Dear Parents & Friends,

Last week our students visited the Coolamon Library and engaged in some reading and literacy based activities there. This was an enjoyable experience for our students and we thank Helen McLoughlan for her invitation to attend.

Following on from the SVDP Giving Mass last week, we are still accepting donations of non-perishable food or cash for the Vinnies (St Vincent de Paul) Christmas appeal. From these donations our local SVDP volunteers will pack and distribute food hampers to local families in need this Christmas. Thank you for your generous support.

The next meeting, and AGM, of the P & F Association has also been brought forward a week to tonight, Tues, 6/12/16 at 8 pm, following the School Council meeting. We hope to see as many parents in attendance as possible. On this night we will also take time to celebrate all of the great work that the P&F and School Council have done over the year in support of the school so we encourage all attending to bring along some nibbles and cold drinks to share.

Our Swimming program started smoothly yesterday with our students very excited about participating. We were blessed with warm weather for the start of this program and we hope that this warm weather continues over the duration of the rest of the lessons.

We had a very enthusiastic response to the Band Tryout Day last week with over 30 students looking to take up these instrumental music lessons next year. As a result of the day last week, students have now been matched with compatible instrument options and this has been communicated via a letter sent out yesterday. Parents now need to confirm that they wish to take up this offer for next year by returning the forms attached to this letter.

Our Graduation Mass will be held next Thursday 15/12/16 at 6.00pm here at St Michael’s Church. This will be followed by our presentation night and end of year disco for our students at the St Michael’s Hall. All parents are invited to attend the school for some cool drinks and nibbles (BYO please) whilst the disco for students is on in the hall.

Please be aware that reports will be sent home next Wednesday 14/12/16.

Staffing 2017

Please be aware that the following staffing will be in place for 2017;

**Kinder:** Mrs Alicia Bradley & Miss Arnika Buchanan

**Year 3/4:** Mrs Kelly Humphrey

**Year 6:** Mrs Kate Wickson

**Literacy Support/Learning Support Teacher:** Miss Georgia Suidgeest

**Teacher Assistant:** Mrs Alison Foley

**Teacher Assistant:** Mrs Kelly Humphrey

**Cleaner:** Mrs Amanda Veigel

**Targeted Maths Teacher:** Michelle Sutherland

**Assistant Principal:** Mrs Kelly Humphrey

**Administration Officer:** Mrs Rhonda Holzapfel

**Sports Co-Ordinator:** Mrs Kate Wickson

**REC:** Mrs Alicia Bradley

**Principal:** Mr Brendan Flanagan

START DATES FOR 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

Staff return on Friday, 27 January 2017.

School begins 2017 for Years 1-6, Tues, 31 Jan 2017.


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"The roots of all goodness lie in the soil of appreciation." - Dalai Lama
**P & F NEWS.**

**Next Meeting**—The next meeting and the AGM of the P & F has been brought forward and will be held tonight, 6 December at 8pm (please note the later time, after the School Council meeting which begins at 7pm). Bring along nibbles and cold drinks to celebrate the year. All Welcome!!

**P & F Raffle**—Thank you to all our willing volunteers who helped with selling tickets for the raffle last Saturday. It was a very successful fundraiser with $433.60 profit going to the P & F Assoc.

**School fees**—If you wish to discuss your fee obligations with me, please call the office to make an appointment time. Reminders for overdue fees not attended to will be followed up prior to the end of the term.

**School Fees 2017**
- 1st child—$247 per term
- 2nd child—$185 per term
- 3rd child—$124 per term
- 4th or more—$70 per term

Compulsory cleaning/maintenance levy of $27.50 per family per term ($110 per year).

Compulsory Technology levy of $40 per student per term ($160 per year).

