Welcome back everyone to a new year. It's exciting for families at this time of the year, meeting new teachers, experiencing new classrooms and environments and of course moving back into a routine after the hectic holiday period.

I would like to make special mention to our four Kinder students, Ashleigh Lorimer, Natalia Chatzidimitriou, Joshua Monteath and Willow Laing who all continue on their educational experience here at St Columba’s. A special welcome to the Monteath family (Joshua) and Glanvill family (Natalia) who are new families to our school.

Well done to our Grade 6 leadership team Alyssa Denny, Hayley Brent, Naomi Hooper and Jasmine Luscombe. I wish them all the best for the year ahead, I’m sure they will do a magnificent job representing our school in their leadership roles. This year Naomi has been elected captain of Gurrum Nagle with Hayley Vice Captain and Jasmine has been elected as Captain of Or Inoa with Alyssa as Vice Captain.

I am excited about this new year and look forward to meeting all the families at St Columba’s.

Just a reminder that we have our Annual Swimming Carnival this Friday from 5pm till 7pm at the Berrigan Pool. There will be a BBQ supplied by the Parent Council and lots of fun activities for the whole family.

Also next Thursday the 11th of February we have a Welcome BBQ at the school starting at 6:00pm. It would be great to see you all at both these events. Don’t forget to RSVP for the welcome BBQ. Visit the website: http://tinyurl.com/zvtm7ll

There have been some slight changes with staffing this year. Katie Hickey will be teaching in the K/1/2 classroom full time. Belinda Denny will be teaching four days a week Monday - Thursday, she will be in the 3/4/5/6 classroom all day on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The other days of the week Belinda will be teaching in different areas of the school including KLA’s such as art and Italian. Arlena Pyle will be in the office Monday to Thursday from 8:30am till 1:30pm. I will be teaching in the 3/4/5/6 classroom on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays and will be in the office on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you have any questions in regards to this please contact the office and arrange for an appointment to speak with myself.

Last year a Professional Development day was booked for Friday the 4th of March. This will be a pupil free day. The staff at St Columba’s will be attending Holy Spirit Primary School for some insight into Contemporary Learning and investigate 21st Century working spaces/classrooms.
This year is a very special year in the Catholic Church, Pope Francis named 2016 as the Extraordinary Jubilee "Holy Year of Mercy." "I have decided to announce an Extraordinary Jubilee which has at its centre the mercy of God. It will be a Holy Year of Mercy. We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). This is a year where we open our doors to everyone, regardless of their culture, their background or their present situation. So together let’s make this a special year for all. Good luck to all our families this year, I hope you all have an enjoyable and exciting year here at St Columba’s.

Damien Taylor
Principal

### Notes to Return ASAP
- Student Details Verification Forms
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- Parental Consent
- Nitbusters
- School Swimming Carnival Nominations
- Birth Certificates and Immunisation History Statements if these have not previously been supplied

### Book Club
Orders for Issue 1 2016 are due back to school by next Monday 15 February.

### Best Start Kindergarten Interviews
Just a reminder to parents of Kindergarten students the times for the **Best Start Interviews this Friday 5 February** are as follows:

- 9:30am Ashleigh
- 10:30am Willow
- 11:30am Natalia
- 12:30pm Joshua

### Holiday & This Week’s Birthdays!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- Willow Laing - 18 January
- Mrs Denny - 23 January
- Mrs Pyle - 2 February
- Marley Glanvill - 3 February

### Shrove Tuesday

**Uniting Church - Cox Hall**

**Sunday 7 February from 11am**

Pancakes, tea & coffee $6

**St. Aiden’s Anglican Church**

**Tuesday 9 February from 6pm**

2 Course Meal $12 Adults & $6 Children

### Finley Farmers’ Market, Sat 6 February

This Saturday the Finley Farmers' Market will be back at the Finley Lake and are happy to let you know that they will be hosting a back to school theme; so come along to check it out, enjoy the surrounds, the great bacon and egg rolls and have a catch up with the community.

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ALBURY LEGO MODEL EXPO CONSTRUCTION PLAY

Tickets: tickets.legomodelexpo.com/ALBURY 525 Swift Street, Albury, Albury Entertainment Centre Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th Feb 2016

FREE FOOD, FUN ACTIVITIES & PRIZES TO BE WON.

