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Welcome to Term 1 Week 6 4th March, 2019

Welcome to Coe Family: There was great excitement around the school last Thursday as we welcomed two new students - Mia to Kinder, Georgia to Year 3 & their Mum & Dad Jacqui & Shaun. We hope they enjoy their new surroundings, making friends and settle quickly into their new routine.



Ash Wednesday: This week is the beginning of Lent. We will celebrate Mass on Wednesday at 9.15 as part of our Catholic Schools' Week Celebration. Days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. So Ash Wednesday is a day when we try to remember not to eat meat, as well we eat a little less. It is for those over the age of fourteen until the beginning of their sixtieth year.

Catholic Schools' Week: This week we celebrate Catholic Schools' Week - "Discover the heart of our Catholic School". Tomorrow, Tuesday we have our breakfast starting at 8.15 followed by Open Classrooms with Literacy in Action. It is an opportunity for you as parents to invite a friend and together discover the heart of St Michael's and become familiar with the welcoming, inclusive, quality learning environment which exists.

Compass Parent Portal: Going home with the Newsletter is a letter in an envelope explaining how to set up the portal on your phone or on a computer. It has your username: & password. Once you log in for the first time it asks you to change your password to something you will remember. For a phone you need to download the App which is "Compass School Manager". It is blue in colour and for a computer it is the URL address. If you have problems please contact either Meeghan or Sam and they will assist you. We are hoping that this will assist you with notes for your child's absence as well as other communication between the school & families. It has been very successfully used in other schools. Just be patient and I am sure we will sort out any teething problems. If you do have a problem just give us a call and if we don't know we will ask. Many thanks.

We respect and embrace the Wiradjuri people of this region as the traditional custodians and cultural knowledge holders of this land.

IMPORTANT DATES

12th March: Mum's Night Out – Thai Restaurant Gulgong @ 6.30pm

8-10th May Christian Living Camp (Yr 6)

28th & 29th August School Play

6th Dec End of Year Mass, Graduation & Family Night 6pm.

Please mark on your calendar

Loreto Normanhurst Partnership: We welcome Mr Phil Merchant, Mrs Hannah Truong & six Year 10 girls to St Michael's for the week. Thanks to Sally & Mark Dent for hosting the girls last evening, the Frampton's this afternoon, & Gaden's on Wednesday afternoon. The girls have prepared three sessions -

PE outdoor activities, Science activities & Music/Drama activities. Our students will be divided into their houses and rotate around the sessions on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday afternoon.

There will be an opportunity to welcome the staff & students from Loreto tomorrow morning at our Catholic Schools' Week Breakfast.

We hope they enjoy their country experience & leave us knowing more about farming and living in a small country town.

Bush Poetry Thank you: Many thanks to the slice/cake cooks, servers and chefs, who assisted on Thursday evening at the Welcome BBQ for Bush Poetry. Your help was very much appreciated.

Attendance. On Friday I did a review of attendance for the first five weeks of Term 1. We have six children whom the New South Wales Education Standard Authority would consider to be at risk. That means they have an attendance rate of less than 90% over these days. I review attendance twice a term listing children, who are considered to be at risk. If your child is sick they need to stay away, but please consider making all other appointments etc outside of the 9 - 3pm time slot. On occasions I know this is impossible but they soon add up very quickly. I have included an article that may make it clearer why attendance is seen as important.

P & F Meeting: The meeting will be held tomorrow evening 5th March at 7pm in the Staff Room. One item on the agenda will be sunglasses. Everyone is welcome to join us.

School Fees: For those families who pay by term, your term one instalment is due today. The due date was inadvertently omitted from your statement. If you are experiencing difficulties with your payment, can I please ask you to make contact with me. I cannot help, if I do not know your situation.

School Photos: These are booked for the 8th April. More information will go home closer to the date.

Inspired by the example set by St Mary MacKillop and Julian Tenison Woods, St Michael's Catholic School aims to foster a love of learning, allowing all children to reach their full potential through a supportive partnership of school, parents and parish.

