are widely recognised as a symbol of peace and victory. A donkey represents the humble arrival of someone in peace, as opposed to arriving on a steed in war. The colours of the Mass on Palm Sunday are red and white, symbolising the redemption in blood that Christ paid for the world.

Easter Raffle
Many thanks to all who have sent in the donations of chocolate eggs for the Easter Raffle. The raffle will be drawn with the students on Wednesday 23rd March. Please contact the school if you would like more tickets to buy/sell. Your support and cooperation with this fundraising activity is greatly appreciated.

Dental Screening
Thank you to all who have sent in the consent form for School Dental Screening. Orange Dental Clinic will be visiting St Columba’s on Tuesday 5th April. All forms need to be returned with either the Yes or No box ticked.

P&F Meeting – Monday 21st March 6pm

Kind regards

Glen Brown
Principal