RSVP: 2nd Feb 2016

Place: Berigan Library Meeting Room

Date: 4th Feb 2016

Time: 4pm

Join us to bring along your reading
Come dressed up as a book character

Albany Reading Club are invited
and all the club members
is having a party to celebrate the end of the

BERIGAN LIBRARY

Summer Reading Club
Finley Apex Presents

Mud Run

Challenges for adults
Junior events organised by the Finley Touch Footy Showgrounds
Saturday, February 13th, 2016
7:30am Registration
8:00am Start
Finley Showgrounds

For Registration Email:
the day
All Payments to be made on the day
$15 on the day
$20 pre-registration
$25 on the day

RHS YR12 TIMES LESTE IMMERSION PROGRAM

DANCE

HIP HOP BREAKDANCE JAZZ BALLET TAP CONTEMPORARY CHEERLEADING ACRO

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Principal’s Report

It’s very busy this time of the year, setting up routines, getting children organised for school, summer sports and busy weekend plans during the summer months.

Today is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a very important time in the Catholic Church. Traditionally during Lent people would fast and give up the basic necessities in life. The money that they saved during this time would be shared with others in need. It is important to remember to give to others during this time and Caritas is a really great way of doing this. Children will be bringing their Caritas boxes home from school today. It would be great if the students could spare some pocket money over the next few weeks to help others in need.

Thank you to everyone who attended the swimming carnival on Friday night. It was great to see the support that St Columba’s gets at these events. A big thank you to the parent helpers, especially Carmen Connell who organised all the results. Also thanks to the Parent Council for organising the Barbeque. Well done to all the students who competed, a big congratulations to Matthew Whelan and Naomi Hopper who were the boys and girls champions for 2016 and to Dakota Connell junior girl champion and Alyssa Denny 11 years girls champion. Or Iona took out the house championship, well done to all the students in Or Iona. Good luck to all the students who are attending the Deanery Swimming Carnival in Finley this Friday. Please remember to return your notes and money to school by tomorrow so transport arrangements can be made.

A reminder about the Welcome BBQ on Thursday night at 6:00pm. If parents haven’t sent in their RSVP could they please contact the school first thing Thursday morning to let us know if you will be attending. Remember to bring a salad to share. Next Thursday the Parent Council will be running a school working bee starting at 6:00pm. A note will go home at the end of this week asking for helpers. There will be drinks and a BBQ supplied for all families who come and assist.

The students participated in Pancake Tuesday (Shrove Tuesday) on Tuesday morning. They had a great time cooking pancakes with their classmates, thanks to Tracey and Jo who assisted on the day. The students also attended the Ash Wednesday Mass at St Columba’s Church this morning, thanks to all the parents who attended. The Mass was followed by a morning tea in the school hall.
Sarah from the Southern Riverine News was at school last Thursday to take some photos of our new Kinder children and our leadership team for 2016. They will be in the newspaper today so make sure you grab a copy.

Our first assembly for the year will be held this Friday at 2:00pm in the Hall. All families are invited to attend.

Coming home with today’s newsletter are the school fees for Term One that are due to be paid by 31st March. I would like to encourage families to consider fortnightly payments to make the payment of your school fees easier. The school bank account details for direct deposit payments are listed on the newsletter each week, or payments can be made by cash or cheque at the school office.

Damien Taylor
Principal

This Week’s Birthdays!

Acacia Dart - 10 February
Lillianna Luscombe - 13 February

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Jessica & Ashleigh’s Christening
Students and Staff have received an invitation from Marcus & Nicole Lorimer to join their family to celebrate Jessica & Ashleigh’s Christening on Saturday 20th February. It is taking place at St. Columba’s Catholic Church at 12pm.

Uniform Orders
Attached to the newsletter is a new uniform order form - if any families know they will be needing winter uniform items, could you please let the school know so an order can be organised.

Stock items are kept at the school all year for purchase and some second hand items are available in limited sizes. Please phone Anne Jones 0408 670810 or Arlena at the School if

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This weekend
Don't miss out!
JUSTINE
CLARKE

24th February, 2016
10am for 10.30am

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 4
- Principals Meetings - Wagga Wed 17 Feb - Thurs 18
- Working Bee Thursday 18 February 6pm
- School Assembly Friday 19 February 2:30pm

Week 5
- Diocesan Swimming Carnival Thurs 25 February - Leeton
- Life Education Van Friday 26 February
- School Assembly Friday 26 February 2:30pm

Week 6
- Staff PD - PUPIL FREE DAY Friday 4 March
- World Day of Payer Friday 4 March - St Columba’s Church 7pm

Week 8
- School Council Meeting Monday 14 March 7pm
- School Assembly Friday 18 March 2:30pm
- School Council Street Stall Saturday 19 March

Week 9
- Good Friday Friday 25 March

Week 10
- Easter Monday Monday 28 March

Direct Deposit your School Fees
School Bank Details
BSB: 012 823
Account: 2070 07437
Name: Diocesan Provident Fund
Please use Reference: SCB + your SURNAME

Principal’s Report

At school over the past few days we have been discussing Lent with the students. Lent is a time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. These three terms may not be used commonly in a regular household because of the busy lifestyles that we all live. There are some really simple things that we can do at home to achieve these three goals.

