Welcome to Week 2! On Sunday Patrick, Simon and Tom made a special commitment to follow the Word of God as they prepare to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Communion on Sunday 28th August at our 10am Mass.

CWA Country of Study - Mongolia

Yesterday Sara, Chayanne, Mrs Brown and I attended the CWA International Lunch in Cumnock. The girls were presented with a cheque for library resources. A great time was had by all!

Congratulations to all students for their efforts with projects and in particular the following who received prizes.

Kinder – 1st Selina Kerin, 2nd Charlie Brown (Coloured Flag)
Year 1 – 2nd Maddie Keady (Colouring-in)
Year 2 – 1st Toby Brown, Highly Commended – Nick Goard (Poster)
Year 3 – 1st Simon Brown (Poster), 1st Tyson Harvey (Diorama)
Year 5 – 1st Amelia Vaughan (Diorama), 1st Dominic Antaw (Information Display Book)

Southern Region Athletics Carnival
Best of luck to all Primary Students as well as Toby & Fergus who will compete at the Southern Region Athletics Carnival in Canowindra this Friday. In the event of wet weather (which is predicted) the carnival will be held next Friday 5th August. Hopefully a decision will be made tomorrow regarding the carnival.

Molong Players 19th August 2016
As you are aware, St Columba’s will again cater at this year’s Molong Players. Our night of catering is Friday 19th August and we would of course greatly appreciate the help of all. Attached to the newsletter is a note regarding the night.
Merit Awards

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

**Primary** – Dominic Antaw, Tom Kerin, Simon Brown
**Infants** – Tyler Simister, Nick Goard

Responsible Pet Program

Calendar Dates

- Friday 29th July – Southern Region Athletics
- Monday 15th August - Wellington Eisteddfod Choir Section (K-6)
- Monday 15th August P & F Meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 17th August Wellington Eisteddfod (3-6)
- Friday 19th August – Molong Players
- Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th AUGUST – Yr 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION
- Sunday 28th – First Holy Communion 10am Mass

Kind regards

Glen Brown
Principal
CONVERSATIONS ABOUT CATHOLICS
A Programme for Connecting People with the Catholic Faith

Can you answer these questions if your child should ask?

What is Project Compassion?
Why are ashes used in a Mass early in the year?
What is Mass?
What is Reconciliation?
What is the difference between Mass and a Liturgy?
What is Lent?
Why do you “bob down” before you sit in the seat?
Who makes First Eucharist?

??? So many questions ... but what are the answers???

Adults are being offered an opportunity to have these questions and any others answered in four informal information sessions. These sessions aim to help adults gain a better understanding of the Catholic Faith.

Whatever your story may be ....... new to the Catholic School, partner of a Catholic, not been an active church-goer for a while, need some ‘brushing-up’ on the rituals etc of the Church, want to know what Church activities your child may be participating in.....

All are invited to come and join the group in a relaxed atmosphere. The sessions last approximately 60 minutes each and will commence on Wednesday 10th August 2016 at 3.30pm in the School Library.

Session One - Who we are and why we are here? Listening to the story of participants and their reason for attending the programme.

Session Two - A walk through the Church building.

Session Three - Praying with your children.

Session Four - Ritual of empowerment and encouragement.

Please complete the attached form and return it to St Columba’s School by Wednesday 3rd August 2016

Yours sincerely

Glen Brown
St Columba’s P & F will be catering at this year’s Molong Players theatre production “My Partner Rules” on Friday 19 August. We will be providing a 2 course meal for up to 200 patrons on the night. As you can imagine this is a major fundraiser for our school and will require assistance from each family if possible. As well as assisting on the 19th we are asking that each family donates $20 to assist with the purchase of vegetables and ingredients for the meal. The major purchase being the meat will be subsidised by P & F funds.

The main meal will consist of alternate roast meats with vegetables. The dessert will be alternate warm chocolate cake with raspberry coulis and sticky date pudding with butterscotch sauce both with ice cream.

It would be appreciated if you could return the below note to school along with your donation to school by Monday 8th August. A roster will then be organised to send home to helpers.

Your support and cooperation is most appreciated.

Kind regards

Julia Englert