UPCOMING EVENTS

Week 1
Swimming Program
11am-12pm
Wed 1 Feb—Fri 3 Feb
South West Deanery Mass
Thursday 2 February 5:30pm
St Columba’s Church

Week 2
Swimming Program
11am-12pm
Mon 6 Feb—Thurs 9 Feb
A3 Session
Thurs 9 Feb
Swimming Carnival
Friday 10 Feb 5:30pm

Week 3
Swimming Program
11am-12pm
Mon 13 Feb—Wed 15 Feb
Deanery Swimming Carnival—Finley
Tues 14 Feb

Week 4
A3 Session
Thurs 23 Feb

Week 5
Diocesan Swimming Carnival
Mon 27 Feb
Ash Wednesday
Wed 1 March
Pink Stumps Day
Thurs 2 March

Week 6
A3 Session
Thurs 9 March

Principal’s Report

Welcome back to a new and exciting year. It was great to see all the smiling and happy faces on the first day, full of stories to tell about their great holiday break. I hope you have all had a chance to look through the information that was sent home yesterday about some of the exciting, new things that are happening at St Columba’s for 2017. A new year always brings new beginnings and an opportunity to start fresh. I am personally looking forward to the new challenges that 2017 will bring and can’t wait to start working with all of you throughout the year.

Firstly I would like to take the time to welcome two new families to our school. Harry Taylor and Devon Morris are our two new Kinder students that started with us this year. Obviously the Taylor family have been involved because of mine and Belinda’s involvement in the school. I’m looking forward to being a part of Harry’s schooling journey. I would also like to welcome the Morris family to our school community.

During the week Father John brought to my attention that Sister Rosemary Terry who taught at St Columba’s from 1981-85 received an Order of Australia Medal last week for her many years service at the Junee Correctional Centre. Sister Rosemary is a Presentation Sister and is well known in our local community.

Thanks to everyone who helped keep our school yards looking so magnificent over the holidays and ensuring that our chickens were looked after. A big thank you to the Lorimer’s for helping out whenever they could and Marg from across the road who has been helping with our chickens. Chinga from down the street has done a mountain of work watering, weeding and caring for our chickens and I would like to thank him for his tiresome efforts. James Waugh, our resident Greens Keeper, has also been putting in many hours fertilising, weeding, mowing and caring for our oval, which looks magnificent I might add. And of course Father John, who is always doing plenty of work during the holidays making sure our grounds look great when we get back to school for day one.

Assemblies will still be on Friday’s in the Hall. There has been a slight change to the timing though. Assemblies will now start at 2:50pm. This week at assembly we will be announcing our House captains and vice captains as well as handing out our leadership badges.

Mrs Denny has been thinking of some really great ideas for our Discovery Centre which was mentioned in the information that was sent home yesterday. She is looking for any donations of toys, games, dress ups, old supermarket boxes and anything else you feel might be great for this new space. Please see Mrs Denny if you have anything that might be useful for the children to use.

Swimming Lessons have started this week and will continue for the next two weeks. Just a reminder that we have our Annual Swimming Carnival next Friday the 10th of Feb starting at 5:30pm at the Berrigan Pool. There will be a BBQ supplied by the Parent Council and lots of fun activities for the whole family. Children are encouraged to come dressed in their house colours.

Damien Taylor
Principal
Our New Kinder Students! Welcome Harry & Devon

Ready for our intensive swimming program!

Our hens are laying eggs!

When is your Birthday?