Dear Friends

Tomorrow we will join with our friends from Cumnock Public School and Yeoval Central School for the 3 Way Athletics Carnival at the Yeoval Football Oval. The carnival will commence with the Marching Event at 9.30am. Students will need to wear their full Winter Sports Uniform for the March. A canteen will operate on the day however students will need fruit, recess and plenty of water. We will assemble at school prior to walking to the oval. We look forward to meeting in a day of friendly competition. Hope to see you there!

CWA International Lunch
Annabelle, Jorja and I attended the CWA International Lunch in Cumnock yesterday. A number of students from St Columba’s received prizes for their projects and particular mention was made of the very high standard of projects. Annabelle and Jorja were presented with a cheque for the school and Annabelle publicly thanked the Cumnock CWA ladies for the delicious Italian feast that was served. Prize winners will be published in next week’s newsletter. Next year’s Country of Study will not be announced until October. Once again many thanks to all parents for the support given to the students in completing their projects.

Southern Region Athletics
Amelia, Annabelle, Jorja, Duncan and Jack participated in the Southern Region Athletics Carnival at Canowindra with great enthusiasm. A definite highlight was the Small Schools Relay where St Columba’s was awarded a very close 3rd place. Special congratulations to Annabelle who was awarded 3rd place in high jump and 2nd place in shotput. Annabelle will now compete in the Senior Girls Shotput at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival in Bathurst this Friday. Many thanks to parents who were able to assist with transport last Friday. Your support was greatly appreciated.

Tree Planting
By all accounts there were some very worn out students following a productive morning of tree planting last Friday morning. Hopefully many of you saw the terrific photos that Mel Kiel posted on Facebook – thanks Mel!
Our Dubbo Excursion
We all enjoyed our trip to Dubbo on Monday for the live performance of the 26 Storey Treehouse. The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and most thought the play was very similar to the book. Following the theatre we enjoyed a pleasant picnic at the Japanese Gardens. No doubt many of you heard about the pelican on the pond that treated himself to a big fat goldfish which was about 30cm. The pelican kept everyone entertained as he tried to keep his meal down! Many thanks to Mrs Englert, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Kiel for assisting with transport on the day.

Wellington Eisteddfod
Our School Choir and Primary Recorder Group are busy rehearsing for next week’s Wellington Eisteddfod. Many thanks to all who are able to assist with transport next Tuesday and Thursday. Below is the list of transport arrangements for both days. Students will require packed lunches for both days. Full Winter Uniform will be required for both days.

UPA Performance
St Columba’s will visit the Yeoval UPA Facility on Monday morning to perform our upcoming eisteddfod items. Sara Kiel and Simon Brown will also perform their eisteddfod items for the residents.

Ben Vaughan (6) 8th August

Student of the Week
Maddie Keady
For displaying a happy and positive nature towards all activities.

Merit Certificates
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards this week:-
Primary – Jorja Lees, Milo Hunter, Sara Kiel, Molly Arthur
Infants – Fergus Kerin, Toby Brown, Brodhie Crain

Feast of Mary of the Cross MacKillop
This Saturday celebrates the feast day of Australia’s first saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. Together with the Reverend Julian Tenison Woods she founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, a congregation of religious sisters which established a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australasia, with an emphasis on education for the rural poor. The Sisters of St Joseph were at St Columba’s school from 1943 until 1975.
On 17 July 2008, Pope Benedict XVI prayed at her tomb during his visit to Sydney for World Youth Day. On 19 December 2009, Pope Benedict approved the Catholic Church’s recognition of a second miracle attributed to her intercession. She was canonised on 17 October 2010 during a public ceremony in St Peter’s Square at the Vatican.

Molong Players
Many thanks to all who have returned notes regarding assisting on Saturday 15th August for the P&F’s catering at Molong Players. Attached to the newsletter is a roster of helpers. This is always a great chance for parents to socialise and catch up in our busy lives.

SCHOOL MASS 10.15AM - WEDNESDAY 12TH

Kind regards
Glen Brow - Principal