UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Week 3
Welcome BBQ & Information Night
Monday 13 Feb 6pm
School Council Meeting
Monday 13 Feb—following Information Session
Swimming Program
11m-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—Leeton
Ash Wednesday
Wed 1 March
Pink Stumps Day
Thurs 2 March

Week 6
A3 Session
Thus 9 March

Principal’s Report
What an incredible week we have had so far. Weather has slowly been getting hotter and hotter and is forecast to stay that way for most of next week. This can be a great opportunity for parents to educate their children on Sun Safety. Making sure children drink plenty of water, even if they are inside all day, wear sunscreen and apply it regularly throughout the day, always wear a hat when outside and making sure they stay safe around water.

Due to the extreme weather and the forecast of 44 on Friday unfortunately a decision has been made to postpone the swimming carnival. As a school we have a duty of care at school events such as these for not only the children but everyone who attends, including the staff, the parents, the spectators and their families. This will not greatly affect Deanery selection due to the low numbers. We will be negotiating with the Berrigan Pool to find another date that suits, with hopefully a better forecast.

Swimming will continue next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Could the children who are in Mrs Hickey’s group please bring in an old pair of pants and a jumper on Tuesday as they will be doing some water safety and rescuing.

On Monday we will be having Welcome Barbeque at school. The evening will begin at 6:00pm with a free BBQ. The Learning Spaces will be open for parents and their families to come and have a look at what the children have been doing so far this year. At 7:00pm we will move into the Hall for a brief information session where the staff will explain some of the new and exciting things happening at St Columba’s for 2017.

Just a reminder that our Facebook page is up and running. This is a great way for parents and families to keep up to date with what has been happening at school. Please encourage close family, friends and relatives to visit this page.

Our Leadership Team for 2017 was announced on Friday at our first assembly for the year. Well done to Patrick Waugh, Sebastian Graham, Matthew Whelan, Teagan Dart and Alyssa Denny who will all be a part of our Leadership Team this year. We also announced the captains for each of the Houses. Well done to Matthew Whelan who was chosen to be the captain of Or Iona for 2017. Alyssa Denny and Patrick Waugh will be vice captains this year. Well done to Teagan Dart who will be the Gurrum Nagle captain for this year. Sebastian Graham will be the vice captain.

The A3 group came to school today and started practicing for the school’s performance later on in the year. This year because of our low numbers the whole school will be involved.

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.

Damien Taylor
Principal
St Columba’s School Merit Awards - Term 1 Week 1

Principal’s Award
Matthew Whelan

Student of the Week
Mrs Denny - Matthew Whelan
Mrs Hickey - Willow Laing

Golden Spade
Ashleigh Lorimer

Leadership Award
Devon Morris & Harry Taylor

This week the students read ‘The Rainbow Fish’ by Marcus Pfister and then made their own paper plate fish.

We welcomed Miss Wolff to St. Columba’s on Wednesday and along with Mrs Hickey, the students enjoyed learning about and trying some of the fresh produce from our garden.
Expressions of Interest

Swimming and Track & Field Athletes, Prospective Qualified Coaches & Head of Delegation

Closing date for Expression of Interest: 31st March, 2017

2018 International Children’s Games – Jerusalem

The City of Jerusalem is hosting the International Children’s Games in July 2018. For children aged 12 years to 15 years of age the ICG is the largest multi-sport youth games in the world and a member of the International Olympic Committee. Swimmers and track and field athletes must be no older than 15 as at the 31st December 2018.

A team of swimmers and track & field athletes, respective qualified coaches and Head of Delegation are being sought for this amazing sporting and cultural experience.

Berrigan Shire has been invited to send a team of swimmers and track & field athletes. We are seeking youth who live in and/or attend school in the Berrigan Shire who are interested in trying out for this once in a lifetime experience.

Interested swimmers and track & field athletes, respective qualified coaches & Head of Delegation are encouraged to be competing over the summer months and keep copies of their events and times/distance for the purpose of future selection.

Please lodge your expressions of interest at berrigan.icg@gmail.com

Prostate Cancer Community Information Forum

CWA Rooms, Chanter Street
Berrigan
9th February 2017
At 2pm
Guest speaker Christine Britton - Prostate Cancer Specialist Nurse for the Riverina

Proudly organised by the Berrigan Local Health Advisory Committee (LHAC).
COBRAM AMATEUR BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION
2017 AUTUMN REGISTRATION

Registrations for the Autumn 2017 season are now open. The season is planned to start the week of the 20th February 2017. Registrations are online at the Cobram Basketball website with payment of fees via credit card at time of registration. Registrations will close on Thursday 16th February 2017 to allow time for teams and draws to be arranged. If you have any difficulties with registration please email cobrambasketball@outlook.com or phone Rod McLeod on 0428 711 333.

Registration fees:-
$25 for all players, plus $40.58 BVC affiliation & insurance.
Game fees $5 per night

The Cobram Basketball Association will run an Aussie Hoops program for six to ten year olds to learn the game, commencing 28/2/2017 for eight weeks.
Cost: Returning player Registration $40, New registration $60 (includes backpack, reversible singlet & basketball). Refer to the Aussie Hoops tab on the website for details and registration. If you have any additional queries contact via email cobrambasketball@outlook.com or Rod McLeod on 0428 711 333.