Dear Parents & Friends,

As has previously been communicated, tonight’s P & F meeting will incorporate a discussion around an ICT proposal for the school. Details around this proposal have been sent out already in a letter, which I have included once again with this newsletter.

A very big thank you to all who helped with the P & F Seniors Luncheon catering at the Community Centre last Friday. The day was a very successful fundraiser with $290 raised.

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. Year 2 parents are asked to assist with setting up and serving morning tea after Mass. Parents of Year two students please note the date set down for First Reconciliation—20th September, 6.00pm.

We congratulate Bailey Hilton who will be attending the MacKillop Athletics Carnival in Sydney on Monday, 19 Sept. We wish him every success as he represents our school and the Diocese at such a high level of competition.

A3 Music Performance in Junee on Wed, 21/9/16. All Year 3—6 students will be involved in the choir and dance items on the day, which they have been practising at school. Our Kindergarten—Year 3 students will be travelling to Junee also to watch the performance. Buses will be provided for the students and staff. The buses are being provided by the CSO, so there is no charge for this. Families are invited to attend the performance, which will run from 12.30—1.30 pm at St Joseph’s Primary School Hall, Kitchener Street, Junee. Parents and other family members are to arrange their own transport, so car pooling would be a good idea.

Last week our Year 5/6 girls participated in the Jackie Murphy netball carnival in Albury, playing very well and showing great sportsmanship. Well done girls.

On Friday, all participants in the Canberra Excursion were given Medical and Permission notes to complete. Please return these to the office as soon as possible. The price has been finalised at $240 per student and $260 per parent. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebut program towards these costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school on completion of the excursion. Invoices are being sent home with students today and are due to be paid by Friday, 4 November.

With spring upon us and storms and pollens about, it is timely to remind every family to review their child’s health, particularly asthma, records at school. For this reason we are sending home medical information update forms for all students today. Please review and sign these for return to the office before the end of this term.

We have been offered a last chance to order SIGNED copies of Jacqueline Harvey books from Gateway Bookshop. An order form is attached to this newsletter. You have until Thurs, 22 Sept to get your orders in to the school.

Please be aware that there will be a Pupil Free Day next Term on Monday 14/11/16 (Week 6)

We continue to wish Kate Wickson a speedy recovery as she recovers from her surgery. Kate will not be returning to work this Term.

Redundant School Furniture For Sale
Student Chairs—Filing Cabinet—Teacher’s Desk—Desk Trays—Single Student Desk
Currently these items are on the southern veranda of the school for viewing. Call into the office if you are interested in purchasing any of these items.

“Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment until it becomes a memory.” - Dr Seuss.
**Next Meeting**—The next meeting of the P & F will be held tonight, Tues, 13 September at 7pm. All welcome!

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

**UPCOMING DATES**

15 Sept—First Communion Preparation day  
16 Sept—a3 singing workshop & Gymnastics  
18 Sept—First Holy Communion 9am Mass  
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  
14 Nov—Pupil Free Day  
18 Nov—Kinder 2017 Orientation half day

**School Fee Reminders**—Statements are being sent home today. Please settle these overdue accounts immediately in full or by setting up a payment plan. The school relies on the timely payment of school fees for the running of the school. Please see Rhonda or the Principal if you are experiencing difficulties.

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**Class Awards**

**Term 3—Week 8**  
K/1/2  
Olivia Junck, Joey Maloney and Ulysses Fletcher-Sherman  
**Year 3**  
Thomas Francis and Eva Mackay  
**Year 4**  
Abbey Whiter and Callum Flanagan  
**Year 5/6**  
Helen Allen, Angus Hilton and Liam Trevaskis  
**Principal’s**  
Connor McKinley

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Bailey Hilton—Today!  
Matthew Sladden—Today!  
Amy Whyte—Today!  
Isabella Stuart—14 Sept  
Tom Pleming—15 Sept  
Amelia Lewis—20 Sept  
Memphis Meyers—20 Sept

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**Nutrition Snippet**

The simplest way...to stop food waste.

Over-ripe fruit and veg need not be thrown out. They can be a flavour-rich basis for some great drinks, snacks and meals.

Get the most out of fruit and veg past used-by date.