Firstly we can donate to Project Compassion, it doesn’t matter how large or how small, a donation is a donation. Another thing we can do is spend more time as a family. You may not be praying together but being together is just as important. The last thing we can do is to be less wasteful, with both our food and the things that we throw away, consider donating or recycling things that we no longer need. Remember Lent is a time of sharing, caring and being thankful for the things that we have.

Well done to all the students who attended the Deanery Swimming Carnival in Finley last Friday. Matthew Whelan, Dakota Connell, Alyssa Denny, Jasmine Luscombe, Naomi Hooper, Hayley Brent and Patrick Waugh all represented our school at a Deanery level. A big congratulations to Naomi, Matthew, Alyssa and Patrick who all made it through to the next level and will be competing in Leeton next Thursday. We wish them all the best. Matthew Whelan showed exceptional talent at the Deanery Carnival and actually took out the age group Champion for the 11 year old boys, well done Matthew.

This Saturday Jessica and Ashleigh Lorimer are going to be Christened at St Columba’s Church and their parents Nicole and Marcus have invited all the students and their families to attend. It would be great to see as many families as possible to show their support for Jessica and Ashleigh on Saturday. I wish them all the best and hope that the girls and their families have a very exciting and special day.

Our swimming lessons completed last Friday. Well done to all the students, there will be some certificates prepared and handed out to the student in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks to everyone who attended the welcome barbeque last Thursday evening. Much fun had by all who attended. A big thank you to the Parent Council for organising the food.

A reminder that we have a working bee this Thursday evening starting at 6:00pm. There will be a barbeque for all our helpers. I look forward to seeing many of you there on Thursday getting your hands dirty and assisting wherever you can.

There have been some reports of children with head lice at school. This is probably a great time to remind all the parents to check their children for signs of Nits. If you notice any could you please take the necessary steps in treating this problem. There will be some information going home next week to assist with this. I thank you for your support with this matter.

Next Friday the 26th of February the Life Education van will be visiting our school. The Junior (K/1/2) students will be attending a program about...
environmental health issues, emergency procedures, pressure and coping strategies, safety and decision making. The Senior (3/4/5/6) students will be learning about the consequences of alcohol use and misuse, staying safe and refusal skills and the laws and rules around use and purchase. If you have any questions about these programs don’t hesitate to contact the office and arrange an appointment to see me. Please return the permission note attached to this newsletter and payment to school as soon as possible.

A reminder about our school closure day on Friday the 4th of March for teacher Professional Development about contemporary working spaces and 21st Century Learning.

Assembly will start at 2:30pm this week. After reviewing last week’s time we found that it would be best if assembly started at this time rather than 2:00pm. All families are invited and encouraged to attend.

Mr Taylor is at a Principal’s meeting in Wagga today and tomorrow, George Martin is replacing him over these two days.

Damien Taylor
Principal

**School Merit Awards Recipients**

**Term 1 Week 3**

**Principals Award**
Willow Laing

**Class Awards**
Jaxon Simpson
Sebastian Graham
Lilli Luscombe
Kye Laing
Jessica Lorimer

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**CBA School Banking**

Don’t forget School Banking Day is **THURSDAY**. The school earns commission on each deposit and there are great rewards on offer for students to collect.

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - CUBA**

Jesus said to them
“Receive children. Receive me.”

**FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2016**

TIME: 7pm

PLACE: St Columba’s

Everyone Welcome
Berrigan Netball Club will hold Registration Day for all Juniors and Seniors on Thursday 25th Feb from 5.00pm at the netball courts. Netball Victoria registration now needs to be completed online and paid for by credit card. Registration Fees are Seniors $175, Juniors $125, U11’s and Net Set Go $55. For more information, please contact Carolyn Alexander or Arlena Pyle. Make sure you also bring your sneakers to rego, so we can get some netball games going!! Registration for Berrigan Football Club 3rds and 4ths players will also be on Thursday 25th February from 5pm at the Sportsground. Registration costs $30 for 4ths and $40 for 3rds for the year. All new and old juniors are encouraged to attend. More details regarding training times will be provided on the night. The Cricket Club will have tea available and all are welcome to join them after registration. If you would like more information please contact Brendan Haintz.
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JUSTINE CLARKE

24th February, 2016
10am for 10.30am

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ST FRANCIS DE SALES REGIONAL COLLEGE
LEANONNSW 2705

YEARS 7-12 DAY & WEEKLY BOARDING CO-EDUCATIONAL COLLEGE

Celebrating 60 years of Excellence in Catholic Education

Applications for 2017 are now being taken. Enrolment Packages are available upon request from the College Office on 02 6953 3822 or downloading from the College Website at www.stfrancis.nsw.catholic.edu.au

Applications for 2017 close Friday 17 June 2016

Interested in attending please RSVP by Monday 7 March 2016
Life Education NSW will be visiting our school on Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} February

Below is a brief outline of the programs available to the children for participation:

- **Harold’s Surprise**
  - Early Stage 1 (K) - Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety

- **Harold’s Mystery Tour**
  - Stage 1 (Yr 1) - Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making

- **Harold’s Heroes**
  - Stage 1 (Yr 2) - Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.

