Hopefully all mums had an enjoyable day on Sunday. This week we have two very important activities taking place which contribute to providing a quality Catholic education for our students, Naplan tests for Years 3 & 5 and Parent/Teacher Interviews.

A Prayer for all Mothers,

Thank you, Lord, that you fill a mother’s heart with love,
That you have instilled in her very being the need to protect her children if at all possible,
Thank you for giving her the gift of nurturing her children, of teaching them, of comforting them,
for feeding them and making a safe place for them.

For guiding them to be all that God has created them to be.
Fill every mother with love, wisdom and endurance,
with strength and patience and joy.
Give them ability to forgive again and again.
Enable her to rely on You and call upon You, because You will give her all she needs.
In Your precious and all powerful name, Amen

EMY Athletics Carnival
St Joseph’s Eugowra has had to change the date for the EMY Athletics Carnival in Eugowra to Friday 29th May (Week 6). I apologise for the short notice regarding this change and any inconvenience caused. Could you please complete the attached note regarding the carnival and return it to school by next Monday 19th May.

News on Fr Carl
Please continue to keep Fr Carl in your prayers. His treatment appears to be going well with no side-effects at this stage. Fr Carl will return to Wellington at the end of next week.

Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards this week:

Primary – Chayanne Bunning, Amelia Vaughan
Infants – Patrick Vaughan, Dakota Bunning, Brodhie Crain

World of Maths
Next Tuesday 19th May all students will attend World of Maths at Yeoval Central School. This visiting presentation gives students hands-on mathematical challenges to solve. The Primary Class will attend from 9.30am – 11am and Infants Class will attend from 11.45am – 1pm. There is no cost to parents and the local excursion note gives all students permission to attend.
The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus
This Sunday celebrates The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ. It is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after His resurrection. Since the date of Easter changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes. The Feast itself commemorates when Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives, and after blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfilment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, He ascended into heaven.

CWA Public Speaking
Annabelle Englert, Sara Kiel and Amelia Vaughan will compete in the CWA Public Speaking Contest on Tuesday 26th May at Kinross, Orange. All relevant information will be sent home to parents when it arrives at school.

St Columba’s Kitchen Garden Committee
Now that the cooler weather has approached it is time for us to make plans for our school kitchen garden. It would be greatly appreciated if all interested parents could meet at school next Tuesday 19th May at 3:30pm. Please contact the school if you are unable to attend and would like to be a part of the committee.

Primary News
Another busy week in Primary. Congratulations on some hard work and enthusiasm in all activities. In Religion we continue the season of Easter. This week we are looking at the Easter Vigil and the significance of light in our lives. We eagerly await the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Kind regards

Glen Brown
Principal

Making Electricity in Science & Technology
St Columba’s P&F General Meeting Minutes
Date: Monday May 11th 2015, 6pm

Open Meeting: 6:05pm

Present: Glen Brown, Dave Kiel, Yenda Kerin, Kate Brown, Kylie Bunning, Katie Keady, Alana Kerin, Nicolette Vaughan

Apologies: Mel Kiel, Pip Job, Julia Englert
Motion: That apologies be accepted.
Moved: Nicolette Vaughan
Seconded: Dave Kiel
Carried

Minutes from Previous General Meeting: (read by Kate Brown)

Motion: That minutes from previous general meeting, February 16th 2015, be accepted as true and accurate.
Moved: Alana Kerin
Seconded: Kate Brown
Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes:

Staff room step: Tony Nailand (cabinet maker) visited school and inspected job.

Bathurst Diocese appointed an individual who has conducted a condition report in the school and highlighted the need for signage to indicate that visitors to school are not to proceed through the thoroughfare area (between office and kitchen). Signage has been fitted.

Other items (including some general repairs and maintenance) were highlighted from the condition report requiring attention, together with prioritisation. Costs would be covered by Bathurst Diocese. Glen has also highlighted stormwater overflow issue.

Phone Book:

$635 worth of sales have been made, up to 30 April 2015. No changes advised as yet, so all going well.

Electrolux Freezer:

There was a mix up with delivery of a freezer by Electrolux, Orange. Electrolux incorrectly delivered a freezer to St Columba’s (in addition to the fridge donated to Junior Joeys). Glen and Kate contacted Electrolux to advise of freezer being incorrectly delivered to St Columba’s and Glen offered to pay $300 to purchase the freezer, with a view for it to be the P&F major raffle prize for end of year celebrations (rather than having to return it to Orange). This offer was accepted by Electrolux.

Motion: That the P&F are to reimburse the School for the cost of $300 for freezer end of year prize.
Moved: Glen Brown
Seconded: Dave Kiel
Carried

Vegie Garden:

Expressions of interest received; work in progress.
Pop Up Tent:
Purchased and used @ Yeoval Show last week – works well.

Sand pit:
Thank you to Kylie Bunning for the collection and delivery of renewed sand for school sand pit. Great job!

General R&M - Rubble in Drain, Overflow in Roof:
Glen has followed up re the manner in which the site was left at the connection of the sewerage system; this remains a work in progress with Cabonne Council. Glen has also discussed general rubble with Peter Carman (contractor).

School Bag App:
Glen looked into the School Bag App. Associated costs are $1000 establishment fee + $10/child per year. For St Columba’s, this is not a cost effective measure and existing means of communicating school information, meeting reminders etc are more than adequate (School newsletters, term calendars, School website). In addition, the process of children delivering newsletters, notes etc to parents/carers also promotes great communication between children and parents/carers and children taking on responsibilities.

AgnVet Invoice:
Dave Kiel chased it up with AgnVet and Stephen Walker agreed to have travel component of invoice ($150) reversed. As the original invoice was not paid on time (due to invoice discrepancy), there was also a late payment fee incurred. No statement has been received post February 2015, therefore Dave Kiel will contact AgnVet to request a statement confirming that $NIL balance outstanding and reversal of late payment fee has been correctly made.

Correspondence In: Nil

Correspondence Out:
Letter sent today to Molong Players as a submission of expression of interest for catering in August.

Treasurer’s Report (as presented by Alana Kerin, copy attached):
Motion: That the Treasurer’s Report be accepted as true and accurate.
Moved: Nicolette Vaughan
Seconded: Dave Kiel
Carried

Motion: That School uniform inventory be transferred to the St Columba’s School Account, from the P&F account, to simplify administrative functions. In addition, this is not to the financial detriment to the P&F because there is no mark up on uniform sales. There is to be stocktake of uniforms for the purposes of transferring, effective from the commencement of Term 3 (July 13th 2015).
Moved: Glen Brown
Seconded: Dave Kiel
Carried

Alana Kerin and Katie Keady have kindly volunteered to conduct inventory of School uniform items prior to the commencement of Term 3. Thank you.