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<td>Banana</td>
<td>Cut in to chunks and freeze. Use in smoothies, banana bread or muffins.</td>
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<td>Apple</td>
<td>Stew. Serve with natural yoghurt or sprinkle with muesli and bake for crumble.</td>
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<td>Zucchini</td>
<td>Grate and freeze in zip-loc bags. Use in mince dishes, zucchini loaf, muffins.</td>
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<td>Capsicum, celery, green beans, broccoli, cauliflower</td>
<td>Slice and freeze in zip-loc bags. Use in stir fries.</td>
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**Saver Plus**

Is your child at school or starting next year? Would you like $500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?

To be eligible you need to:
- have a Health Care Card or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school now or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500.

The Smith family is now offering the Saver Plus program in your area. For more info, phone 1800 910 355, or email savplus@smithfamily.org.au.

Contact Jenny  
Saver Plus Coordinator  
Wagga Wagga Region  
0437 375 832  
jenny.rolfe-wallace@smithfamily.com.au
COMMUNITY NEWS

Coolamon Shire Library — Our next Storytime will be held this Friday, 16th September - theme - “Gardens” @ 10.30am. New families are most welcome to attend. The School Holiday program is nearly ready with some exciting activities for the children to enjoy. Some of the activities include “Spinners” — learn how to spin plates and then get creative with paper plates. Also “Get Slimed” workshop hosted by “The Scientwists” is coming to Coolamon. Programs will be delivered to the schools next week and it will be on the Coolamon Shire website too. Phone the library for further details – 69272492. The Coolamon Library has plenty of services and facilities to offer to the community. It provides Public Internet Access & Wi-fi, photocopying, fax and laminating services. Also a community noticeboard, children and youth services, council school holiday programs and Local History services. We are continuously receiving new books, DVD’s, CD’s and magazines, call in for a browse – Join the Library - Membership is FREE.

PEOPLE NEEDED — Castles Tutoring Services are in need of actors, dancers, singers, back stage staff and front of house staff to participate in a local students production called Fractured Fairytales. There are 8 female characters and 7 male characters, which we are in need of. There will be auditions for the play. For more information please contact Company Director, Nick Castles on 0448163334 or Director of Drama, Josh Armstrong on 0416015470 or email castles.tutoring@gmail.com

Yours in Christ,

Brendan Flanagan

COOLAMON

Vintage Fire Engine Muster.
Sunday 2nd October 2016, 10 am till 4 pm
Cowabbie St, Coolamon.

Open Day for the Coolamon Fire Brigade
at the Coolamon Fire Museum
Cowabbie St, Coolamon.

On Display
- Modern & Vintage Fire Engines.
- Vehicular hose reel demonstration.
- Local Fire Brigade to explain the use of their Fire Fighting Equipment.
- Children’s Fire Brigade gifts.
- Hot Rod, Rat Rod & Vintedge Cars.
- ACT HSV Holden Car Club.
- Early Model Police Car.
- A Variety of food outlets open.
- Enjoy lunch in the gardens or you listen to music supplied by Mel Mayer.
- Unique Shops to browse through.
- Visit our new Chinese Factory.

A FREE FUN DAY FOR ALL

Contacts: Chris Berry Museum Manager 0419 090 504
Phil Forrest Fire Captain 0447 270 904
Outdoor Broadcasting by 2 AAA FM
This Sunday, students from our Year 3 class will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist at the 9.00 am Parish Mass.

We encourage as many families to join us at Mass on Sunday to give support to these children. Following Mass we will have a special Morning Tea over at the Parish Hall.

**WE PRAY TOGETHER:**

Lord Jesus, we come to your sacred table to nourish ourselves, not with bread but with Yourself, true Bread of eternal life.

Help us to recognise and celebrate your presence everyday in our lives.

Walk with us on our journey of faith as you once did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus.

Be with our children as they prepare to encounter you more deeply in the celebration of the Eucharist.