- **All Systems Go**
  - Stages 1 & 2 (Yrs 2-3) Function of body systems, peer pressure, second hand smoking, and safety with medicines.

- **Harold’s Diary**
  - Stage 2 (Yr 3) - Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles

- **bCyberwise NEW!**
  - Stage 2 (Yrs 3 & 4) – Explores cybersafety through animation, vox pops of children, relevant scenarios, discussion & problem solving.

- **Mind Your Medicine On the Case NEW!**
  - Stage 2 (Yr 4) - Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication

- **Think Twice**
  - Stage 3 (Yr 5) – Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence, and refusal skills.

- **It’s Your Call IMPROVED**
  - Stage 3 (Yr 6) - Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.

The programs address many of the components and objectives within the NSW PDHPE curriculum.

Teachers of composite classes will choose the program which best suits the needs of their children.

**THE COST IS $8.00 per STUDENT.**

I give permission for ...........................................Class...................

to attend the Life Education program and enclose $...........

Signature.................................................... (Parent/Guardian)

Date........................................................
Dear Parents,

Life Education NSW is a not for profit community-based organisation that relies heavily on fundraising within the community to assist in meeting the shortfall left after receiving minimal assistance from Government funding.

The sale of Harold merchandise to the children whilst the program is visiting each school supports the fundraising activities of local committees and all proceeds support Life Education within each local area. These products help to remind children about the messages delivered to them during their Life Education session and have either a picture of Harold or the Life Education logo on them.

The educator will provide the opportunity for children to purchase these products during the school visit. Please provide the correct money in an envelope with the item written on the face of the envelope along with your child’s name and class. This allows the educator to process orders efficiently and accurately. Orders will be returned by the conclusion of the visit.

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NB Harold Products are subject to availability
Life Education NSW thanks you for your support.

☐ I would like to donate _________ to Life Education NSW.
Gifts of $2.00 or over are tax deductible.

Name: __________________________________ Phone (optional): ______________
Address: _________________________________________________________________
Suburb: __________________________________ Postcode: _ Email (optional) _______
_______________________________________ Child’s Class: __________________

Visit Life Education at www.lifeeducation.org.au or www.healthyharold.org.au
Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Hi my name is Megan Lench. I am seeking expression of interest from Parents who would like their children to join the scout movement.

Scouting is a worldwide movement that has shaped the development of youth and adults for 100 years. Scouts are in every part of our community, and Scouts is the biggest and most successful youth organisation in Australia. More than 20,000 boys, girls, age 6-25 years and adults from wide cultural or religious background including those with an intellectual or physical disability enjoy an unlimited range of activities.

The aim of Scouting is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual development of young people so they may play a constructive role in society as responsible citizens and as members of their local and international communities. This aim is achieved through a strong and active program that inspires young people to do their best and to always be prepared.

Why Scouts you ask

Scouting is one of the best kept secrets for developing resilient youth. Our programs, the friendship, the skills learnt and the activities all combine to give children, young adults and adults the resources to develop a sense of personal self worth and confidence.

Not only that! Scouting is fun!

Scouting is definitely fun, and it also prepares young people for life in the adult world by teaching responsibility for their own actions and progress. These achievements lay a solid foundation for the success of our future Australian leaders. But don’t tell the kids they’re learning…they think they’re just having fun!

No matter your age, Scouts provides fun and exciting programs that promote active learning. Whether the Scouts are canoeing, camping, visiting museums or helping their local community, they are sure to learn about themselves and the world around them.

Scouting is Adventurous!

Each year, all sections of Scouts learn to share responsibilities and to live with each other through adventures set in the outdoors. Camping, abseiling, caving, horseback riding, fishing, rock climbing and diving are just a few of the exciting experiences that a Scout may have achieved in his or her time as a youth member.

Scouting is Challenging!

Scouts challenge their minds as well as their bodies. Not everyone looks for the outdoor buzz all the time, so Scouts have challenging activities linked with the internet and amateur radio, performance arts such as
singing, dancing, and acting and awards linked to citizenship, community service and personal spiritual development.

Scouting is Commitment!

