Welcome to Week 3

Today is Ash Wednesday
the beginning of Lent.
Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, we prepare for Easter.
Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting is those who completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

Going home with the Newsletter is a Project Compassion Box. Please encourage your child to share what they have with those who do not by placing some money in the box. The box can be returned during Holy Week 21st - 24th March.

SACRAMENT MEETING: This is for all families with children in Year 2, Year 3 & Year 6 who wish to receive the Sacraments this year. Please note change of date. The meeting will now be held on Thursday 17th March at 3.30pm. All parents are asked to attend as this meeting will take a different format then in the past.

School News:

Loreto Partnership:
As you are aware we were accommodated at Loreto when we went to Sydney for Matilda in December. This was great and a huge saving to you as parents and we as a school.
We will have the opportunity to return the hospitality during the week 29th February to 4th March. Six Year 10 students and two staff will spend the week immersed in our community. The six girls chosen have talent in various sports, as well as ICT & music. The idea is that these students will work with our students in helping to develop their skills. As well as being part of the school day we would like to give them a country experience. So we are looking for some willing farmers, who may be shearing etc so the girls can experience country life. Five of the six girls are from Sydney.
On Monday 29th February we will be holding a Welcome BBQ at Mark & Sally Dent's to which every family is invited. We will supply the meat if you could bring a salad to share and drinks for your family. More info to come.

Thought of the Week:

“God is the Father and loves us all in spite of our faults .... We must love and bear with each other as God bears with us.”

Fr Julian Tenison Woods 1870
**School News continues**

Mum’s Night Out: Please note change of venue. Thursday 18th February at Peta & David Brennan’s. Invitation went out last week, so don’t forget to RSVP by this Friday 12th February.

Thank you to those Mums & Dads who came along to Meet the Teacher Meeting on Monday evening. By your attendance it shows to your child that what they do at school is important to you.

**P & F Executive for 2016**

Thanks also to those who stayed for the P & F Meeting. Congratulations to David Brennan President, Will Gaden & Mick Inder Vice Presidents, Kelly Reid Secretary, Janelle Deutscher Treasurer, Peta Brennan, Monica Foran, Wendy Inder and Angela James Publicity Officers.

**Compliance Meeting:** Sr Margaret will be away on Friday attending the Compliance Meeting in Bathurst.

**Catholic Development Fund School Banking:** Going home today with the Kinders is information about school banking. If you would like to participate please speak to Carrol. If children in other classes would like information please ask Mrs Yeo for information. Many thanks.

**Old Student Desks:** There are some available looking for a home. If interested please contact the school.

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**Head Lice:** Please check your child’s hair as we have had two reported cases. If discovered please treat. Once treated they are right to return to school.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL:**
Congratulations to those who participated in our carnival last week. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came to cheer and help.
Champions are
- Junior Girls: Natalie Williams
- Junior Boys: Oliver Gaden and Jim Sullivan
- 11 Yr Girls: Ally Bogie
- 11 Yr Boys: Zac Brennan
- Snr Girls: Charlotte Abbott
- Snr Boys: Jack Guan

Winning team was Mars.

Our team for the Northern Region Carnival in Gulgong next Wednesday is Jack Guan, Ned Inder, Charlotte Abbott, Zac Brennan, Ally Bogie, Patrick Reid, Jamie Spargo, Lottie Telford, Jack Deutscher and Natalie Williams. We wish them all the best for the next level of representation.
Birthdays:

Congratulations and Happy Birthday wishes to the following students who celebrate over the coming week:

- Chelsea Miller
- Jim Sullivan
- Abigail Whitten

Bus Forms: Please remember to return your blue bus transport forms either to the school office or to your bus driver.

Bus Conveyance Subsidy Forms:
The pink bus conveyance forms are available from the school office. If the distance from your garage to where you put your child on to the school bus is a certain number of kilometres, you are entitled to a subsidy. If you would like more information, please contact the office.

For parents who already have them, please either mail them yourself (after making a copy), or send them into the office.

Water Bottles: Please make sure your child has their water bottle with them every day.

Items Named: Please name all items that are coming to school with your child.

Parish News:

SACRAMENT DATES FOR 2016

17th Mar  Parent Mtg for All Sacraments
(Eucharist, Confirmation & Reconciliation)

FIRST EUCHARIST
3rd Apr  Enrolment 1st Eucharist
29th May 1st Eucharist Celebration

CONFIRMATION
15th May  Enrolment for Confirmation
26th June  Sacrament of Confirmation

FIRST RECONCILIATION
7th August  Enrolment for Reconciliation
22nd Sept 1st Reconciliation Celebration

Week-end Mass Times:

Coolah: Saturday 6pm
Mendooran: 2nd & 4th 8am
Elong Elong: 1st, 3rd, 5th 8am
Ballimore: 2nd & 4th 8am
Dunedoo: Sunday 10am
Binnaway 1st & 3rd 11.15 am

Altar Servers:

February 14th - A Brennan & J Guan
February 21st - C Abbott & J Spargo
February 28th - Z Brennan

Mum’s Night Out 18th February
Community News

ATTENTION !!!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2016. It’s that time of year again when the beginning of the football and netball season is upon us. Just a few notes to start the pre-season off.

1. We are still looking for people to fill positions within the committee. Positions vacant are:
   - Junior Vice President
   - Football Coordinator
   - Netball Coordinator
   - Canteen Coordinator

These positions are part of a team and we are all here for the same reason and that’s our kids and our town, so step up, have a go and we will help you along the way. It’s a great opportunity to meet new people and gain new skills.

2. We are now calling on applications for coaches of all age groups in football and netball. Football coaches require coaching qualifications and WWC checks are necessary for both codes, BUT don’t be put off by that as coaching courses are available within the next 6-8 weeks. The WWC are available online and are free to do.

3. Group 14 are now looking for boys 13,14,15 and 16 years, who are interested in playing Rep football this season.

If you are interested in any of the above, please contact:
Julie Redding
58 Bolaro Street
(Swan Motel)
Dunedoo
0428751120 as soon as possible.

FARMERS MARKETS

This Saturday 13 Feb. 8.30 -1pm
Held second Saturday month

- 0456771336
- madengrown3rivers@gmail.com

Mum’s Night Out
Thursday 18th February.