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6 February 2014

St Columba’s
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Mr Brown – Teaching (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday), Office (Thursday, Friday)
Mrs Brown - Primary Class (Thursday, Friday), Infants Release (Wednesday)
Mrs Angell – Infants - Monday, Tuesday (& Wednesday odd school weeks)
Miss Baker - Infants – (Wednesday even school weeks) Thursday, Friday
Mrs Horner -Monday – Thursday mornings
Mrs Kerin - Wednesday morning (Library)
Mrs Englert – Monday - Thursday

Three Way Swimming Carnival
The Three Way Swimming Carnival will be held at the Yeoval Pool on Thursday February. Yeoval Central School is the host school this year. Schools competing in the carnival are St Columba’s, Cumnock Public School and Yeoval Central School. All primary students 8 years and over are eligible to participate. The Infants students will remain at school on the day of the carnival. The Carnival will commence at 9.45am so all students will need to be at the pool by 9.30am. Students are asked to assemble at school on the Friday morning where they will then walk to the pool with Mrs Brown and me. All primary students are encouraged to attend and participate on the day. Students will need $1 for pool admission. A canteen will operate, however it would be wise to send students with their own lunch.

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. 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 this 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.

Library
Library borrowing is each 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.

Lunch Orders for Term One
After much discussion and thought we have decided to trial a new system for lunch orders. From Monday – Thursday we will have toasted sandwiches available at school for $2 (fillings will be ham, ham & cheese or cheese). Each Friday students may order from the Billabong, a price list is attached to the newsletter.

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
**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.

**School Fees**
The first instalment of 2014 School Fees will be sent home in Week 2. 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](http://www.cecnsw.catholic.edu.au)

**These notices need to be returned to school ASAP.**

Kind regards for a happy and safe Term One.

Glen Brown

*Principal*
BILLABONG SCHOOL LUNCH MENU
FRIDAYS ONLY

**Sandwiches**
- Devon/Jam/Vegemite/Cheese/Baked Beans: $3.00
- Ham/Chicken: $3.50
- Salad: $4.50
- Ham and Salad: $6.00

Extras: $0.30
Toasted: $0.30

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**Salads**
- Plain Salad: $4.50
- Ham or Chicken Salad: $5.50

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**Hot Food**
- Hamburger: $6.00
- Bacon & Egg Roll: $5.00
- Chicken Burger: $4.50
- Hot Dog: $3.00
- Pizza Rounder: $3.00
- Sausage Roll: $2.70
- Lasagne: $4.00
- Plain Pie: $4.00
- Pizza Singles: $3.00
- Hot Chips: $2.00
- Gravy: 50 cents
- Chicken Nuggets: $0.70 each
- Chicken Pieces: $1.20 each
- Chicken Chippies: $0.30 each
- Chicken Medallions: $1.00 each
- Fish Cocktails: $1.20 each
- Pluto Pup: $1.80
- Potato Gems: $3.50/cup

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**Drinks**
- Fruit Juices:
  - 250 ml: $2.10
  - 350 ml: $3.20
  - 500 ml: $3.80
- Nippy Milks
  - Strawberry/Chocolate/Honeycomb: $2.00
- Oak Flavoured Milk
  - Strawberry/Chocolate/Vanilla Malt: $3.80

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ALL LUNCHES MUST INCLUDE MONEY
Please do not ring through order directly to the Billabong