WELCOME TO THE 2016 SCHOOL YEAR!


L-R back row: Nick Goard, Toby Brown, Fergus Kerin, Brodhie Crain, Tyler Simister, Will Kerin
middle: Clancy Judd, Charlie Brown, Anakin Bunning, Ben Vaughan, Will Lees
front: Maddie Keady & Selina Kerin. Absent: Yasin Gamsor & Austin Pastor
Dear Parents

Welcome to the 2016 school year! Hopefully the Christmas break has been a time of rest and recreation for you and your family. All students bounded into school this morning and are very excited about beginning the new year. We of course made a special welcome to our new Kinders; Selina, Charlie and Will and we look forward to Austin beginning tomorrow. We also extend a warm welcome to Jono & Dannielle who are joining our school community.

May a spirit of generosity and goodwill prevail throughout the year when school and home come together to bring success to a new phase of development for your child. No doubt 2016 will be filled with many exciting activities and we look forward to a happy and successful year together.

Staffing 2016
Mr Brown – Teaching (Monday, Tuesday) Office (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
Mrs Brown - Primary Class (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday)
Mrs Angell – Infants - Monday, Tuesday (& Wednesday odd school weeks)
Miss Baker - Infants – (Wednesday even school weeks) Thursday, Friday
Mrs Gough – Tuesday-Thursday
Mrs Hunter -Tuesday & Thursday
Mrs Mawbey – Monday – Thursday
Mrs Kerin - Wednesday morning (Library)
Mrs Englert – Monday - Friday

Three Way Swimming Carnival
The Three Way Swimming Carnival will be held at the Yeoval Pool next Friday 5th February. We are the host school this year. Schools competing in the carnival are St Columba’s, Cumnook Public School and Yeoval Central School. All students 8 years and over who can competently swim 2 strokes are eligible to participate. All other students will remain at school on the day of the carnival. The Carnival will commence at 9.30am and all students will assemble at school then walk to the pool. Mrs Brown and I will be assessing students at tomorrow’s swimming session to select those who will be able to competently swim on the day. Could you please complete the attached note if you are able to assist at the carnival. I apologise for the short notice regarding the carnival however it is difficult to find a suitable date when coordinating between three schools.

Newsletter/ Assembly Day
The weekly school newsletter will be sent home on a Wednesday afternoon. A weekly school assembly will be held on a Wednesday afternoon from 2.45pm in the Library and parents are most welcome to attend. Please check the newsletter each Wednesday to ensure you are aware of events occurring.

Swimming
Swimming activities for sport will begin tomorrow Friday. All students (K-6) will be at the pool from 12noon – 1.30pm. Please ensure your child has a rashie as well as all other necessary items required for swimming. Pool admission is $1 for those students who do not have a season ticket. Younger students who require flotation vests etc are encouraged to bring them for swimming.

Library
Weekly Library borrowing will commence next Wednesday. Students must have a library bag to help protect the borrowed books. Please encourage your child/children to make regular use of the wide range of library books and resources available.

Term Calendar
Attached to the newsletter is a Term Calendar for your reference.

CDF Banking
CDF Banking will resume next week. If you are interested in opening a CDF (Catholic Development Fund) savings account for your child/children, please contact Julia Englert at school.

Local Excursion Note
To enable students to participate in local excursions (around Yeoval) a signed permission form is necessary. It would be appreciated if the attached form could be completed and returned to school as soon as possible.
Faith Friendship Futures

Covering of School Books
Student workbooks will be sent home for covering this Friday. The Infants teachers have requested that all books sent home for covering be covered in clear contact/plastic only. The Primary students will need to have text books covered in clear contact and all other workbooks covered in a covering of your choice. We know that it can be a tedious task so please just return any books uncovered and you can cover them at your earliest convenience.

Drink Bottles
Children are encouraged to have a drink bottle (water only) in the classroom during lessons. No frozen water bottles or cordial please.

Junior Joeys’ Lunch Orders – Beginning Week 2
Monday – Friday - toasted sandwiches for $2 (ham, ham & cheese, cheese).
Every Friday - small pies & sausage rolls.
Something Special Friday - Weeks 3, 5, 7 & 11 for Term 1. e.g a hotdog day, a sausage sizzle day or pizza day.
Please send in your child’s money in a named envelope. Please do not feel that your child has to have a lunch order every Friday.

School Fees
The first instalment of 2016 School Fees will be sent home next week. Please contact me at school if you wish to discuss any aspect of the fees or methods of payment.

Commonwealth Privacy Act
The Commonwealth Privacy Act requires schools to issue collection notices to parents each year so that the school may obtain and use information to assist in providing schooling for your child. The Collection Notice is attached to this Newsletter.
In addition the school is regulated by a Catholic Education Office Privacy Policy which is available on request from the Principal, or on the Catholic Education Commission.
Website:http://www.cecnsw.catholic.edu.au
These notices need to be returned to school ASAP.

God, our Father,
We thank you for the opportunity that awaits us as we begin the new school year. We ask your blessing on our homes and school and seek the guidance of the spirit to ensure that our school and homes are vibrant Christian communities.
Amen

Kind regards for a happy and safe Term One.

Glen Brown
Principal

Opening School Mass
8 am
Sunday 21st February
BBQ Breakfast to follow