Dear Parents & Friends,

Last Friday we held our first Kindergarten Open Morning for our 2017 Kindergarten class. A great morning was had by all with new students gaining a taste of what “big school” is like and our existing students showing great excitement in welcoming our new students. Our next Kinder orientation session will be held on Wed 9/11/16.

Our next school Mass will be on Thursday, 10th November, at 10.15 am Year 3 will be our Mass leaders. Family and friends are warmly invited to this special celebration of the Liturgy.

As was communicated yesterday, we congratulate Mrs Stibbard on her appointment in the Diocesan Targeted Maths Teaching initiative which she will be seconded to over the next three years. In turn, we look forward to welcoming Mrs Kelly Humphrey who has been seconded as our Assistant Principal for the next three years also. Copies of these announcements are once again attached to this newsletter.

Please be aware that we will be running an intensive Swimming program for all students over the last two weeks of the term at the Coolamon pool. Each student will participate in a one hour swimming lesson each day for two weeks. Students will be grouped according to swimming ability. All of these sessions will be run by qualified instructors and there will be no cost for these lessons which will be covered by a grant from the Sporting Schools program. Parents will have to pay for their child/ren to enter the pool each day. More details will be sent out in coming weeks and details on your child’s swimming competence will be requested.

This Friday our Year 3-6 Boys will be participating in Football Wagga Wagga’s Boy’s Soccer Gala Day at Rawlings Park, Wagga. Final notes regarding this have been sent home today with these boys. We wish them well in their games on Friday.

Congratulations to Conor Bradley who won First Prize in the “Youth Landscape” section in the recent Capture Coolamon photographic competition.

We are hearing great things about ex St Michael’s students Monique McKinley, Ruby Alchin and Lucy McKelvie-Hill who are part of the TRAC team which took out the ACT/Southern NSW T20 blast Cricket final in Canberra last week. The team has now moved through to the national final at the MCG in early December. Congratulations and good luck for the final.

The next P & F and School Council Meetings will be held on Tuesday, 8 November from 7pm. All welcome!

Canberra Excursion—a final note will be sent home with students tomorrow. The excursion invoices are due to be paid in full by Friday, 4 November. Thank you to the parents who are assisting on the excursion for your attendance at last week’s meeting.

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

The school’s Term 4 Whole School Play “Dragon Girl” will be performed on Thursday, 24 November in St Michael’s Hall. As in past years, there will be a matinee dressrehearsal at midday and a main performance in the evening. We will be having a Christmas Hamper Raffle at the School Play. If each family could donate 1 Christmas item/food it would be fantastic. Please hand in your Christmas goodie to Mrs Holzapfel in the office. We really do appreciate the generosity of each family.

Help required!!!! There are a number of jobs around the school that we are asking for some help with from any parents who can spare some time. Rather than set a Working Bee, these jobs could be completed at times that are convenient to those volunteering to help. These jobs are;

- Whipper snipper and spray weeds through the garden beds in the North-East corner of the top oval.
  (The grass is really long there and with warmer weather bringing out snakes we need to address this soon.)

- Repairs to the flag pole.

If you can spare some time to assist with any of these jobs, please contact Rhonda or myself here at school.

Please be aware that Mrs Stibbard will be away at Learning Networks Professional Development on Wednesday this week. Mrs Quinn, Mrs Stibbard and myself will be away on Thursday this week at Diocesan School Leadership meetings. I will also be away on Friday at Diocesan Principal Meetings.

"Faith is taking the first step, even when you don’t see the whole staircase.” - Martin Luther King
**P & F NEWS.**

**Next Meeting**—The next meeting of the P & F will be held on, Tues, 8 November at 7pm. All welcome!

**Sport Day @ Rannock Tennis Court**

POSTPONED—NEW DATE TO BE ADVISED.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be open at our school at the following times:

- Friday, 4 November 3pm – 3.30pm
- Monday, 7 November 8.30am – 9.00am
- Monday, 7 November 3pm – 3.30pm
- Tuesday, 8 November 3pm – 3.30pm
- Wednesday, 9 November 8.30am – 9.00am

We need more helpers please!!

**Sign me up to help at the Book Fair!**

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Please complete and return this note to the office.

**UPCOMING DATES**

- 4—9 Nov—Scholastic Book Fair
- 8 Nov—School Council & P & F Meetings
- 9 Nov—Kinder 2017 Orientation half day
- 9—11 Nov—Canberra Excursion Year 5/6
- 10 Nov—School Mass @ 10.15am
- 14 Nov—Pupil Free Day
- 18 Nov—Kinder 2017 Orientation half day
- 24 Nov—“Dragon Girl” School Play Performance
- 1 Dec—School Mass “SVDP Giving”
- 15 Dec—Graduation Mass 6pm & Presentation Night
- 16 Dec—Last day of Term 4

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**Class Awards**

**Term 4—Week 3**

**K/1/2**
- Jade Studholme, Arlo Wilms
- and Tate O’Reilly

**Year 3**
- Joshua Allen and Xavier Furner

**Year 4**
- Jude Fuller and Velvet Wilms

**Year 5/6**
- Tom Pleming, Charlotte Graham
- and Amy Whyte

**Principal’s**
- Riley Gallagher

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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**Mrs Stibbard—26 Oct**
- Jade Studholme—2 Nov
- Griffin Lewis—4 Nov

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**Kindergarten 2017 orientation day fun!**
**Community News**

Coolamon Shire Library—
The library welcomes the Australian Hearing Association from Wagga on Tuesday, 29th November @ 10.30am. Come and have your hearing tested and discover the latest hearing devices. This is a free service and everyone is most welcome to attend.

