Dear Friends

Welcome to our final term for the 2016 school year. This term we can look forward to First Reconciliation, an Infants zoo excursion, 3 Way Athletics Carnival, welcoming our new Kinders for 2017 and of course our Just An Hour Play and Presentation Mass. These highlights are of course just a taste of what’s to occur in Term 4.

On Monday the teaching staff spent the day reviewing the school’s strategic plan as well as a number of policies and implementation statements. Of particular achievement was the rewriting of our school’s Mission and Vision Statements. These statements reflect contemporary learning in the 21st Century where a quality catholic education is provided to all students. We have also been able to include our school’s motto of “Faith, Friendship, Futures” into the statements. Below is a draft of both statements. Your feedback regarding these is welcomed.

**Mission**

Through the eyes of Jesus, we at St Columba’s Catholic School strive to achieve high levels of learning for all. This is achieved through our School Motto “Faith Friendship Futures”

**Faith** – Through word & action, we live our faith with an understanding of its relevance to life and contemporary culture.

**Friendship** – In partnership with family, parish and community, St Columba’s is committed to the development of the dignity of each person and the nurturing of self-esteem.

**Futures** - In a Christ centred differentiated environment, St Columba’s encourages high levels of achievement, inspiring students to be lifelong learners.

**Vision**

St Columba’s Catholic School aims to provide a well-rounded high quality education that empowers students to achieve their potential and use their gifts to serve God and others.

**Reconciliation**

Please pray for Toby Brown, Fergus Kerin and Will Kerin who will celebrate their First Reconciliation later this term. The boys will be presented before our parishioners at Mass this coming Sunday at our 8am Mass.

**Junior Joeys**

Congratulations to the Junior Joeys for raising enough money to buy 10 pairs of workboots to donate to ProMedical Rescue Vanuatu. The boots will be used during training sessions and critical incidents throughout the island of Efate. The Brown family were very fortunate to visit Vanuatu and present the boots at their annual general meeting. Rescue members were most appreciative of our donation and we are really grateful to the families of St Columba’s who support our Friday Canteen so we can help others in need.

For more information on ProMedical Rescue search their Facebook page and St Columba’s has a starring role! Thank you for your support and we welcome any ideas about organisations who are in need of funds or donations.
Junior Joeys Lunch Orders Week 1 & 2
Please find attached to the newsletter a Lunch Order Form for Weeks 1 & 2.

Birthdays
Dakota Bunning (9) – 26 September
Clancy Judd (7) - 30 September

Three Way Athletics
The 3 Way Athletics Carnival will be held in Cumnock on Thursday 27th October (Week 3). The carnival will commence with the Marching Event at 9:30am. Students are required to wear their full sports uniform and have plenty of water and snacks with them. Below is the list of travel arrangement for the day (same as last term). If these arrangements no longer suit, please contact the school. Those parents assisting in transporting other children will need to meet at school and we will depart St Columba’s at 8:50am.

Travel Arrangements – 3 Way
Kylie Bunning – Chayanne, Dakota, Anakin, Austin
Nicolette Vaughan – Amelia, Patrick, Ben
Glen Brown – Simon, Toby, Charlie, Sara
Bonnie-Sue Mawbey – Nick, Dominic, Tyrone, Yasin
Alana Kerin – Fergus, Selina, Tom, Will, Tyson, Tyler
Gab Bermingham – Clancy
Dannielle Lees – Will, Brodhie
Katie Keady – Maddie
Mel Harvey - Beau

Term 4 Calendar
Attached to today’s newsletter is the Term 4 Calendar for your use. Please keep it somewhere safe.

Calendar Dates
Week 3
- Monday 24th Oct – P & F Meeting 6pm
- Wednesday 26th Oct – Infants Zoo Excursion
- Thursday 27th Oct – 3 Way Athletics (Cumnock)
Week 4
- Sunday 6th Nov – Cemetery Mass 8:00am
Week 5
- Friday 11th Nov – Remembrance Day

Kind regards
Glen Brown
Principal
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Girls Night In...

A night of:
* Fashion * Food * Fun * Friends

Please join us for our annual
Girls Night In for Kim
Friday 28 October 2016
4.30pm – 8.00pm in the Yeoval
Central School Hall

Come along and enjoy a range of fun filled activities and stalls

Cost for the evening is $10.00

Prizes for:
*Best dressed in pink
*Best pink shoes
*Best pink hat

As well as supporting the Cancer Council, in memory of our friend and colleague Mrs Kim Kerin, some of the proceeds will go to supporting local ladies facing their battle with cancer.

Please pre-order copies of the newly released book “The Sisters Saint-Claire”, signed by local author Carlie Gibson $19.95

Cupcakes supplied by: Oh So Sweet, Dubbo

Available for purchase during the evening:
Dinner by Belinda
Coffee by Leona

RSVP:
Monday 24 October
Phone: 6846 4004 (Office) for catering purposes.