Scouting makes a direct and positive impact on the community by teaching positive values and leadership skills to youth. Every year, Scouts and their leaders contribute thousands of volunteer hours to their local communities. Sharing time with the aged in the local community, helping with Clean Up Australia Day, Harmony Day and planting trees to help with the Murray Darling River Rescue are just a few examples of the commitment Scouts make to their communities.

Please discuss with your children if they wish to be part of the scouting movement. Also we are seeking parental assistance as a scouting movement isn’t able to be just run by myself.

There are various roles that need to be filled which I will need parents to fill and also by doing so you can participate in the fun and development of not just your own children but many others.

Please forward your expression of interest or questions to
Megan Lench
Email: meganlench@bigpond.com

Please attention emails Berrigan Scout Group
Phone: 0408974718

Or

Christine Marshall
Email: chris@aussiecountryproperty.com.au

Please attention emails Berrigan Scout Group
Mobile: 0427 211 884
Phone: 03 5885 1194

Please send reply’s by 31st March 2016
Sunday 28th February

Time: 12:45pm to 5:00pm
YARRAWONGA COLLEGE PREP-12, SECONDARY CAMPUS
SENIOR STUDY CENTRE
PINNEGAR ST ENTRANCE
Cost: $25 per player

A TOURNAMENT FOR EVERYONE

The RJ Shield events are the longest running series of junior chess tournaments in Australia. They were first started by Hilda O’Callaghan in 1994 and known simply as "Novice Tournaments". They were later named after legendary International Master and former Australian Chess Champion, Robert Jamieson. Robert is still involved with these events; if you start playing in RJ Shield's you might just be lucky enough to meet him one day!

Come along for a fun day of competition chess, whether you’re an established player or a novice, this is the tournament for you. Learn new skills, meet new friends and even gain a chess ranking, or better the one you have.

Age divisions, under 8’s, under 10’s, under 12’s, under 14’s and OPEN (14YRS TO ADULT)

Trophies awarded in all age divisions.

An additional trophy is award to the best girl in each division.

Certificates are awarded to each player, ranging from participation to high distinction.

Please register online at www.rjshield.com/yarrawonga - click on ENTER. Any difficulties call Karen 0437176769 and I will be happy to help.

Cost is $25.00 per player.

Please ARRIVE BETWEEN 12.30pm to 12.45pm so we can register names and start the tournament at 1.00pm.

There are only fifty places available so get in early and don't miss out.

Coffee, tea, cold drinks and snacks are available for purchase on the day.

This tournament is run by Chess Kids Australia in conjunction with YCP-12 Community Workshop, all proceeds, after costs, will be donated to the workshop for materials and supplies.
UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 5

Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Thurs 25 February - Leeton

Life Education Van
Friday 26 February

School Assembly
Friday 26 February 2:30pm

Week 6

Staff PD - PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday 4 March

World Day of Payer
Friday 4 March - St Columba’s Church 7pm

Week 7

Catholic Schools Week
Sun 6 March - Sat 12 March

Week 8

School Council Meeting
Monday 14 March 7pm

School Assembly
Friday 18 March 2:30pm

School Council Street Stall
Saturday 19 March

Week 9

Good Friday
Friday 25 March

Week 10

Easter Monday
Monday 28 March

Deanery Cross Country
Friday 1 April

Principal’s Report

At my principal’s meeting last week we looked at Wellbeing in schools. We looked at the importance of everyone’s well being, including the students and their families and the staff and their families. Lent is a timely reminder of the importance of caring for others. It’s easy to think of people in poorer countries such as Asian and African countries, however we have many issues in Australia and we often forget about the marginalised people in our own backyards. During Lent look for ways to help others, the smallest gesture can often go a long way in helping someone improve their day.

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Photos from Jessica & Ashleigh’s Christening last Saturday.

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COBRAM AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

2016 AUTUMN REGISTRATION

Season starts 29 February 2016
All registrations online via Cobram Basketball website, registrations close Wednesday 24 February 2016
If you have any enquiries or require assistance please contact Rod Armstrong on 0418 148 942
Interested in becoming a referee? Please contact Fiona MacKay on 0419 591 593 about our hands on coaching program and gaining your qualifications.

BERRIGAN FOOTBALL CLUB

SUNDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2016
11am for lunch
BYO Meat for the BBQ and a salad to share
all new & returning players, members and supporters welcome
Applications for 2017 close Friday 17 June 2016

If interested in attending please RSVP by Monday 7 March 2016

Information Session: 9:30am & 4:00pm

All prospective students and parents are invited to attend one of two Thursday 10 March 2016

INFORMATION DAY

co-educational college
years 7-12 day & weekly boarding

www.etcc.nsw.edu.au

Applications for 2017 are now being taken. Enrollment forms are available upon request from the college office.

 Swords and swordsmanship are reserved to each pupil. Rangatira has a proud tradition of producing world-class athletes.

