Hopefully all mothers enjoyed a happy Mothers’ Day last Sunday and were showered with gifts purchased from the successful Mothers’ Day Stall.

**A Mothers’ Day Prayer**

Loving God, we pray: for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility; for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting; for those who are tired, stressed or depressed; for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family; for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities; for those who raise children on their own; for those who have lost a child; for those who care for the children of others; for those whose children have left home; and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled. Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender, and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good, living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen

A huge thank you to all parents and friends for generously giving time to assist with the fundraising activities for the Yeoval Show; be it cooking, cutting wood, or assisting with the morning and afternoon teas on the day. A successful wood raffle and the winnings from the **undefeated** Tug-o-War Team ended up making the day a profitable one. Fundraising events don’t just happen and require support and cooperation from all. Please be assured that your help is appreciated.

Congratulations to all St Columba’s Students on their school and individual entries in the Show. I’m sure you will agree that it is exciting to see their talents on display for all to see.
Christian Living Camp
Our Year Six students thoroughly enjoyed their time at the annual Christian Living Camp last week. They made many friends and even made plans to catch up later in the year at the Catholic Youth Festival which is also held at Ridgecrest. They were an absolute pleasure to take away and are to be commended for their willingness to join in the spirit of the camp. They certainly impressed everyone with their recorder playing at the concluding Mass.

Student of the Week

Week 2
Beau Peacock
For approaching school life in a positive manner

Week 3
Teji Pastor
For his enthusiastic participation in all activities

Merit Certificates
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit awards this week;
Primary – Dominic Antaw, Teji Pastor, Laura Kiel, Phoebe Englert
Infants - Toby Brown, Tyson Harvey
Parent Teacher Interviews
Many thanks to all who have returned their forms requesting interviews next week. Attached to the newsletter is your allocated time. We have made every endeavour to ensure you have been given your requested time. Please remember that interviews are only 15 minutes in length for each child and that we need to keep to these times.

CWA Public Speaking Contest
Amelia, Chayanne, Annabelle and Laura will compete at the CWA Public Speaking Contest in Bathurst on Wednesday 28th May. Further information will be sent to their families in the coming days.

Bathurst Goldfields Excursion
All students K-6 will be participating in an excursion to the Bathurst Goldfields on Friday 6th June 2014. Attached to today’s newsletter is a separate note regarding the excursion.

Farewell Mrs Horner
Mrs Horner has announced that she will be leaving St Columba’s to spend more quality time with her family. Mrs Horner has been a teacher’s aide at St Columba’s since 2004. During this time she has worked tirelessly with many students to help them achieve. I sincerely thank Dawn for her years of dedicated service to St Columba’s and wish her all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely

Glen Brown
Principal

Community News

Cumnock P & C

Soccer & Netball Carnival

The Cumnock Public School P & C committee would like to invite your Club or team, to come along for a great day at the annual Cumnock Soccer and Netball Carnival to be held on Sunday 15th June 2014.

- Each team is guaranteed three games over the day
- Our Event encourages and promotes fun and fair play
- Our event is tailored for young students and beginners
- Our new format for soccer caters to all primary school age groups
- We will offer great prizes, trophies and raffle

Please advise your coaches and encourage as many teams as possible to come along to Cumnock for the day. Nomination Packages will be forwarded to your School / Club within the first two weeks of May.