Dear Friends

The 24th May celebrates the feast of Mary Help of Christians. The feast was celebrated from 1844, even though it was not officially approved by Rome until 1852. The young Catholic Church in Australia had a special reason for turning to Mary. In those early and mostly priestless days, it was largely the Rosary that kept the Catholic faith alive.

**Loving God, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, Help of Christians.**
**Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our citizens.**
**Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen**

CWA Public Speaking
Laura Kiel, Annabelle Englert, Chayanne Bunning and Amelia Vaughan will participated in the CWA Public Speaking Contest in Bathurst next Wednesday. We wish them the best of luck.

Diocesan Spelling Bee
Teji Pastor and Amelia Vaughan will compete in the Diocesan Spelling Bee in Wellington next Thursday. We wish the best of luck for the day.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher Interviews are being held this week. If you haven’t made an appointment and would like to meet with your child’s teacher please contact the school.

Athletics Carnivals for 2014
St Columba’s will be the host school this year for both the EMY (Eugowra, Manildra & Yeoval Catholic Schools) and 3 Way (Yeoval Central, Cumnock & St Columba’s) Athletics Carnivals. **The EMY Athletics Carnival will be held on Monday 16th June** at the Yeoval Football Oval (Week 8). As the host school we will require as much assistance as possible from parents to help out on the day with events and operating the canteen. A note will be sent home next week regarding the carnival. A date for the 3 Way Carnival is currently being organised and will be announced as soon as it is finalised.

Goldfields Excursion
Many thanks to all for the prompt return of permission notes and payment for the Goldfields Excursion which will held on Friday 6th June 2014. We will notify you next week of the transport details for the day.
“Greenvale” Clearing Sale
Thank you to those who have returned notes regarding the “Greenvale” Clearing Sale. A roster is being put together and will be sent home in the coming days. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Birthdays
Duncan Job (11) 24/5/2010

Student of the Week
Nick Goard
For his positive approach to his work

Merit Certificates
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates this week:-

Primary: Duncan Job, Althea Pastor
Infants: Thalia Harvey, Will Kerin

The Feast Day of our School’s Patron Saint, St Columba will be celebrated on Tuesday 10th June.
Our day will begin with a School Mass at 9.00am
Morning Tea will then be shared in the school library following Mass.
All Welcome

School Fees
Term 2 School Fees are due by the end of next week.

P&F Meeting 5pm Monday 26th May, School Library

Church of Our Lady Working Bee Friday 23rd May at 1pm,
There will be a working Bee at the Church of Our Lady to prepare the fence for painting in readiness for the 40th Celebration. Please bring wire brushes, sandpaper, buckets and sugar soap.

Kind regards

Glen Brown