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A tournament for everyone

Cost: $5 per player

Saturday 26th February

Sydney Olympic Park Sports Centre

Varawoona College PEP 12 Secondary Campus

Yarramunga

RJ Shield Chess Tournament

Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence in Catholic Education

ETCC NSW 2765
102 Yarrawonga Avenue

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Hearing Assessment for children
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What are nits and head lice?

- Nits are the term given to the eggs of head lice, which stick to the hair close to the scalp.
- An itchy scalp is the first symptom that we notice and a closer inspection may reveal live lice crawling close to the scalp or eggs (nits) stuck to the hair shaft.
- From the time when the egg is laid until the live insect dies is about 33-35 days, and during that time they go from nymph to mature louse.
- Head lice are transmitted by crawling from head to head or through sharing things like hairbrushes or hats – they can’t jump or fly, as the six-legged lice have no wings.
- Head lice mainly affect primary school age children, but can affect all age groups and are not related to bad health or hygiene habits.

How do you treat head lice effectively?

There are all manner of head lice formulations and shampoos on the market, as well as electric combs, nit combs and so-called “natural” treatments which can still contain chemicals.

The most effective treatment recommended by James Cook University and Westmead Hospital is the “conditioner and comb” treatment, which involves combing conditioner through an infestation and dunking all lice and eggs in hot water to kill them.

Store-bought head lice shampoos must be applied to all parts of the hair, ideally with the same precision with which a hairdresser applies colour to hair, doing it in sections and applying it close to the scalp.

No head lice product or insecticide currently kills all eggs, but is likely to kill the live lice. The problem is that eggs hatch at various stages of the life cycle and reinfection occurs if re-treatment is not performed.

A complete getting rid of headlice regime consists of two treatments, a week or so apart. The first treatment kills the climbers, and the second kills the juvenile lice hatched from the eggs over the intervening week.

In all headlice cases a second treatment is needed as no head lice treatment kills 100% of the eggs. So if the first treatment killed all climbers, at the second treatment one would expect only juveniles, hatched from eggs during the seven day period, and no adults. You must retreat on day 7 with the same product that worked on the first treatment.

Westmead Hospital head lice expert Dr Cameron Webb says lice have claws on their legs, which make them perfect for holding on to human hair – fortunately the critters cannot live for more than one day off a human head.

That means that a head lice infestation does NOT require washing and cleaning around the house. No amount of laundry or house-cleaning will prevent another head lice infestation if you ignore treating the hair and scalp where the lice were originally found.

Also, head lice cannot be caught from dogs or cats, as they can only survive on a diet of human blood.

Australia has many different head lice products on the market, but only four active lice-killing compounds are used, which include:

- pyrethrins
- synthetic pyrethroids such as permethrin and bioallethrin
- organophosphates such as malathion or maldison
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The Children Singing at Amaroo on Wednesday Morning.

Marianne and Lachlan Whelan enjoying a sausage in the park.

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**Tocumwal Rodeo**

EASTER SUNDAY 27TH MARCH 2016

*Tocumwal pony club grounds*

*Gates open 4pm*

Rodeo starts 6pm

**Prices**: adults $25, u/18 $20, u/6 free, aged pensioners $10 & family $60 (2x adults & 2x u/18)

VIP pass $150 (booking to Michelle prior to the event)

* No BYO Alcohol
* Bring your own chair
* Bar, Amusements, Food & Merchandise available
* Strictly no dogs allowed
* Stock contractor: McPhee Rodeo Company

**For more info please contact:**

Michelle - 0417 529 495

& Gerard - 0429 852 573

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- Quizworks - BPS
  - Friday 18 March 11am
- School Assembly
  - Friday 18 March 2:30pm
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**Principal’s Report**

I have been away at a Principal’s Wellbeing Course in Wagga Wagga over the past two days. These days are a time for the principals of the Wagga Diocese to reflect on current practices and procedures that are in place in our schools to assist students, staff, and families wellbeing. It has been great for me to reflect on the current school environment and look for ways that we do this well and encourage programs to assist in the future for wellbeing of all involved within the school environment. Wellbeing isn’t always about thinking of others but reflecting on our own lives and how we are taking care of ourselves. Take some time this week to reflect on yourself, your mental and physical health. Go out and smell the roses, be happy with what you have and have achieved and most importantly take some time for yourself.

Last Friday the students attended St Joseph’s in Finley for a celebration day for Catholic Education. The day started with Mass in the church followed by some activities run by different teachers from the four schools in our area. The students participated in activities such as golf, ball games, singing, lawn bowls, relays, and other fun and exciting games. It was a magnificent day and the students displayed a high level of responsibility throughout the whole program.

