Dear Friends

We all enjoyed a happy and social morning for our Opening School Mass on Sunday. It was terrific to see so many families present to celebrate the new school year. Following Mass we all enjoyed a barbecued breakfast in the Church grounds.

Year Six Leaders’ Pledge

Kinder Blessing
Southern Region Swimming Carnival
Phoebe Englert, Laura Kiel, Belle Englert, Jorja Lees, Sara Kiel, Chayanne Bunning & Jack Job competed at the Southern Region Swimming Carnival in Orange today. We look forward to hearing about their day when they return.

Student of the Week
Tom Kerin
For his enthusiastic approach to learning.

Merit Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received awards this week:
Primary – Teji Pastor, Phoebe Englert
Infants – Simon Brown, Dakota Bunning, Tyler Simister

Shrove Tuesday
Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday is the day before Ash Wednesday. It is a day to prepare for Lent’s fasting and it has been a tradition for hundreds of years for people to use this day to rid their pantries of any food that is sweet and tempting. Therefore we will again have our yearly Pancake Breakfast at St Columba’s next Tuesday. The cost of the Pancake Breakfast is $2 per person and parents are welcome to join us. All money raised next Tuesday will be donated to Caritas Australia.

Ash Wednesday Mass
A School/Parish Mass to mark the beginning of the season of Lent will take place at 8am next Wednesday 5th March. On Ash Wednesday many Christians receive a cross of ashes on their foreheads. This powerful sign has been used by God’s people for hundreds of years and reminds us that we are not perfect. The ashes remind us to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel. On Wednesday we would like all students to be at the Church for Mass 8am. Following Mass we will have a simple breakfast for the students in the school library. Your support and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Lenten Prayer / Reflection Evenings
Mrs Brown will again lead a Prayer/Reflection evening each Wednesday from 7pm until 8pm during the season of Lent. The first evening will commence next Wednesday 5th March in the school library. Anyone is welcome.

St Columba’s Website
We are very excited to announce that we now have a school website. The address is www.stcolumbasyeoval.catholic.edu.au. It will be added to regularly and is still in the early stages of its development. Many thanks to Mrs Englert for her work with this site.

Parish News
Fr Tony expresses his thanks to all parents for their efforts with the number of school activities that have taken place since the beginning of term, especially the wonderful rollup at Mass on Sunday. As a special thank you Fr Tony has kindly donated to the school a couple of terrific raffle prizes which will be used later in the year.

At Monday night’s Pariah Pastoral Council Meeting St Columba’s was presented with a $500 cheque from an anonymous donor. This money will be given to the P&F and be used to assist with the sewerage costs that the school will encounter.

P&F Fundraising Meeting - Wednesday 5th March at 3.15pm. Please come and support.

Kind Regards
Glen Brown
Principal