Dear Friends

Winter is here! Next Wednesday evening Julie Hollitt will be presenting to us necessary information on the emotional and educational needs of boys. This is an amazing opportunity to have someone of Julie’s expertise and calibre visit St Columba’s. Julie’s presentation will be from 6.30pm and we are asking that you be at school from 6pm for finger food and drinks. We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday evening!

Diocesan Spelling Bee & CWA Public Speaking Contest
Some of our students have enjoyed a busy time travelling the area to participate in two very worthwhile extracurricular activities. Last Thursday Sara, Chay, Tom & Simon participated in the Diocesan Spelling Bee in Wellington and yesterday Sara, Amelia and Simon participated in the CWA Public Speaking Contest in Bathurst. These are a very worthwhile experiences for the students and they are to be commended for their efforts.

National Reconciliation Week
National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision. The week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort.

Wheelie Bins
Congratulations to the 4 lucky winners whose names came out of the hat on Tuesday: - Bunnings, Kerins (John), Angells and Vaughtans. Your Wheelie Bins are available for collection any time. Sorry, we can’t make home deliveries!

School and Home Life for Boys
Please find attached to the newsletter a note regarding the up and coming evening with Julie Hollitt, it would be appreciated if you can return the note by Friday 3rd June

NSW Transport for NSW
Please find attached a brochure regarding the new online application process for the Transport for NSW School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS).

These brochures will help understand eligibility criteria for free travel to and from school detailing how and when to apply. All applications are now online as detailed in the brochures.

School Photos
School Photos have been sent home today. We hope that you are pleased with them as we have changed photographers. Your feedback would be appreciated.
St Columba’s Day
Next **Wednesday** is St Columba’s Day. On this day we will celebrate this special feast with a number of activities. Students may wear casual clothes on this day. Please join us! Below is an outline of the day’s activities.

- **10am** Mass
- **11am** Morning Tea & Book Fair in the School Library
- **11.30am** Old Fashioned Games & building a Church
- **1pm** Sausage Sizzle Lunch
- **2pm** Quiz and Treasure Hunt

**EMMY Athletics Carnival**
Next Friday we will join with the Catholic Schools from Eugowra, Manildra & Molong for the annual EMMY Athletics Carnival. The Carnival will be held at the Manildra Sports Ground commencing at 9.30am with the very competitive Marching Event. Could you please complete the attached permission note and return it to school by this Friday.

**Student of the Week**

**Brodie Crain**

For his mature and positive approach to all aspects of school life.

Congratulations to the following Students who received Merit Certificates this week.

**Primary** – Chayanne Bunning, Patrick Vauhan

**Infants** – Will Kerin, Yasin Gamser, Will Lees

**Positive Play** – Anakin Bunning, Tyler Simister

**Birthdays**
Chayanne Bunning (12) 31st May
Nick Goard (8) 3rd June

**Calendar Dates**
- **Wednesday 8th June** – St Columba’s Day Mass 10am
- **Wednesday 8th June** – Guest Speaker, Julie Hollitt 6:30pm – 8:30pm
- **Friday 10th June** – EMMY Athletics Carnival Manildra
- **Wednesday 29th June** – School Mass 10am
- **Friday 19th August** – Molong Players
- **Monday 22nd – Thursday 25th AUGUST** – Yr 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION

**Lunch Orders Week 6**

- **Special $3**
- Spaghetti Bolognaise & Popper
- Or
- Sausage Rolls / Pies / Toasties
- Hot Chocolate with marshmallow

Kind regards

Glen Brown, Principal
We acknowledge the generous support of the Catholic Education Office in funding this opportunity.

SCHOOL AND HOME LIFE FOR BOYS:
engagement and emotions

with renowned psychologist JULIE HOLLITT

Renowned psychologist Julie Hollitt will be presenting at St Columba’s School Library, Forbes St, Yeoval, on Wednesday 8th June, from 6:30pm – 8.30pm.

We encourage all parents of boys to avail themselves of this opportunity to learn more about their boys unique emotional and education needs.

During her presentation she will cover topics including:

- COMMON IMAGINED EXPECTATIONS of boys held by parents
- STATISTICALLY LIKELY FACTS ABOUT BOYS that are important to their education and family upbringing
- KNOWING MORE ABOUT BOYS and how to engage them with reading and other literacy tasks
- THE IMPORTANCE AND PLACE OF MALE ROLE MODELS in the development of boys and their emotional life
- GAINING IDEAS ABOUT HOW TO WORK BETTER with the healthy development of their sons’ emotions and wellbeing

VENUE
St Columba’s School Library

DATE
Wednesday 8th June

TIME
6:30pm – 8:30pm

For seating and catering purposes please RSVP to St Columba’s School
PH: 68 464 205 by Friday 3rd June

We acknowledge the generous support of the Catholic Education Office in funding this opportunity.

Students and siblings are welcome to come and join their friends for a DVD Night in the Primary Classroom which will be supervised by Mrs Brown & Miss Baker.