Dear Friends

This Friday we will meet with our friends from Yeoval Central School and Cumnock Public School for the 3 Way Swimming Carnival. The Primary students will need to assemble at school first on Friday morning. The pool canteen will be operating throughout the day however it is advisable for the students to bring their recess and lunch and just purchase treats from the canteen. The Infants students will remain at school on the day but visit the pool at some stage to watch an event or two. We look forward to a day of friendly competition.

Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge
A reminder that the Executive Director’s Summer Reading Challenge closes this coming Friday 5th February at 5pm. For students to be in the chance to win one of four ipad minis entries must be entered online at https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ceobxreadingchallenge

Student of the Week

Yasin Gamser
For a fantastic start to Year 1

Merit Awards

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

Primary – Sara Kiel, Tom Kerin
Infants – Tyler Simister, Selina Kerin

Shrove Tuesday
Next Tuesday is Shrove Tuesday, more commonly known as Pancake Day. This is the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Historically Shrove Tuesday is the day all tempting foods were eaten so that you would not be tempted during the fasting of Lent. St Columba’s celebrates Shrove Tuesday every year with a pancake breakfast and all money raised is donated to Project Compassion. Our pancake breakfast will be $2 per student/parent and all are welcome to attend. Breakfast will be from 9am. Hope to see you there.

Ash Wednesday Mass
A School /Parish Mass to mark the beginning of the season of Lent will take place at 10:15am next Wednesday 10th February. On Ash Wednesday many Christians receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. This powerful sign has been used by God’s people for hundreds of years and reminds us that we are not perfect. The ashes remind us to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. There will be a morning tea at school following mass. All are welcome

Ash Wednesday Mass 12.15pm
P&F AGM
Monday 15th February 6pm
School Library
followed by a General Meeting.
All Welcome

Student Absences
A reminder that parents are to notify the school in the form of a written note or phone call if your child is absent from school.

School Fees
School fee charges for Term 1 2016 will be sent home by the end of the week. Attached to your account will be a letter outlining changes to fees and some forms which need returning to school by next Monday.

Kind regards

Glen Brown
Principal