Dear Parents & Friends,

A reminder that our next Kinder orientation session will be held on Wed 9/11/16 (tomorrow). We have very pleasing numbers of enrolments for Kinder next year and are looking forward to them spending another session here on Wednesday.

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 has previously been communicated, a very big congratulations to Chris Masterson and Anita Stibbard. Chris has been successful in being appointed to the leadership role of Religious Education Co-ordinator role at St Joseph’s Junee for 2017. This is a fantastic opportunity for Chris and I am very pleased for him. Anita has also been successful in applying for a leadership role in the CSO’s targeted teacher program. This program has identified exemplary teachers to mentor and support other teachers in the Diocese in the effective teaching of maths. Anita will be working at St Joseph’s Narrandera for the next 3 years in this role. We have now advertised a permanent, full time teaching position as a result of Chris’s appointment. Applications for this position will close on Friday 18/11/16. As previously communicated, Kelly Humphrey has been seconded to St Michael’s as Acting Assistant Principal for the next 3 years as a result of Anita’s secondment. We also welcome Michelle Sutherland as our designated Targeted Teacher, appointed by the CSO for 2 days per week over the next 3 years.

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

Tomorrow morning at 6.30am Year 5/6 leaves for the Canberra Excursion. We are really looking forward to spending these three days with our Stage 3 students in the nation’s capital in what will be an educational and rewarding experience for all involved. Many thanks to those parents who have volunteered to attend and assist in allowing this excursion to take place. A debt of gratitude is also owed to the teachers who are attending, giving up 3 days of time with their own families in order to provide valuable experiences such as this to our students.

This Friday 11/11/16 is Remembrance Day and Year 4 will be walking down to the ceremony on Friday morning where they will be performing the National Anthem as ambassadors for our school in the Coolamon community.

Football Wagga Wagga’s Boy’s Soccer Gala Day was held at Rawlings Park, Wagga last Friday with our boys from Year 3 – 6 attending. From all reports everyone had a great day with all participating well. Thank you to Chris Masterson, Kellie Pemberton, Nathan Sladden and Ben Masterson for organising the boys on the day. Nathan Sladden also provided cold drinks to all the boys on the day.

Please be aware that there will be a Pupil Free Day next 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/dress rehearsal 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.

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.

A huge thank you to Steve Lee and Sharon Dryden who have helped the school out over the past week. Steve has installed a number of pinboards around the school as well as some mini netball rings. Sharon has assisted by helping to whipper snipper the long grass on the fence-line of the top oval. This help has been very much appreciated. Our flag pole has been out of commission for some time as the rope and pulley system is sticking. The pole can be unbolts and folded down from the bottom in order to carry out repairs. The school is happy to pay for any parts that may be required. If you think you could help with this, please see Rhonda in the office.

"Teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself." - Zen proverb
**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.

**UPCOMING DATES**
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

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will continue to be open at our school at the following times:
Tuesday, 8 November 3pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday, 9 November 8.30am – 9.00am
Thank you to our helpers!!

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**Class Awards**
**Term 4—Week 4**

K/1/2
Memphis Meyers, Maddy Furner and Simon Steele
Year 3
Thomas Francis and Chloe Ryan
Year 4
Emerson Leary and Tyson Flanigan
Year 5/6
Georgia Munro, Brooke Ryan and Cody Lee

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

James Cruikshank—9 Nov

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*Why not stock-up on extra presents and earn Rewards for our school?*
COMMUNITY NEWS

Coolamon Shire Library—
The Storytime will be held again this Friday, 11th Nov theme “Fire Engines” @ 10.30am. Our local fire brigade will be showing the children around the fire station and the fire truck. Then on Friday, 25th November everyone is most welcomed to come along to our “Grandparents” session @ 10.30am.

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

School Magazine Sponsorship—It is not too late for businesses to make a donation toward our school magazine publishing costs. All businesses who donate will have their business card printed on the sponsor’s page. Please contact Rhonda in the school office if you would like further information.

Yours in Christ,

Brendan Flanagan

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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.

DANCE WHISPERS 2016 CONCERT

Featuring

Brent Rollins

FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER AT 7PM
SATURDAY 19TH NOVEMBER AT 5PM
COOLAMON CENTRAL SCHOOL HALL

Featured dancer 2016

Schools Spectacular

Refreshments available, with proceeds donated to Brent

Ticket sales available at Coolamon Newsagency

Adult: $20; Student/Permanent $16; Child (5-12 yrs): $10
Family of 2 adults, 2 children: $50
Child under 5: FREE

For information contact Christine Tekhave: 0414 454 782

Scholastic Book Fair is visiting school today and tomorrow morning—please come and have a look!
Remembrance Day Prayer

We remember in a special way today, Lord, the men and women who serve our country in the military. Help them to know the gratitude we feel for their service, and may peace be their lasting legacy.

Amen

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...Just a few suggestions that you could donate towards our Christmas School Raffle (to be sold at School Play):

- Box of chocolates
- Bottle of soft drink
- A roll of wrapping paper
- A Christmas tree decoration
- A bottle of wine
- A jar of apple sauce
- A packet of gift cards
- A packet of chips

Thank you!
The school does appreciate your generosity!