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**UPCOMING DATES**

- 6 Dec—School Council/P & F Meeting & AGM
- 11 Dec—Carols in Lions Park Interchurch 6:30pm
- 15 Dec—Graduation Mass 6pm/Presentation Night 7pm
- 16 Dec—Last day of Term 4
- 24 Dec—Christmas Eve Mass
  - St Patrick’s, Marrar 6pm
  - St Michael’s Coolamon 8pm
  (in St Michael’s School grounds)
- 25 Dec—St Michael’s Christmas Mass 9am
- 27 Jan—Staff return—Term 1, 2017
- 31 Jan—Year 1—6 First Day Term 1
- 1—3 Feb—Best Start Interviews for Kinder 2017
- 6 Feb—Kindergarten commence Term 1
- 10 Feb—St Michael’s Swimming Carnival
- 17 Feb—Deanery Swimming Carnival
- 24 Feb—Diocesan trials Netball / Boys football (soccer)
- 27 Feb—Diocesan Swimming Carnival
- 28 Feb—Diocesan trials AFL
- 9 March—Diocesan trials Football (Girls)/Rugby League/Hockey
- 28 March—Diocesan trial Touch Football

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**Abby Whiter—Today!**

**Tyson Sladden—8 Dec**

**Jack Rudd—13 Dec**

and

**Mrs Quinn—12 Dec**

**Mrs Ryan—12 Dec**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Class Awards**

**Term 4—Week 8**

**K/1/2**
- Rihanna Moncrieff, Noah Rudd
  - and Flynn Graham

**Year 3**
- Cooper Dryden, Bryce Dryden
  - and Matilda Wickson

**Year 4**
- Frances Steele and Clancy Allan

**Year 5/6**
- Mitchell Dryden, Georgia Fifield
  - and Liam Trevaskis

**Principal’s Award**
- Tanner Lewis

**CONGRATULATIONS!**
COMMUNITY NEWS

Coolamon Shire Library—
Our next Storytime will be held this Friday, 9th December theme “Snakes” @ 10.30am. Then our final Storytime for the year will be held Friday, 16th December theme “Xmas” @ 10.30am. A small party will conclude Storytime for the year and a very special guest will be appearing as well. 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 library is taking names to join a book club. A book club is for anyone who loves to read a varied selection of books and meet with others to chat about them. The library provides ten copies of one title plus background notes and discussion questions. For further details please phone the library - 69272492

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

Yours in Christ,

Brendan Flanagan

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Food for Fines

Do you have outstanding overdue fines?

Are your current loans overdue and attracting fines?

Coolamon Library is offering you the chance to pay off your overdue fines with a donation of non-perishable food items. These items will be donated to the St Vincent de Paul office in Coolamon to be distributed to those in need over this festive season.

For more information
Phone Helen
Coolamon Library - 69272492

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Messy Church meets Craft

When
10am—1pm;
17th & 24th January 2017

A morning of Craft, Song and Story with lunch.

Where?
St Andrews Anglican Church Hall
Mirrool Street
Coolamon NSW

Bring a paint apron or wear old clothes.
Open to Children of all ages

For more information phone
Rev’d Mike Perrott on 0417207993
Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus!
Neal A Maxwell

This week for our Advent prayer, I would like you to contemplate this small verse...and make the necessary changes if required.

INTERCHURCH COUNCIL & COOLAMON LIONS CLUB

HOST: "CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN THE PARK"

IN THE "LIONS PARK" COWABBIE ST, COOLAMON (NEAR RAILWAY)
SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER 2016, COMMENCING AT 6.00pm
SPECIAL ITEMS BY COOLAMON & COOLAMON CENTRAL SCHOOL CHOIRS

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR/BUG FOR SEATING & PICNIC TEA IF DESIRED/ OR SAUSAGE SIZZLE WILL BE AVAILABLE. IF WEATHER INCLEMENT, ALTERNATIVE VENUE IS IN THE UNITING CHURCH HALL SITUATED BEHIND THE UNITING CHURCH IN LOUGRINAN ST, COOLAMON.

EVERYONE WELCOME.

CHURCH TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS.

ANGLiCAN CHURCH
COOLAMON: CHRISTMAS EVE 24th 7pm
GANMAIN: CHRISTMAS DAY 25th 9.30am

CATHOLIC CHURCH
COOLAMON: CHRISTMAS EVE 24th 8pm
ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL GROUNDS
MARRAR: CHRISTMAS EVE 24th 6pm
COOLAMON: CHRISTMAS DAY 25th 9am