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This Saturday the Parent Council will be running a fundraising stall. For this to go ahead it is necessary for families of the school to donate cakes and slices towards this as well as offer their services to assist with shifts on the day. You may
not be able to cook anything but if you were able to donate some cream or any other cooking ingredients this would help in a big way. If you can assist in any way please contact Arlena in the office or complete the roster attached to the newsletter & return to school tomorrow.

Damien Taylor
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School Council Street Stall – Saturday 19 March
St Columba’s School Council will be holding a street stall this Saturday 19 March. Please add your name to the list below if you are able to sell tickets for an hour on Saturday.

Don't forget we will also need donations of cakes, slices etc to sell on the stall.

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All children in NSW up to 18 years old can have free dental care at a Public Dental Clinic.

Staff will ask for your Medicare number.

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**Tickets:**
- Adults: $22.50
- Kids (5-12): $12.50
- Seniors (65+): $15.00
- Children (0-4): Free

**Bar:**
- Fully licensed

**Fun Activities:**
- Pony rides
- Thanksgiving Day events

**Contact:**
- Michelle: 0417 523 435
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**FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT:**

TOCUMWAL RODEO

**Gates open:** 4pm

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Principal’s Report

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On Monday the students celebrated Harmony Day. A report and photos from the day are included over the page.

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

“Be Yourself; everyone else is taken.” - Oscar Wilde
worn farm up and running, planting some vegetables in the gardens and working on improving our oval space. If any parents have expertise in any of these areas or a willing to help with the planning and preparation of these types of incentives please contact me.

**Newsagency Easter Colouring Competition**
There is still a chance for students to get their entries to the Newsagency - the competition will close tomorrow afternoon and the winners will be announced in the SRN.

**Damien Taylor**
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Event for Young & Old

A Photo a Film

Help us celebrate NSW Seniors Festival

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On Monday the students celebrated Harmony Day. The students in Years 5/6 prepared some yummy foods from different parts of the world. We ate pies from Australia, kapusta from Poland, pasta from Italy and fried rice from China. The K-4 students sang songs, made flags from different countries and spoke about what country they represented. We all learnt that although there are many countries in our world, we are all the same people.
Welcome back everyone from a short and well deserved break over Easter. I hope everyone had time to relax and enjoy some quality family time. With two more weeks left in Term 1 the students will be working hard to finish off any uncompleted activities and preparing themselves for the well earned term break. It has been a somewhat busy term and the children deserve a well earned rest over the holidays.

The Grade 6 students attended a Forensic Science day at the Finley High School. This is a great opportunity for the students to get a glimpse of what High School is like and participate in some of the activities provided. Thank you to Tina Hooper for transporting the girls to Finley today.

Next Tuesday is the Deanery Cross Country which is held in Tocumwal. Please make sure you complete the permission slips and the lunch orders that were sent home yesterday and return them to school as soon as possible. Parent assistance is also very important for the event to run smoothly. If you are available to assist please ensure that you indicate this on the permission form.

The Zooper Doopers will continue to be sold on Fridays for 50 cents each and the money raised will be donated to Caritas. Currently we have raised over $50, let’s see if we can get over $100 by the end of term.

Next week the classroom teachers will be sending home the goals that we discussed during the Three Way Goal Setting Meetings. Please go through these with your children and discuss ways that you can be focusing on these at home.

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On Monday we will be holding a working Bee at school starting at 5:00pm. This will only be for approximately an hour to simply do a little tidying around the yard. Everyone is invited to attend and assist. If you have a trailer or any tools that may be of any assistance please bring them along.

Bill Daly will be coming into school on Monday morning for a little while to assist in the junior classroom. Bill works for Baldwin Buses as a bus driver and has offered to assist at school.

Damien Taylor
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Easter Colouring Competition

Thank you to all the students who participated in the colouring competition. The senior entries were of a high standard, so it was decided to give four prizes.

The winner of the Bunny was Emily Johnson and the following three will receive an easter gift - Lucy Phillips, Hayley Brent and Matthew Whelan.

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Mother’s Day
Sunday 8 May

Week 3
School Council Meeting
Mon 9 May

NAPLAN - Yrs 3 & 5
Tue 10 - Wed 12 May

Holidays begin at the end of this week. The students and the staff at St Columba’s have had a very busy term. Please take the time to reflect on the year thus far and focus on getting some well earned rest during the break. All families that are traveling we prayer that you have a safe trip to and from your destinations. We wish the Connell Family (Dakota Grade 3) all the best on their massive trip to Europe over the holidays and wish them a safe arrival back home early next term.

A reminder that the students do not begin school until Thursday the 28th of April. This is due to ANZAC Day public holiday on the Monday and the Whole System Conference in Wagga on the Tuesday and the Wednesday of the first week back.

