Dear Friends

This coming Sunday at 8am will come together for our Opening School Mass to celebrate the commencement of the new year. Our Year 6 students will be inducted into their leadership roles and all students will receive a special blessing. Following Mass we will join together for a barbecue breakfast in the church grounds. This is a terrific way to begin our new year and I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday.

Many thanks to all who were able to attend our P&F AGM on Monday. Our Executive members for 2016 are:
President – Andrew Vaughan, Treasurer – Alana Kerin & Secretary – Nicolette Vaughan

A big thank you to Dave Kiel for his term as President for the past 2 years. Attached to the newsletter are the minutes from Monday’s meeting.

Young Leaders
Mrs Brown and I will accompany Sara, Molly and Chayanne to Sydney next Sunday 28th February for the annual Young Leaders Conference at Allphones Arena Homebush. Guest speakers this year include Police Commissioner Andrew Scipione, Paralympian Swimmer Ben Austin and Motivational Speaker Nathan “Dubsy” Want. We will stay in the city before attending the conference. This trip away is always a highlight for our Year 6 students.

Life Education
A reminder that Harold and The Life Ed Van will visit St Columba’s next Wednesday 24th February. Permission notes and money need to be returned by next Wednesday. Students can also purchase merchandise on the day.

Southern Region Swimming Carnival
The Southern Region Swimming Carnival will be held at the Orange Aquatic Centre next Thursday 25th February. Congratulations to Sara Kiel & Chayanne Bunning who will represent St Columba’s at the Carnival.

Student of the Week

Will Kerin
For his positive approach to all aspects of school life

Merit Certificates

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

Primary – Molly Arthur, Tyrone Antaw, Simon Brown
Infants – Anakin Bunning, Charlie Brown

Kind regards
Glen Brown
Principal