Dear Parents & Friends,

This week we celebrate Book Week, in which the Children’s Book Council announce their winners of “Book of the Year” in various categories. Our students have been looking at some of the nominated books and we have visited the Coolamon Town library and engaged in story reading and activities with Helen McLoughlin there. We thank Helen for inviting us to take part in these activities.

Kindergarten Enrolment 2017 packages have been distributed to families. Pre-enrolment interviews for pupils of 2017 Kindergarten are currently being held. Bookings can still be made on SOBS or by calling Rhonda in the office. If you know of anyone who would like to receive an enrolment information package please let us know.

Our Gymnastics Program will commence this Friday. All students will need to return their signed permission note in order to participate in this program. The $12 fee per student has been billed to accounts.

Next Thursday (1/9/16) some of our Year 4 students will be attending the Jacqui Murphy netball carnival in Albury. We wish these girls every success on the day and we are sure they will be great ambassadors for our school. Separate notes and more detailed information has been sent home with these girls already. The following Thursday (8/9/16) we will be sending teams to the Year 5/6 day of this carnival. Once again we wish our students well on this day and separate notes and information have been given to those girls involved.

Please be aware that on Wednesday, 7th September Year 5/6 will have a Developmental Day between 9.30 - 3.00. Anthony Hood from the Catholic Schools Office will be working with Mrs Quinn and Ms Dekroo to organise and present this day. Separate information about this has been sent home with Year 5/6 students.

On Tuesday, 13 September the school is hosting Tropo’s Magic Show and Workshops. We will have St Brendan’s Ganmain come and join us for the day to enjoy what promises to be a refreshing mix of verbal and visual comedy along with friendly humoured audience interaction and amazing magical experiences.

Our Year 3 class will celebrate First Holy Communion on Sunday, 18th September at the 9am Parish Mass, at our St. Michael’s Church. A levy of $25 per student is due to be paid as soon as possible please.

Parents of Year two students please note the date set down for First Reconciliation—20th September, 6.00pm.

As the A3 music practices continue, please don’t forget the program will culminate in a performance in Junee 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. Thank you to everyone who has returned their notes, any outstanding notes must be returned as soon as possible.

The Diocesan Athletics Carnival took place in Albury last week with 10 of our students attending. All of our students performed very well and it was a great achievement for all of them to qualify to compete at this level. We particularly congratulate Bailey Hilton who was successful in qualifying to compete at the MacKillop Athletics Carnival in Sydney in the Long Jump event.

Our P & F will be catering at the Community Lunch on 9/9. Please see over the page for ways in which you can help.

If there are any grandparents out there that wish to attend the Community lunch on 9/9, from 12:00pm at the Community Centre, please phone Carmel on 69273521 by Thursday 8 Sept … only $7—$10 per person for a two course lunch! Your support will be very much appreciated 😊

“Don’t wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect.” - anonymous.
Next Meeting—The next meeting of the P & F will be held on Tues, 13 September at 7pm.

Car Rally—this will be the next social gathering so stay tuned for further details.

Catering for Seniors Luncheon – Community Centre
- Friday 9 September 2016 -

The menu for the lunch will be:
QUICHE and POTATO BAKE with GREEN SALAD
RICH CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH ICECREAM

This is what is needed:
Donation of POTATO Bakes
ANY TYPE OF QUICHE/ZUCCHINI-BACON SLICE/Crustless QUICHE PIE
Or EGGS FOR QUICHES if anyone has chooks laying!
2 large French sticks
ICE CREAM
Margarine and milk.

MONEY to go towards these items if this suits! Give to Rhonda in office.
If you can contribute in any way to this catering please email - contact me on 0427273474 (sms is fine).
Helpers are also needed on the day from 11:00am till around 1:30pm.

Deb Allen

UPCOMING DATES
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—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

Class Awards
Term 3—Week 5
K/1/2
Violet Fuller, Kayne Stuart and Phoebe Dyce
Year 3
Matilda Wickson and Chloe Ryan
Year 4
Velvet Wilms and Tyson Flanigan
Year 5/6
Bailey Hilton, Brooke Ryan and Liam Randall
Principal’s Award
Bailey Hilton

CONGRATULATIONS!

Mitchell Dryden—25 August
Xavier Furner—29 August
and
Mr Masterson—27 August

Antonia Purcell attended the Leeton Eisteddfod and performed 3 individual songs. She was awarded with 3 Highly Commended and a Certificate of Attainment. She left with the perpetual trophy for "Most Promising Vocalist who needs encouragement". Congratulations Antonia!

Second Hand Clothing Needed
If anyone has some unwanted uniform items to donate to the Uniform Shop, they would be greatly appreciated. We particularly need Size 16 school jumpers. Thank you.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Coolamon Shire Library — The library will be hosting an Origami and Star Weaving demonstration on Tuesday 30th August @ 10.30am. The Origami demonstration will be conducted by our local artist Jordy Bos. The Star Weaving is to support the foundation “One Million Stars to end Violence”. This project is a love and peace filled community project. These beautiful stars are symbols of light, courage and solidarity to end all forms of violence, including violence against women, bullying and racism. Come along and learn another craft - Morning tea will be provided and everyone is most welcomed.

Book Week celebrations will be held at the library this week. The theme for this year is - Australia! - Story Country. Several schools will be visiting the library during this time. It is a great way to celebrate Australian Children’s Literature.

Our next Storytime will be held Friday, 2nd September - theme “Colour and Shapes” @ 10.30am.

Yours in Christ,

Brendan Flanagan

Best-selling author
Jacqueline Harvey
is coming to St Michael’s Coolamon!

Friday 2nd September
thanks to Gateway Bookshop
Olympic Homecoming
The City of Wagga Wagga will celebrate Olympic Gold medallist Alicia Quirk’s success at a special homecoming celebration on Thursday. Alicia was a member of the Women’s Rugby 7s that took home the inaugural gold medal for Australia at the Rio Olympics.

The entire community is invited along to the Civic Centre to get a photo and autograph with our local Olympic champion.

Community event
What: Homecoming celebration for Alicia Quirk
Where: Wagga Wagga Civic Centre
When: 5pm, Thursday 25 August
There are always two sides,
the GOOD and the BAD,
The DARK and the LIGHT,
the SAD and the GLAD –
But in looking back over
the GOOD and the BAD
We’re aware of the number
of GOOD THINGS we’ve had –
And in counting our blessings
we find when we’re through
We’ve no reason at all
to complain or be blue –
So thank God for GOOD things
He has already done;
And be grateful to Him
For the battles you’ve won,
And know that the same God
Who helped you before
Is ready and willing
To help you once more –
Then with faith in your heart
reach out for God’s Hand
And accept what He sends,
Though you can’t understand –
For OUR FATHER in heaven
Always knows what is best,
And if you trust in His wisdom
your life will be blest,
For always remember
That whatever betides you,
You are never alone
For God is beside you.
OLYMPIC DAY 2016
@ St. Michael’s.
A big thank you to Ms De Kroo and Year 5/6 for their fantastic organization for our Olympic Day. Competition ran high and sportsmanship was at its best!
Well done all students!