Dear Friends

Even though we have a little over 2 weeks remaining of the 2016 school year we sure do have a number of things happening before we can take a rest from the routines of school life. The next couple of weeks can promise; our Concert, Presentation Night, School Reports, Election of 2017 Captains, Year 6 Farewell and a Pool Party. Yesterday saw the conclusion of 3 fun-filled Kinder Orientation Days for Lucy Keady, Prue Vaughan & Hannah Veer. The girls settled beautifully to the routines of “Big School” and are looking forward to Kindergarten next year. Our current Year 2 boys thoroughly enjoyed their time in the Primary Class and have certainly shown they are ready to embrace the challenges of Year 3.

Yesterday a very successful Book Fair was held in the School Library. A huge thank you to all for so generously supporting the Book Fair. A record breaking amount of sales (for St Columba’s) has enabled us to receive just over $400 worth of books for the school. Many thanks to Kate Kerin for organising the Fair.

Pillow Case Project
Last Thursday we had 2 ladies from Red Cross visit the Primary Class to discuss with the students the importance of being prepared at home in the case of an emergency or evacuation. Each student was issued with a pillow case which they could decorate and then fill with vital items in the case of such an event. It was a most worthwhile activity for the students and the ladies particularly commented on the interest and behaviour of the students.

Last Wednesday evening many of us joined with Fergus, Nick, Thomas, Toby and Will as the celebrated their First Reconciliation. The boys showed great maturity and reverence during the service and are to be congratulated on their knowledge of the sacrament.
**JUNIOR JOEYS**

A huge thank you to the parents and primary students who attended the Wellington Markets last Saturday. I really appreciate the time and effort you put into helping others in need. Although business was slow we managed to raise $100 for the School of St Jude in Tanzania. We will be selling again at the Just An Hour Concert.

Another thank you to Dionne Mitchell and Ian Knox who donated $200 from their Melbourne Cup luncheon. This money will be combined with our funds from the Wellington Markets to donate to the School of St Jude. All primary students have been given a DVD which gives a short account of the history and the future of St Jude’s. Well worth a viewing!  *Mrs Brown*

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**Merit Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards this week:

- **Primary:** Sara Kiel, Chayanne Bunning, Amelia Vaughan, Tom Kerin

- **Infants:** Maddie Keady, Tyler Simister, Yasin Gamser

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**Happy Birthday!**

Maddie Keady (7) 30th November

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**2017 School Captains**

Voting for our 2017 School Captains will take place on Monday 12th December. Amelia and Dominic will present their speeches to their peers before the voting by secret ballot takes place. Our school Captain for 2017 will then be announced at Presentation Night on Thursday 17th December.

St Columba’s will have an end of year party at the Yeoval Pool on Friday 16th December. We will attend the pool from 10am to 3pm. Parents are most welcome to join us throughout the day.
Just An Hour Concert
Our concert preparations are in full swing and all students are very excited about performing on stage for everyone next Thursday evening at 6.30pm. Please remember to bring some finger food to share. Many thanks for your support in helping your child with their preparations.

St Columba’s Presents
The Last Stop ‘til Christmas
Thursday 8th December
6:30PM
Please bring a plate of finger food to share

Attached to today’s newsletter are some very important notes regarding our Presentation Evening on Thursday 15th December. Please contact the school asap if you are unable to attend the evening.

This is a particularly busy time of year and I especially thank you for your support and cooperation in remembering all that is taking place, it is greatly appreciated.

Presentation Mass
Church of Our Lady, Yeoval.
Thursday 15th December, 6.00pm
• Awards
• Visit by Santa
• Community Meal
• Chocolate Wheel

Calendar Dates
Week 9
Thursday 8th Dec – “Just An Hour” School Concert 6:30pm
Week 10
Thursday 15th Dec – Presentation Night commencing with Mass at 6pm
Friday 16th Dec – Last day of school year for students

Kind regards
Glen Brown
Principal
Through the eyes of Jesus, we at St Columba’s Catholic School Strive to achieve high levels of learning for all.