Dear Friends
At Monday’s P&F Meeting I had the pleasure of announcing to our parents two great things that will be happening at St Columba’s this term.

Firstly, St Columba’s has been successful in receiving a grant for $5000 to deliver high quality STEM Education.

STEM education is the inter-disciplinary delivery of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. It involves projects, tasks and activities that cover multiple curriculum areas. Inquiry, critical thinking, creativity, collaboration, communication, and innovation underpin effective STEM delivery.

We will be purchasing a number of robotic resources to assist us in providing a high level of learning in STEM Education. We know that our current students will be entering a very different workforce in 2030 where skills in STEM will be a necessity. We are very excited about this initiative and we look forward to the students sharing their new skills with our school community. Two fantastic sites showing robotics at work in the classroom can be found at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1QdZy8as48
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=skmVeFYgHCs

Secondly, we have been fortunate in receiving funding from the Catholic Education Office to have educator and psychologist Julie Hollitt visit St Columba’s on Wednesday 8th June to present a Parent Information Session on Educating Boys. Attached to the newsletter is further information regarding Julie’s visit. Please keep this date free!

Julie is an educator of over 25 years experience across primary, secondary and tertiary settings. Julie is also endorsed by the Psychology Board of Australia as an educational & developmental psychologist, and as a counselling psychologist. Her work has spanned diverse contexts and populations, from Kensington (Sydney) to Mt Druitt, Port Moresby to Wewak (PNG), Wilcannia to Mudgee. Julie currently carries out consultancy and professional development work with educational and child-focused welfare organisations with a particular interest in differentiation, inclusivity, behaviour and cognitive frameworks of the learner in context.

This coming Sunday is Trinity Sunday. This day celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three persons of God; the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT
AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW AND EVER SHALL BE,
WORLD WITHOUT END.
AMEN
Friendly Kids Friendly Classrooms – Teaching Social Skills & Confidence in the Classroom

A whole school focus this term is implementing the Friendly Kids Friendly Classrooms Program. This program focuses on teaching social skills and confidence to students. It is believed that the 21 skills outlined below are the most important ones for successful classroom and playground interactions. Both Infants and Primary are joining together every Tuesday afternoon to learn and practise the skills. All students are thoroughly enjoying the program and we are seeing many positive behaviours taking shape at St Columba’s. It would be helpful if you could also discuss these skills at home as a follow-up. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

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Congratulations to the following Students who received Merit Certificates this week.

**Primary** – Amelia Vaughan, Tom Kerin, Chayanne Bunning, Sara Kiel

**Infants** – Toby Brown, Ben Vaughan

For a consistent effort in all areas

Anakin Bunning

Visiting Science Show

St Columba’s will be treated to a visiting science show at 2pm next Monday 23rd May.

Calendar Dates

- Thursday 26th May - Diocesan Spelling Bee, Wellington
- Tuesday 31st May – CWA Public Speaking, Bathurst
- Wednesday 8th June – St Columba’s Day Mass 10am
- Wednesday 8th June – Guest Speaker, Julie Hollitt 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- Friday 10th June – EMY Athletics Carnival Manildra
- Wednesday 29th June – School Mass 10am
- Friday 19th August – Molong Players
- Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th AUGUST –Yr 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Lunch Orders Week 4

**Special**

- Wedges with Sour Cream & Sweet Chilli Sauce / Popper
  - Or
  - Sausage Rolls / Pies / Toasties

Kind regards

Glen Brown, Principal
St Columba’s P&F General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday May 16th 2016, 6:00pm

Open Meeting: 6:08pm

Opening Prayer: by Glen Brown

Present: Andrew Vaughan, Katie Keady, Dannielle Lees, Yenda Kerin, Kylie Bunning, Glen Brown, Nicolette Vaughan

Apologies: Alana Kerin, Kate Brown, Julia Englert

Motion: That apologies be accepted.
Moved: Nicolette Vaughan
Seconded: Katie Keady
Carried

Minutes from Previous General Meeting: (read by Andrew Vaughan)

Motion: That minutes from previous general meeting, March 21st 2016, be accepted as true and accurate.
Moved: Andrew Vaughan
Seconded: Glen Brown
Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Outdoor Furniture: Still looking at options and will bring to upcoming meeting/s.

