Term 3 Week 4, 9 August 2016

Principal's Report

Dear Parents & Friends,

Tonight we will hold our August P & F Meeting, 7 pm in the Staff Room. I encourage parents to come along and get involved. Don’t forget to get your places booked for the P&F’s Progressive Dinner—the bus is filling up fast! Bookings and payment for tickets are accepted at the school office.

This Term Year 4 will be participating in the Wagga Eisteddfod. This will take place on Tuesday 13/9/16. Mrs Wickson will be working hard with our Year 4 students to prepare them for this event and we wish them well in this preparation. Parents will be asked to assist with transport, so please note the date in your diary. More detailed information will be sent home with Year 4 in the coming weeks.

Also on that day the school is hosting Troppo’s Magic Show and Workshops. We will have St Brendan’s Gannmain come and join us for the day to enjoy what promises to be a refreshing mix of verbal and visual comedy along with friendly good humoured audience interaction and amazing magical experiences. More detail next week. Rest assured that year 4 will not miss out.

Next week (Tuesday 16/8) Coolamon Little Athletics Club will visit our school to deliver a “Desire to Inspire” presentation to our students.

Please find attached to this newsletter a summary of information for parents enrolling children in 2017 Kindergarten. Note that pre-enrolment interviews for pupils of 2017 Kindergarten will be held in Week 5 & 6 of this term. Bookings can be made on SOBS.

We will be running our Gymnastics Program over the last 6 weeks of the Term. All students will need to return their signed permission note in order to participate in this program. The $12 fee will be charged to the school fee accounts.

Our Year 3 class will celebrate First Holy Communion on Sunday, 18th September at the 9am Parish Mass, at our St. Michael’s Church.

Parents of Year two students please note the date set down for First Reconciliation—20 September, 6.00pm. (Please note the earlier time).

We welcomed Bec and Maddi, the A3 tutors to St Michael’s on Friday for the first session with the Yrs 3-6 students. There will be 3 more fortnightly A3 music practices which will culminate in a performance in June on Wed, 21/9/16. Mark this date in your diary as families are invited to attend the performance. All students will be involved in choir and dance items on the day. Please make the time to join the fun!

In Term 4 our Year 5/6 students will head off for our bi-annual excursion to Canberra. The dates for this excursion are Wednesday 9/11/16 to Friday 11/11/16. Separate, more detailed notes regarding this excursion are being sent home this week and there will be forms that families need to fill in and return by next Friday.

A reminder that the Diocesan Athletics Carnival has now been rescheduled to take place on Wednesday, 17th August, with a back up date of Tues, 23rd August. The following students from St Michael’s have qualified for this carnival: Bryce Franklin, Antonia Purcell, Riley Gallagher, Bailey Hilton, Conor Bradley, Georgina Munro, Chloe Ryan, Georgia Fifield, Ally Bradley and Jack Rudd. We congratulate them on this achievement and wish them all the best as they compete at Diocesan level.

Please be aware that I will be away from Wednesday to Friday this week (10/8/16—12/8/16) as I will be at the Diocesan Principal’s Conference.

We are proud to support Jordy Bos, an Alumni students of St Michael’s. Jordy was the recipient of a scholarship for NSW young artists and she has used this to put together a solo exhibition titled “Into the Fold”. The exhibition is currently showing at Wagga TAFE and will move to Coolamon later this week. The Opening Night at the Up to Date Store is on Sat, 13 August 6—8 pm, then opening daily 14-18 August. I encourage you visit the exhibit to view her amazing origami sculptures.

"May your troubles be less and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door.” - Irish Proverb
P & F NEWS.

Next Meeting—The next meeting of the P & F will be held tonight, 9 August at 7pm.

Progressive Dinner—12/8/16—Bookings can be made and tickets purchased at the school office. Payment by direct deposit can be made to BSB 805022 Ac.38703458. Please use your name as a reference.

Class Awards

Term 3—Week 3
K/1/2
Eva Bartholomew, Felicity Steele and Travis McCaig
Year 3
Allie Delaney, Cooper Dryden, Xavier Furner and River Wilms
Year 4
Somara Hancock and Lachlan Fifield
Year 5/6
Riley Gallagher, Rose Wickson and Siobhan Flanagan

CONGRATULATIONS!

Happy Birthday

Georgia Fifield—11 August
Ournia Fletcher-Sherman—14 August
Charlie McCaig—16 August
Travis McCaig—16 August

UPCOMING DATES

9 August—P & F Meeting
12 August—Progressive Dinner P & F
17 August—Diocesan Athletics Albury
19 August—a3 singing workshop
23 August—Book Week-visit Coolamon Library
26 August—Gymnastics @ school
2 Sept—Author Visit & a3 singing workshop
2 Sept—Gymnastics @ school
9 Sept—Seniors Catering by P & F
9 Sept—Gymnastics @ school
13 Sept—Wagga Eisteddfod Year 4
13 Sept—Troppo’s Magic Show
15 Sept—First Communion Preparation day
16 Sept—a3 singing workshop & Gymnastics
18 Sept—First Holy Communion 9am
20 Sept—First Reconciliation 6.00pm
21 Sept—a3 Music performance @ Junee
23 Sept—Gymnastics @ school
13 Oct—School Photo Day
28 Oct—Kinder 2017 Orientation half day
1—4 Nov—Scholastic Book Fair
9 Nov—Kinder 2017 Orientation half day
9—11 Nov—Canberra Excursion Year 5/6
18 Nov—Kinder 2017 Orientation half day
COMMUNITY NEWS