Our “Food for Fines” campaign is on again this year at the Coolamon Library. This is a great opportunity to clear all outstanding fines by donating non-perishable food in lieu of money. All collected food will be donated to St Vincent de Paul in Coolamon. They will then distribute the food to our local families within our shire.

The Storytime sessions for the month of November are Friday, 11th theme “Fire Engines” @ 10.30am. Our local fire brigade will be showing the children around the fire station. Then on Friday, 25th November everyone is most welcome to come along to our “Grandparents” session @ 10.30am.

The Coolamon Library is on Facebook! News, pictures, events and opportunities are regularly uploaded – join us now!

Yours in Christ,

Brendan Planagan

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**A Family Prayer**

Praise to God, who made us a family
Praise to God, for the love that we share
Praise to God, for teaching us to care.
Help us, Lord Jesus, fill our lives with your Spirit
Help us, Lord Jesus, teach us how to forgive
Help us, Lord Jesus, grant us wisdom and patience
Help us, Lord Jesus, in your grace may we live.
Come Holy Spirit, fill our lives with your gifts
Come Holy Spirit, help us serve other’s needs
Come Holy Spirit, teach us faith, hope and love
Come Holy Spirit, guide our thoughts and our deeds.
Hear us, Lord Jesus, watch over our family
Hear us, Lord Jesus, help our faith to grow strong
Hear us, Lord Jesus, come dwell in our hearts
Hear us, Lord Jesus, to you we belong.

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**NSW Department of Education—**
**High Performing Students Unit**
T:1300 880 367 E:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

**Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2018**
- Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
- No paper application forms are printed.
- Applications for entry in 2018 can be made online between 11 October 2016 and 14 November 2016. Late application will not be accepted.
- All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement test to be held on Thursday, 9 March 2017.

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**Dance Whispers 2016 Concert**

*Featuring*

Brent Rollins

**Fridays 18th November at 7pm**

**Saturday 19th November at 7pm**

COOLAMON CENTRAL SCHOOL HALL

**Featured dancer 2016**

**Schools Spectacular**

Refreshments available, all proceeds donated to Brent

Ticket prices available at:

- Adult: $30, Student/Partner: $15, Child (5-12 yrs): $10
- Family of 4: $55, Children under 5 FREE

For information contact: Chrystene Tenhage: 0414 464 762
School Play...

‘DRAGON GIRL’

Thursday, 24th November
Midday and 6.30 p.m performances.
Children free
Adults, Gold Coin donation

We will be having a Christmas Hamper Raffle at the School Play. If each family could donate 1 Christmas item/food it would be fantastic. Please hand in your Christmas goodie to Mrs Holzapfel in the office. We really do appreciate the generosity of each family.
Thank you... Mrs Quinn

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31/10/16

Dear Parents,

I am writing to you to inform you of some staffing announcements for the 2017 school year. In 2017 the Catholic Schools Office of Wagga Wagga will be instigating a Targeted Maths Teacher’s program which involves exemplary teachers working in a variety of schools across the Diocese, mentoring and supporting K-2 teachers at schools in regards to the teaching of mathematics. Expressions of Interest for these positions were called for earlier in the year and the CSO has today announced who the successful candidates were. These positions are a 3 year secondment, for successful applicants, from their schools.

I am pleased to announce that Anita Stibbard has been successful in her application for one of these positions and the CSO has appointed her to work with St Joseph’s Primary School, Narrandera. I congratulate Anita in this success, which recognizes her exemplary classroom practice and provides her with an opportunity to work with teachers within the Diocese and share her knowledge and expertise. Whilst the school is sad to lose Anita for the next 3 years, I am pleased that she has earned this leadership opportunity to pursue an area that she is passionate about; mentoring and supporting teachers to develop best teaching practice.

Due to Anita accepting this position, I also would like to announce that Mrs Kelly Humphrey has been seconded to St Michael’s Primary School for the next 3 years as Acting Assistant Principal. Kelly has previously worked in the Brisbane Diocese in teaching and leadership roles and has been employed in the Wagga Diocese since 2012, working in the Catholic School’s Office as well as Acting Principal at St Patrick’s Primary School, Holbrook. A more detailed Appointment Announcement from the Catholic Schools Office is attached to this letter. I welcome Kelly to our staff and really look forward to the energy and talent that she will bring to our school.

Kind Regards

[Signature]

Brendan Flanagan
Principal
Diocese of Wagga Wagga
Catholic Schools Office

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Announcement to parents, students and teachers of
St Michael’s Primary School, Coolamon

Acting Assistant Principal – St Michael’s Primary School, Coolamon
2017-2019

As a result of Mrs Anita Stibbard being the successful applicant for the Targeted Mathematics Teacher Program at St Joseph’s Primary School, Narrandera from 2017 – 2019, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Kelly Humphrey will be the Acting Assistant Principal of St Michael’s Primary School, Coolamon for the 2017 - 2019 school years.

Kelly was awarded her Master of Theology this year.

Kelly has been a School Service Officer – Aboriginal Education at the Catholic Schools Office since 2012. Prior to this she was employed by the Brisbane Catholic Education Office, working as a full time teacher and Middle Years Co-ordinator at St Brigid’s Nerang. This year Kelly has been the Acting Principal at St Patrick’s Primary School, Holbrook.

Congratulations to Kelly and her family, and I am sure that the Diocesan and school communities will wish her well in her endeavours.

With best wishes.

[Signature]
Alan Bowyer
Director of Schools

Date: 31 October 2016
Mission Day