Easter Raffle: Success this year; net profit approximately $500.

Yeoval Show Morning Teas: Thank you to all who were able to assist with organising the morning/afternoon teas for the recent Yeoval Show. A special mention to Yenda Kerin for coordinating and Glen Brown for baking scones that morning. Well done! Net profit approximately $450 (+ $100 donation from Yeoval Show Society).

Coady Family Reunion: Great success and thanks to everyone involved. Also, a special thanks to Philip and Marilyn Vaughan, who helped out at the last minute.

Total revenue serves/meals* (93+80+65) 238 @ $9/serve = $2,142
Total expenses = $(780)
Net profit = $1,362

Correspondence In:
- Thank you note from Trevor & Jane Coady for the recent catering by P&F
- Molong Players: successful tender – Friday August 19th P&F catering

Correspondence Out:
- Molong Players: tender submitted

Treasurer’s Report (postponed to next meeting):

Motion: That the Treasurer’s Report be carried over to next meeting.
Moved: Nicolette Vaughan
Seconded: Yenda Kerin
Carried
Principal’s Report (report, as presented by Glen Brown):
Motion: That the Principal’s Report be accepted as true and accurate.
Moved: Glen Brown
Seconded: Nicolette Vaughan
Carried

Workplace Health and Safety Concerns: Nil
Dave Kiel fixed the back gate of school grounds. Thank you Dave!

General Business:

Molong Players:
St Columba’s P&F have been successful in their tender for upcoming Molong Players catering.
Scheduled night is Friday August 19th 2016. Catering details will be very similar to past years and will be discussed early term 3 and details distributed via newsletter.

Movie Night/s:
St Columba’s will likely hold a movie night for children (including siblings of enrolled students) to coincide with upcoming parent information night (Wednesday June 8th 2016; refer to upcoming newsletter for further info).

Outdoor movie night postponed until Spring time.

Canberra Excursion Donation:
In the past, P&F have made a donation to each family ($100/student) to go towards cost of bi-annual Yr 5/6 Canberra excursion.
Motion: That the P&F will continue with the $100 donation/student for the upcoming Canberra excursion.
Moved: Yenda Kerin
Seconded: Katie Keady
Carried

Dates for remaining meetings (2016):
Term 3: Monday August 15th 2016, 6pm
Term 4: Monday October 24th 2016, 6pm

Playground Equipment:
Dannielle has obtained a contact name of a repairman from Wellington. Thanks Dannielle.
Motion: That Andrew looks at the construction of playground equipment to see what can be easily dismantled, with a view to possibly powder coating components by Dubbo Powder Coating. Otherwise, a working bee may be scheduled to conduct paint job (approaching school holidays to ensure paint has adequate curing time).
Moved: Yenda Kerin
Seconded: Dannielle Lees
Carried

2016 Next Meeting:
Term 3: Monday August 15th 2016, 6pm
Meeting Closed: 7:07pm
We acknowledge the generous support of the Catholic Education Office in funding this opportunity.

SCHOOL AND HOME LIFE FOR BOYS: engagement and emotions
with renowned psychologist JULIE HOLLITT

Renowned psychologist Julie Hollitt will be presenting at St Columba’s School Library, Forbes St, Yeoval, on Wednesday 8th June, from 6:30pm – 8.30pm.

We encourage all parents of boys to avail themselves of this opportunity to learn more about their boys unique emotional and education needs.

During her presentation she will cover topics including:

- COMMON IMAGINED EXPECTATIONS of boys held by parents
- STATISTICALLY LIKELY FACTS ABOUT BOYS that are important to their education and family upbringing
- KNOWING MORE ABOUT BOYS and how to engage them with reading and other literacy tasks
- THE IMPORTANCE AND PLACE OF MALE ROLE MODELS in the development of boys and their emotional life
- GAINING IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO WORK BETTER with the healthy development of their sons’ emotions and wellbeing

VENUE
St Columba’s School Library

DATE
Wednesday 8th June

TIME
6:30pm – 8:30pm

FREE!

For seating and catering purposes please RSVP to St Columba’s School
PH: 68 464 205 by Friday 3rd June

We acknowledge the generous support of the Catholic Education Office in funding this opportunity.