For the bread that gives everlasting life so that we can love God with all our strength

**WE THANK YOU LORD**

For the wine that gives everlasting joy and strength to serve our brothers and sisters

**WE THANK YOU LORD**

For offering us your body and blood

**WE THANK YOU LORD**

For the Eucharist that proclaims your glory

**WE THANK YOU LORD**

For you, Christ Jesus, who are always with us

**WE THANK YOU LORD.**
Coolamon Touch Association Inc
2016/2017 Season

Registration Days
Coolamon Sport & Rec Club
Thursday 13th October 4.30-6pm

Ages and Divisions
Lower Primary Mixed (Kinder – Year 3 students)
Upper Primary Mixed (Year 4 – Year 6 students)
Secondary Mixed (players can be turning no older than 15 in 2016. NB Year 6 students can play in Secondary as well as Primary if parent's permission is supplied)
Open Womens - maximum of 14 players per team
Open Mens - maximum of 14 players per team
Open Mixed – Max. 14 players per team
Over 30's Mixed – Max 14 players per team.

Registration fees
• $60 per player in the Primary and Secondary Competitions
• $80 per player in the Senior Competitions (if registered and fully paid first game)
Note: Late registration fees (those paid after first game) are
• $70 per player in the Primary and Secondary Competitions
• $90 per player per team in the Senior Competitions
For any players playing in more than one competition (eg Secondary and Open or Open and Mixed) the fee for second comp for Juniors is $30 and Seniors is $50.

First day of competition
Friday 21st October
Junior division kick off 4:30pm
Team Manager/Coaches required for all teams

Registration forms
• All registration forms must be filled out online this year. Links to online forms can be found on our webpage (just google Coolamon Touch Association)
• Lower & Upper Primary Players only register as Individual Players (we place these players into teams)
• Secondary and Adult players must register a team and then invite their players into that team.
• All fees must be paid on Registration Days (they can also be left at St Michael’s Primary or Central School outside of registration days.)
• All members of Senior Teams MUST have paid before they can play. Teams playing players who have not paid forfeit all points from the game.
• Like us on Facebook

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Logo designed by Trevor Holden
Gateway Bookshop
Last chance to grab Signed copies of Jacqueline Harvey's books!

Alice-Miranda books 1-14 were $16.99
NOW $13.50 each or 4 for $50.00

1. Alice-Miranda At School $13.50
2. Alice-Miranda On Holiday $13.50
3. Alice-Miranda Takes The Lead $13.50
4. Alice-Miranda At Sea $13.50
5. Alice-Miranda In New York $13.50
6. Alice-Miranda Shows The Way $13.50
7. Alice-Miranda in Paris $13.50
8. Alice-Miranda Shines Bright $13.50
9. Alice-Miranda in Japan $13.50
10. Alice-Miranda at Camp $13.50
11. Alice-Miranda at the Palace $13.50
12. Alice-Miranda in the Alps $13.50
13. Alice-Miranda to the Rescue $13.50
14. Alice-Miranda in China $13.50

Clementine Rose books 1-12 were 12.99
NOW $11.00 each or 4 for $40

1. Clementine Rose and the Surprise Visitor $11.00
2. Clementine Rose and the Pet Day Disaster $11.00
3. Clementine Rose and the Perfect Present $11.00
4. Clementine Rose and the Farm Fiasco $11.00
5. Clementine Rose and the Seaside Escape $11.00
6. Clementine Rose and the Treasure Box $11.00
7. Clementine Rose and the Famous Friend $11.00
8. Clementine Rose and the Ballet Break-In $11.00
9. Clementine Rose and the Movie Magic $11.00
10. Clementine Rose and the Birthday Emergency $11.00
11. Clementine Rose and the Special Promise $11.00
12. Clementine Rose and the Paris Puzzle $11.00

Clementine Rose Activity Book was $9.99 now $8.00

Alice-Miranda 2017 Diary was $18.99 now $15.00
Alice Miranda Lock and Key Journal was $17.99 now $14.00

Please complete this form and return to the front office by Thursday 22nd September. Books will be delivered to the school Week 1 Term 4. Alternatively these books can be purchased at these special reduced prices at Gateway Bookshop until the end of September.

