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St Columba's Newsletter

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Term 2 Week

Reminder Dates

Sunday Mass
31st May
8am

1st 3rd 5th Sunday
8am

2nd & 4th Sunday
10am

Dear Friends

Monday 24th May marked the feast day to Mary Help of Christians. This feast has been celebrated in Australia since 1844 but the history to this day dates back to the start of the 1800's.

The infant church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. No priests were sent to the colony in its early days and Mass was not allowed except for one brief year until 1820. It was largely the Rosary in those early days that kept the faith alive.

Catholic Australia remained faithful to Mary and was the first nation to choose her under the title Help of Christians, as principal Patroness.

St Mary's Cathedral was dedicated in her honour by the Irish pioneer priest, Fr John Therry, who arrived in Sydney in 1820 and assumed responsibility for the planning and initial construction of the Cathedral.

When Australia became the first country to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness, it became the first country to have a mother-cathedral under the same title.



Lord, listen to your people's needs. Under the motherly protection of Mary, help us to remain faithful to you as we rejoice in our land and its people. Mary, Help of Christians pray for us.

EMY Athletics Carnival Eugowra

This coming Friday we will join in a day of fun and friendship with our friends from Eugowra and Manildra for the Annual EMY Athletics Carnival. The day will commence at 9.30am with the Marching Event. Students will need to wear sports shorts, jumpers and hats for the March. A canteen will operate on the day and students will need to have their recess and water bottles. Those students requiring transport will need to be at school by **7.50am**. **In the case of inclement weather all parents will be notified by 7.30am Friday and school will be as normal.**

Assembly Item

A number of parents were treated to a special performance by the Infants students at last week's assembly. If you missed the performance it is available to download on the school's webpage.

Lost Property

We have an un-named size 10 school jumper with badge in the Front Office. If you think your child has misplaced their jumper, please let us know. Please check your child's school and sports jumper to ensure they are CLEARLY NAMED.



Welcome Back Fr Carl

It was great to see Fr Carl back on deck last Sunday. He looks very well and is pleased to be back.

Get Well Soon Beth

Our thoughts and prayers are with ex-student Beth Cannon who was involved in an accident in Bathurst on Monday evening. We pray for her speedy recovery.

Student of the Week

Chayanne Bunning – For her diligent and confident approach to her work.

Merit Certificates

Primary – Jack Job, Jorja Lees

Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer

On Monday the students were introduced to Pope Francis' Five Finger Prayer. This is a simple and easy way to pray and talk to God. The students loved the concept and found it easy to follow. See if they can remember!

The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.

