**Principals Conference**

Last week I attended the Canberra Goulburn Principals Conference where a number of guest speakers presented talks on various topics to the Principals.

Dr Paul Sharkey, the Director of Archdiocese of Adelaide focused on key aspects of the Identity of a Catholic School. Denis Masseni discussed the changing face of the newsletter as a means to communicate with parents and Danielle Cronin spoke about parent and community engagement.

As part of this gathering the Principals and CEO staff gathered each morning for prayer and Mass was celebrated by Fr Warrick Tonkin on the Wednesday evening.

The Southern Region Principals (pictured) farewelled Phil Stubbs from St Pat’s Cooma who is retiring on Thursday night at a dinner.

**Upcoming Events**

**Tues 5th November**
Melbourne Cup Hat Parade at 1:30pm

**Wed 6th November**
Bombala High School Year 7 Orientation

**Wed 6th November**
After School Sports
3:15pm– 4:15pm

**Thurs 7th November**
Kinder Orientation
12noon– 3:00pm

**Thurs 7th November**
K-6 Assembly 2:30pm in the Parish Centre

**Year 6 Melbourne Excursion**

This week Monique Standen and Katie Farrell join with the other Year 6 students from Bibbinluke, Delegate and Bombala Public Schools on the annual excursion to Melbourne. Miss Crannis is one of the staff members accompanying the children on this excursion. Some of the highlights include visiting the Aquarium, Zoo, Eureka Tower, Sovereign Hill and the Queen Victoria Markets. Thank you to Mrs Fiona Crawford from Bombala Public School for coordinating this excursion.

**Value of the Week**

Week 4 and 5—Perseverance
**Kinder Orientation**

The third of the Kinder Orientation days was held today. The aim of the orientation sessions is to help students with their transition to primary school. This year there will be four sessions that will be held on consecutive Thursdays. Each week will have a different focus so that students will be able to participate in a variety of activities. They will also have the opportunity to interact with all the students during playtime.

*Thursday 7th November: 12:00pm– 3pm (Music)*

Parents of our Kinder’ children for 2014 are invited to attend the K-6 assembly next Thursday 7th November at 2:30pm in the Parish Centre.

**Bombala High School Year 7 Orientation**

The annual Bombala High School Year 7 Orientation will be held on Wednesday 6th November.

**Melbourne Cup Hat Parade**

On Melbourne Cup Day we will be holding our annual Joey’s Hat Parade!! So students need to start putting together their designs at home. We will hold our hat parade at lunchtime where students will model their hats (no costumes) and prizes will be given for best hat.

The children need to wear their school uniform on this day.

**Words of Wisdom**

*Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.*
Message from Mary MacKillop

Help one another and bear with one another as God does with each of us.(1899)

Thumbs Up

To Michael Shannon for putting our blackboard up in the playground.
Thank you

Greetings from God

Those who are free of resentful thoughts find peace.

K-6 Assembly

Prepared to be entertained at the upcoming assembly this term. So make sure you put this date in your diary and invite family and friends to come along.

K-6 Assembly—Thursday 7th November at 2:30pm in the Parish Centre

School Reunion Memorabilia

School Reunion Memorabilia is still available to be purchased from the school.

Recipe books, $20  Coffee Cups $10  Caps $10

Primary Choir Performances

The Primary Choir have been preparing for two upcoming performances. The first being at the Opening of the Men's Shed on Friday 8th November and at Carols by Candlelight on Saturday 30th November.
RE News

The Feast of All Saints 1st November.

During the early years, Christians were severely persecuted, often suffering torture and death because they were faithful to God. The stories of these people we now call saints provide models for every other Christian throughout history to aspire too. These people all had one thing in common: they tried to live and help others’ to live in God’s way. All of the Saints were following the example of Jesus. They were able to do this with the help of the Holy Spirit living and working in them.

The Church canonised or formally recognized the life’s of those holy people whose names and stories were known. The Church’s calendar contains many saint’s days, which Catholics observe at Mass. But there were thousands of early Christian martyrs, the majority of whose names are known only to God and the people they helped. In order to honour the memory to these unnamed saints, the Church dedicated a special feast day so that all living Christians would celebrate at a special mass called All Saints Mass.

St Mary’s Mass Times

1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th weekend of the month
Sat—Delegate 6pm Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Sun—Bombala 9am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

3rd weekend of the month
Sat -Delegate 6pm Mass
Sun—Bombala 8am Mass

Cleaning Roster
01/11/13
Marsha Sten

Canteen Roster
04/11/13
Lauren Yelds
Infants News

This week in infants we have been learning about volume and capacity. The children have had much fun investigating how much space something takes up and comparing the capacity of different containers. We also learnt how the size of the object you are using to fill a space can change the answer.

In other news my husband Michael kindly mounted a blackboard in the playground for the children to use. The students have been busy creating beautiful pictures during recess and lunch. Today was our third kinder orientation session and it’s great to see how confident our new students are already. Next week will be their last session for the year. We look forward to seeing them all in 2014 for a great year.

Drop off times

Please be aware that morning supervision begins at 8:30am. Please ensure your child is not dropped at school before 8:30am.

Fruit Break

Could parents and carers please ensure that children’s fruit is cut and ready for fruit break each day. The infants have an apple cutter in their room but for all other fruit that requires cutting please have it prepared. Teachers are unable to leave their rooms to cut up the fruit during class time. Thank you for your understanding.
Primary News

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the class has been able to experience the process of making and tasting of their own bread. 2 loaves disappeared very quickly into hungry mouths. I am arranging for an excursion to the local bakery to enable the class to experience this process at a commercial level. The class basket weaving is progressing well with some students finishing their first attempt. Well done to those boys. I am considering taking the class for surfing lessons on the coast as an end of year treat. The cost would be approximately $25.00. I will keep you posted. Next week the class will become junior scientists learning how to use microscopes and perfecting their bread making skills.

Thanks,

Mr. Bennett