THIS WEEK

4th Mar – 10th Mar
Catholic Schools' Week

5th Mar Breakfast
8.15

Open Classrooms

6th Mar Ash Wed
Mass 9.15

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Our Value is Compassion:



Urgent Information to Every Family:

School Sores: We have one confirmed case of school sores in the school. Please be aware that they are highly contagious and your child will need to stay away from school until treated by antibiotics. They are rampant in Dunedoo along with

Headlice. Please be vigilant to every cut or scratch your child may have and check your children's hair regularly. Many thanks.

Sport : Congratulations to our PP5 Relay team, who did an awesome job on Friday at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival in Dubbo. They came in 4th in their division. Well done Ollie, Annabelle, Mads & Noah. They took 12 secs off their previous time. Thanks to the organisers of the event and to the parents who accompanied them on the day.



Have a great week. *A Margaret Flood.*

**NO CANTEEN
MONDAY 12TH MARCH**

COMMUNITY NEWS



The simplest way

... to pack a healthy lunch box

The average school child will eat more than 2,500 lunches during their 13 years at school.



A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a lunch box, Cancer Council's [website](http://healthy lunchbox.com.au) is now even easier to use and share with friends and family.

- **Search** – you can now search for recipes by name or ingredients and quickly find the information and tips you are looking for.
- **Print recipes** – it's now easier to print recipes for safe keeping.
- **Share recipes** – on Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest.
- **Videos** – some recipes now feature short videos showing the simple steps to making the meal.
- **Lunch Box Builder** – plan a healthy lunch box with your kids using the new builder items.
- **New Content** – check out our new recipes, sandwich filling ideas and packed healthy lunch box examples.

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Birthdays

Congratulations & Birthday Wishes to:
Georgia Coe & Mia Coe



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AUSSIE OF THE WEEK

Bella Wadley



Congratulations to Bella!

Bella has been so kind and thoughtful to a new member of her class, aware of her needs and being a guide and helper. She even knew that Mia needed her hat and very kindly reminded her to get it out of her bag. Bella has shown hospitality to a new student and has been a wonderful help. Thank you Bella. You have shown care and concern for another. We are proud of you!



MERIT AWARDS

Years K/1/2:

Marley Horton,
Angus Deutscher
Lily Beer

Years 3/4:

Georgia Coe
Toby Turnbull

Years 5/6:

Harry Beer
Dezie Spargo
Matilda Obst
Xanthia Turnbull

~ Invitation ~

Dunedoo Lions Club



Invite



All Seniors

to a

Concert & Luncheon for Seniors Week
to be held at Dunedoo Sports Club
on Friday 15th March 2019
Morning Tea From 9.30 am
Entertainment Commences at 10.30am

Live Entertainment

"MUDGEY DAY VIEW CLUB SINGERS"



RSVP Monday 11th March 2019
Norma Gallagher Ph: 63751107



The Dunedoo Central School P&C warmly invite The Community of Dunedoo to the

Debutante Ball

Dunedoo Central School Hall

Saturday 23rd March 2019 *Doors Open @ 6.30pm*

TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON | AVAILABLE AT DCS FRONT OFFICE
All tickets to be purchased prior to 3pm Wednesday, 20th March 19'

BAR FACILITIES AVAILABLE—NO BYO | * | HOT & COLD NIBBLES INCLUDED
DRESS: COAT & TIE EVERYONE WELCOME

Live Music
Pete Riley & his band

PARISH NEWS

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

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

Altar Servers:

Sunday 17th March –
I Baker & F Hogden



Rebates for water-smart farmers

Applications open now for the Emergency Water Infrastructure Rebate Scheme.

Drought affected farmers can claim 25% of costs, up to \$25,000, to purchase and install emergency water infrastructure for livestock.

The rebate can be applied to:

- new purchases and installation of pipes
- water storages and water pumps
- desilting dams
- associated power supplies such as generators.

Visit: www.raa.nsw.gov.au for guidelines and forms



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DID YOU KNOW?

3rd April
Parent
/
Teacher
Interviews