Dear Friends

St Columba’s has certainly been a hive of activity since last week’s newsletter. With the Three Way Swimming Carnival, Banjo Paterson Celebrations, P&F AGM, Opening School Mass preparations and of course daily learning we have all been kept on our toes.

The Primary students enjoyed a very successful day at the Three Way Swimming Carnival last Thursday. All students are to be congratulated for their enthusiasm on the day and their willingness to participate in events. Special congratulations to Phoebe Englert who was awarded Senior Girl Champion and Laura Kiel who was awarded Senior Girl Runner Up. Many thanks to all parents who were able to support on the day. We also thank Miss Border and teachers from the Yeoval Central School for organising the day.
What an amazing day we all had on Monday with the Banjo Paterson Celebrations! Congratulations to Mrs Brown and all students for their singing and poetry skills at the Opening of the Museum. A highlight for the Primary Class was definitely a visit from The Hon Tim Fischer. Mr Fischer enjoyed a quick game of cricket with the students before joining in a Q&A session with the Primary students in the school library – a memorable experience indeed! The day was topped off with a lady visiting our school to recite some of Banjo’s Poems and Mulga Bill cycling in on his Penny Farthing. I’m sure we will all remember this day for years to come.
P & F News

Last Night was the AGM for our Parents and Friends Association. Many thanks to outgoing President Jhing Pastor for his work and welcome to new President Dave Kiel. Dave will be joined by Nicolette Vaughan as Secretary and Julia Englert as Treasurer to form the executive. Pip Job has kindly offered to lead a fundraising sub-committee and Mel Kiel will coordinate maintenance and WHS. We look forward to all working together this year for the betterment of our school and students.

Opening School Mass

Our Opening School Mass will take place at 8am this Sunday. All students will be involved in the mass and a meet & greet breakfast in the church grounds will follow. We look forward to seeing you there.

Student of the Week

Jorja Less
For her excellent participation and enthusiasm in all areas

Southern Region Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Phoebe Englert, Laura Kiel, Annabelle Englert, Jorja Lees, Chayanne Bunning, Sara Kiel & Jack Job who have been selected to compete in Southern Region Swimming Carnival in Orange next Wednesday 26th February. These students will be competing against students from the Catholic schools from Blayney, Canowindra, Eugowra, Manildra, Molong and Orange. We wish these students the best of luck in their events.

Shrove Tuesday

St Columba’s will have its usual Pancake Breakfast on Tuesday 4th March. The cost will be $2 and all money raised will be donated to Caritas Australia.

Ash Wednesday Mass 8am 5th March. We are asking that all students attend the Ash Wednesday Mass on 5th March at 8am. Following Mass we will have a simple breakfast at school for the students. All parents are invited to attend.

Merit Certificates

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

Primary: Amelia Vaughan, Chayanne Bunning, Sara Kiel, Jack Job

Infants: Izak Richardson, Beau Peacock

Kind regards

Glen Brown
Principal