Coolamon Shire Library—The library would like to offer any Year 12 HSC students to the library as a place to study, research and prepare for their upcoming exams. It’s a quiet and welcoming environment for our students. There will be a free seminar conducted by Dr Stan DeKovan at the library on Wednesday, 17th August @ 1.00pm. This seminar will be giving helpful hints on dealing with adolescents. Parents, grandparents, teachers are most welcome to attend.

Our next Storytime will be held Friday, 19th August theme “Zoo” @ 10.30am – everyone is most welcomed.

Yours in Christ,

Brendan Flanagan

Coolamon Touch Association
AGM
When: Tuesday 30/8/16 @ 7.00pm
Where: Coolamon Sport & Rec Club

The annual Coolamon Touch Competition is one of the largest sporting events in the Coolamon Shire and has been run continuously for over 20 years. It attracts more than 30 teams and over 360 players each year. A Committee is required to run and administer this annual competition.

We invite all interested parties to attend and encourage people to nominate for positions on the Touch Committee.

There are a number of members of the existing committee who have declared that they are definitely not nominating for those positions again this year. We particularly need people to put their hands up to help run the senior competitions.

IF THOSE POSITIONS ARE NOT FILLED THE TOUCH COMPETITION CAN NOT GO AHEAD.

So if you are interested in helping run the sport in Coolamon please consider nominating for a position on the Committee. If you have any queries or questions please feel free to contact the committee using the details on the letterhead above.

WHAT DO ADOLESCENTS REALLY NEED?
HELPFUL THOUGHTS FOR ANYONE DEALING WITH ADOLESCENTS

Whether you’re a parent, grandparent, teacher, counsellor or anyone interested in adolescents, this FREE seminar by Dr Stan will have practical insights for you.

Dr Stan DeKovan
American Psychologist, Author and International Speaker
Stan loves to equip people to live life to their full potential.

1:00-2:00pm Coolamon Library
Wednesday 17th August

Stand up and be counted
YOUR YES IN THIS CENSUS MATTERS

Mark your religion on the 2016 census

Faith is not in decline around the world. Religious affiliation is growing, and faith remains a vital part of the life, culture, thinking and behaviour of individuals in Australia, positively impacting society and culture in many and varied ways. In our multi-faith and multicultural country, religious freedom is an essential basic human right. People of faith and the organisations that have grown out of our faith traditions make a massive contribution to things such as education, healthcare, aged care and an array of social services in our nation. It is important that people of faith – those who are regularly connected to organised religion, and those who simply regard themselves as believers – mark the faith they identify with when participating in the National Census.

Saying “yes” to your belief matters because it:
1. Attracts people of faith, their religious leaders and government representatives to elections and therefore contributes to the public discourse on a variety of issues such as the economy, education, healthcare and social services.
2. Helps to underline the importance of freedom of belief in Australia and also enables leaders to understand the proportionate breakdowns of beliefs so as to best nurture interfaith harmony that is a feature of our multicultural nation.
3. Provides decision makers with vital information for effectively planning for the future of our nation such as the location of places of worship and the many ‘good works’ done by people of faith across religious traditions.
4. Provides a snapshot of who we are, including what we value and what drives us. For so many Australians, their values and reasons for the way they act stem from their religious beliefs.
5. Can be used as a future determinant of the allocation of resources and government investment and co-funding with faith groups who make a massive contribution to society in education, healthcare and social services.

Stand up and be counted when you participate in the Census this Tuesday 9 August 2016.
What beautiful weather we are having this week!
So our prayer is short and sweet but very appropriate!

Just an amendment to the Reconciliation time
for the Sacrament Of Reconciliation
for Year 2
Tuesday, Week 10.
The time is 6pm not 7:30 pm as advertised in the newsletter last week.

Due to a very busy day on the 16th of September
Our community day for
The Sacrament of Eucharist will be now on
Thursday, 15th September.
Thank you!

Wagga Wagga Exhibition
Where: 4–11 August
        Open weekdays from 11am–4pm
Where: 4–11 August
        Gallery 43, Wagga Wagga Arts Centre,
        O'Meara Street, Wagga Wagga
Official: Monday, 16 August, 10am–1pm
Opening: Opened by Scott Halsey

Coolamon Exhibition
When: 14–28 August
      Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10am–4pm
Where: 14–28 August
      Coolamon
      Gallery at 50 Laburnum & Broadwater Street
Official: Saturday, 13 August, 10am–1pm
Opening: Opened by Scott Halsey

Jordy Bos
Into the Fold