All students and their families are invited to participate in the Berrigan ANZAC Day march and Ceremony on Monday the 25th of April. The students are required to wear their full summer uniform and meet at the Post Office by 8:45am for a 9:00am start. The students will then join with the students from the public school for a musical item during the ceremony at the Memorial Hall.

Some of you may have noticed the swimmers in the Southern Riverina Newspaper this morning. Alyssa Denny, Patrick Waugh, Hayley Brent and Naomi Hooper all left bright and early this morning to head to Sydney to compete in the State Finals. We wish them all the best in their race tomorrow. A special thought goes out to Matthew Whelan. Matthew was originally in the team however due to injury had to forego his position, always a tough decision to make.

The students participated in the Deanery Cross Country in Tocumwal yesterday. Well done to all the students who completed their events. A big congratulations to Dakota Connell and Patrick Waugh who both won their events for the day. Jaxon Simpson and Alyssa Denny both came second in their events and Naomi Hooper came forth. Dakota Connell, Jaxon Simpson, Naomi Hooper, Alyssa Denny, Patrick Waugh and Teagan Dart will be competing in the Diocesan Cross Country in Holbrook next term. The junior students had a magnificent day with Mrs Hickey at Sacred Heart Primary School participating in a shorter run and a variety of activities.

The students have been going to visit the Residents at Amaroo this term to participate in a variety of activities. Today the students sang and asked the residents questions about what they did when they went to school. This will continue next term on a fortnightly basis.
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This Friday night the school will be holding the pub raffle at the Federal Hotel. Please come down and support the school. The raffle begins at 6:30pm.

Belinda Denny will be taking long service leave from 2nd of May until the 1st of July next term. Kelly O’Kane will be replacing her for this time.

Damien Taylor
Principal

This Week’s & Holiday Birthdays!
Alyssa Denny - 7th April
Patrick Waugh - 13th April
Miller Simpson - 14th April

School Merit Awards - Week 10
Principal’s Award
Teagan Dart

Class Awards
Jasmine Luscombe
Jaxon Simpson (not in picture)
Willow Laing
Ashleigh Lorimer

Deanery Cross Country
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### University of NSW Competitions

Each year students have an opportunity to participate in these assessments—participation is optional. The sitting dates for each assessment and the cost is listed below:

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If you would like your child to participate please contact the school office before Friday 5th April.

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### Hearing Assessment for children

Shane Atkinson Nurse Audiometrist will attend the Berrigan Community Health Centre on Tuesday 3rd May. If your child has had any ear infections in the past 6 weeks and you have concerns about speech, learning or behavior, please phone the Tocumwal Hospital on 03 5874 2166 to make an appointment. Your child must be free of cold at the time of test and at least 6 weeks following a cold.
MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION EVENING
Finley Recreation Reserve @ 7.30pm
TUESDAY 26TH APRIL 2016.

Guest speakers include:
Mrs Cheryl Bester (Clinical Psychologist)
Mr Greg Fraser (Mental Health Nurse with 50 years of experience & instigator of Nolan House Albury)
Mr Garrick Bridges (Nursing Unit Manager at Karinya, Private Hospital, Albury)
Sam Little (Author & Survivor)
Tania Maxwell (Early Intervention)
Dr AlamYoosuf
(GP – Finley)

Open to all ages from Grade 6 to Senior Citizens with a special emphasis placed on adolescents and parents/carers.

Literature from Beyond Blue available.
“Into the fog” by Sam Little for sale.
Light supper provided.
Gold coin donation entry fee - proceeds to Beyond Blue.

For further information contact:
Lee McLaren 0432 629 589 or Dean Russell 0422 311 483

Southern Riverina Health & Beauty Expo
Saturday 30th April
Sunday 1st May
from 10.00am - 4pm
Enquiries to Mr Ryan 58858222
An initiative of Berriergon Towns & Conservation Group.

Support and bring their ideas.
We now need the public to show their support. A site for the proposed community garden.
Sharing of skills and food.
Creating an open space for shared activities.
Sharing of plants and seeds.
Learning from one another.
Opportunity for senior residents to share skills with young.
Educate community in sustainable activities.
Sharing activities and reduce social isolation.
Growing good locally and promote healthy living.
Community gardens can promote: garden join us and have your say. Do you want to be part of a Berriergon community garden? Attend meeting - 6pm at the Malddi Centre.

Public Meeting
Wednesday 29 April.

Bergarring Football & Netball Clubs
Come and enjoy a dinner, a drink & a browse and support the

Thursday Night Meals available from 6:00pm

Belvedere Gift Boxes
Jamie's Nails
Shopping
The Body Shop

From 5:00pm

Thursday 14 April
Party Plan Market Night