



### «GreetingLine»

The green pick appearing across the countryside certainly is a welcome sight. Let's hope some decent follow-up rain is on the way!

Last week was the final stage of our 5 Yearly School Review which involved interviews of staff, students & parents as well as a thorough assessment and critique of our teaching programs and student work samples. We received terrific feedback on the quality of learning and teaching that is taking place on a daily basis with very few suggestions/recommendations for future planning. This of course does not mean that we can now sit idle, but ensure that our future direction will build upon the solid practices we have in place. It's been a very busy but rewarding time for the school community and I take this opportunity to publicly thank all staff for their support & efforts in ensuring we provide the very best for our students at St Columba's. A wonderful team effort indeed! I look forward to sharing the parent report with you when it becomes available.



Yesterday Miss Baker and I attended a professional development day on Bounce Back! - the award-winning Positive Education approach to wellbeing, resilience, and social-emotional learning. The program provides practical strategies to improve student wellbeing and help students cope with the complexity of everyday life. Bounce Back! is a whole school program from Kindergarten to Year 6 which provides students the skills to 'bounce back' when they experience sadness, difficulties, frustrations and challenging times. Commencing Term 3, we will introduce staff & students to the elements and structure of the program in readiness for its full implementation in 2019. A parent information session on the program will also take place before the end of the year. We will keep you posted.

### Student of the Week



#### Week 8

**Tyson Harvey**  
For continued improvements in all key learning areas



#### Week 9

**Ava O'Hara**  
For her consistent effort in the classroom

# Merit Awards

*Congratulations to the following Students who received MERIT CERTIFICATES in the past 2 weeks.*

## Primary

**Week 8-** Will Kerin, Brodhie Crain, Maddie Keady, Ben Vaughan

**Week 9** - Simon Brown, Anakin Bunning

## Infants

**Week 8** – Hannah Veer, Paddy Iffland

**Week 9** - Charlie Brown, Selina Kerin



## Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

This Sunday the Australian Bishops have invited us to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. We acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, making his presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. We pray in thanksgiving for those who have enriched and sustained our continent over all that time.



**We pray for a spirit of reconciliation in Australia: that all who live and work together will share this blessed land with their brothers and sisters. Amen**

## Semester One Student Reports

Teachers are in the final stages of reporting on students' achievements for the past two terms and these reports will be sent home next Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Parents are most welcome to contact the school to discuss any aspects of concern from their child's report.



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WEEK 9 LUNCH SPECIAL

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Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Glen Brown".

Glen Brown, Principal