Name: ________________________ Card#: ________________________
School: ________________________ Exp Date: ____/____
Class: ________________________ Name on Card: ________________________
Total purchase: $ ____________ Mobile number of card holder: ________________________
Cash ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐
ICT Levy Proposal

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to inform you of proposed changes to the School’s Fees and Levies with the introduction of an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Levy. These changes will be discussed at the P&F meeting on Tuesday 13/9/16. This proposal has been created in consultation with the School Council as well as members of the P&F. It has been formulated with input from the CSO’s Diocesan Learning Technology Advisory Committee.

A number of factors have contributed to this proposal;

St Michael’s Primary School was fortunate enough to receive substantial grants from the Australian Government’s Building the Education Revolution (BER) program in 2009. This allowed the school to purchase an extensive range of technology including desktop computers, laptop computers, Interactive Whiteboards in all classrooms and Digital video and camera equipment. This was a “one-off” payment and much of the equipment purchased has now either reached or is about to reach the end of its life-span.

Whilst the P&F and School Council have supported the school in providing one-off contributions as well as helping to create budgets within existing school funds to allow us to try to keep pace with the changing and growing demands of providing acceptable and contemporary levels of ICT to our students, our school is struggling to keep pace with technology within existing budgets and conditions.

Experience at other schools across the Diocese tells us that the Interactive Whiteboards we installed generally have a life expectancy of 7 or 8 years. These boards are about to enter their 8th year of use and we have already begun to experience issues including one failing and needing to be replaced.

The Diocesan Learning Technology Advisory Committee in consultation with schools have researched and investigated procurement models which have proved effective for the purchasing of devices in a school setting. Additionally they have researched and advised schools on effective technology replacing the current Interactive Whiteboards in schools.

We now need to create a more permanent solution for technology replacement and maintenance. This proposal to introduce an ICT Levy has been created in the context of the Diocesan Learning Technology Advisory Committee’s work and to allow our school to provide and maintain acceptable levels of ICT in order to teach our students effectively.

The proposed ICT Levy will ensure that our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students all have access to Chromebook devices to use here at school (ie. A 1-1 learning program where each student will have access to a device to complete learning tasks) however it is very important to note that this is only one component of the purpose of the proposed ICT levy. The levy is also designed to allow the school to provide sufficient technology such as devices including iPads and Chromebooks for our Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students, to allow for the school to purchase necessary software and
apps to run on devices, to provide digital hardware such as cameras, programmable devices such as robots as well as other hardware such as the Interactive Whiteboards already mentioned.

Devices alone do not improve learning; their use needs to be integrated into a quality teaching and learning program. The inclusion of these devices will support contemporary learning and will not replace current practices such as handwriting, group and pair work, oral tasks and face to face interaction between teachers and students.

The benefits of embedding digital technologies to teaching and learning programs include, but are not limited to:

- Access to online resources, experts and learning communities.
- Providing authentic, rich contexts for learning.
- Personalizing learning.
- Connecting and collaborating to build new knowledge.
- Developing contemporary skills.
- Improving assessment, reporting and feedback.
- Connecting families with their children’s learning.
- Preparing students for online assessment including NAPLAN from 2017.

Please note that this technology would be a school resource and as such the devices and associated technology would be stored securely at school and would not be going home.

Pricing for the software and apps mentioned previously varies greatly depending on the type and use. Replacing each of the Interactive Whiteboards as necessary will be in the vicinity of $8,000 per room based on current pricing. Ipad’s currently cost approximately $400 per unit and the proposed Chromebook devices will cost $400-$500 (including software licensing) per student depending on the pricing that CSO is able to negotiate with suppliers. Students will require a number of devices to be provided over their school life as we have been advised that the expected life-span of these Chromebooks is 3 years. We do have to allow for device failure and breakage in that equation also though.

Thus it can be seen that the provision of technology within the school is a significant expense.

The proposal that we are putting forward for discussion at the upcoming P&F Meeting on 13/9/16 is that an ICT levy of $40 per student per term is introduced to allow the school to cover these expenses. This levy would be implemented at the beginning of the 2017 school year as would the provision of Chromebooks for Stage 2 and 3 students and the increased ratio of devices and Ipad’s for Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2.

Please note that all students would have access to these improvements in technology provision and any families experiencing financial hardship can contact the school to discuss payment options.

Kind Regards

Brendan Flanagan
Principal.