Dear Parents,

Our first School Council Meeting of the year will be held at 7.00pm next Tuesday 21st in the staffroom at school.

AGM School Council 14th March
We will be holding the AGM of our School Council at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 14th March. For families new to our school, any parent of the school can nominate for School Council. The role of the Council is to be an advisory body to the Principal of the school, in non-education matters. Please don’t be shy, come forward and take the opportunity to shape the future direction of our wonderful school. All parents are welcome to attend the meeting regardless of whether they are standing for Council.

Following on from the AGM, we will hold a short monthly Council meeting. Meetings of the Council are held once per month, usually on the second Tuesday, unless this falls in the holidays, then we hold over to the next monthly meeting.

Marketing and School
I have been looking at how we can market our school to the wider community and attract more families to the school. Speaking to a number of people about marketing they all agree that one of the best forms of marketing is word of mouth from current parents.

Whilst our more mature parents (parents who have their children in the higher grades) are important because they can speak of the journey that they have been on in the school, much of the emphasis on attracting new families is going to fall on the families with children in the Kindergarten to Year 2 range, simply because they have children around the same age of those looking to start.

We are planning to hold a community night for all families in the near future with the focus on what parents can do to help their children be ready for school. We have one of Albury’s leading Speech Pathologists agree to speak already. As soon as we can we will be firming up the dates and we would very much like to send invitations to anyone in the community who has children in the 3 - 4 year range.

If you know of any families that have children who will be starting school in the next two years, I would very much appreciate you letting me know their names and details. If you are talking to them you might be able to find out what they know about the school and help them answer any questions they may have.

School Grounds
Thank you to Napo Paul who swept the cement areas last week and Tracey Hulme who has been cleaning windows. These two people epitomized Mary MacKillop who said “never see a need without doing something about it”. We appreciate your efforts.

Swimming Carnival
Thanks to everyone who helped out with the carnival. If anyone has any suggestions as to how we can improve the carnival we would welcome them. Already we have purchased a new starting device which has a light and beep to start the races. Next year we will be handing out ribbons for the 25m races at the end of the pool. More suggestions welcome.
Swimming Carnival
On Friday, 3rd February 2017 we had our swimming carnival at Culcairn. Students were competing in events to try and win points for their House. The Houses are Joseph (blue), Carroll (red) and Flinders (Culcairn) maroon. Carlee Ireland was the lifeguard at Culcairn swimming pool on the day. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend the carnival and help out with travel, timekeeping, scoring, cheering etc.

The order of the events were: 100 m 50 m 25 m freestyle - junior boys; 100 50 25 metre freestyle—junior girls 100 50 25 metre freestyle, senior boys 100 50 25 metre, senior girls 100 50 25 metre, junior boys medley, junior girls medley, senior boys medley then senior girls medley.

The winning House was Joseph. Congratulations to Ryan McDowell (junior boy), Scarlet Galvin (junior girl), Hiraiina Durdin-Paul (11 years girl), Jed Davis (11 years boy) and Harry Plunkett senior boy) who earned champion medallions on the day.

The Albury Deanery carnival is next Monday, 20th February, and our school will be represented by Olly Davis, Ryan McDowell, Lachie Parker, Jed Davis, Harry Plunkett, Neve Scholz, Scarlet Galvin, Hiraiina Durdin-Paul and Saffi Pitt. A reminder that swimmers should be at Albury Pool by 9.15am. (Dylan McDowell reporter)

Swimming for Sport
All students continue swimming for sport at Holbrook Pool and this will also involve swimming practise for those selected in our Deanery team. This will continue on Thursday 23rd February and perhaps 2nd March. All students must have swimmers, towel, sunscreen, plastic bag for wet items, school hat, rashi and pool entry ($1.50/visit) if required. While we are swimming for sport students should continue to wear sport uniform each Thursday.

Dismissal will be from the pool for all students. Buses have been advised.

Canteen—Monday only
Jacqui Graham is working hard to allow our canteen to run smoothly each Monday. However she is still looking for support from families to assist with the roster. You would need to be in the canteen between 9.30am and 2.00pm (but are able to take a break during the middle period). Volunteers to staff the canteen each Monday are becoming fewer and fewer. However, if each family supplied one person that would cover 31 weeks (or 3 terms). The volunteer can be mother or father, grandparent, aunt etc. Your children are very excited to see a loved one in the canteen providing a great service to students on a Monday. Even if you can only come to school for a short period in the morning to process orders and set up, your contribution would be invaluable. However, please note that younger children cannot be in the canteen. Please phone or text Jacqui Graham on 0407 839269.

Additional Roles
As one of the more senior principals in Wagga Diocese I have taken on a couple of additional roles. The first of these is Chairperson of the Wagga Principals Association. This is the body that represents all of the Principals and we work to improve the role of the principal in the school. We meet regularly with the Director of Schools (Alan Bowyer) and raise issues of concern to the Principals. Alan also raises issues with us that he wants feedback from the Association about. Traditionally this has been a two year appointment and I am now entering my second year. As part of this role I sit on the State Council of Catholic School Principals which meets in Sydney once per term.

I am also a member of a group of Principals and CSO staff called the “Principals Reference Group.” This group is responsible for planning the professional development of the Principals and School Leadership Teams at their term meetings.

St Patrick’s acknowledges the people of the Wiradjuri Nation as the traditional owners of the land on which we learn.
School Based Roles
To allow as much teaching time to be allocated to the children as possible, I will also be taking on the role of Special Needs Coordinator, looking after students with learning issues. I also chair our School Well-being Committee, which meets once a fortnight to discuss the needs of students and families in our school community. These needs may be educational or social/emotional.

Hearing all that, my primary goal is to improve the educational experience for our children and if you have any suggestions that would assist in this, then I would welcome them. (Rob)

Mathematics
The Targeting Mathematics Teacher is an initiative by the Diocese of Wagga Wagga. It provides an additional experienced teacher to lead Mathematics learning in each primary school in the Diocese. The goal of this project is to promote growth in the numeracy standards of ALL students, with a particular focus in Early Stage One and Stage One. My role as a Targeting Maths Teacher is to support classroom teachers to utilise and develop effective teaching strategies, in order to improve student performance and success in Mathematics.

Jemima Middleton National Partnership Project

News from S2S3 Primary Open Learners Classroom for 2017
We have a new team and we are very excited with the opportunities this year will present. Students have welcomed Mr Unsworth, Mrs Hocking and Mr Carey into their learning environment for 2017 and have begun working towards achieving great outcomes for this year.

Mr Carey and Mrs Hocking are teaching English until first break. We have begun writing and reading groups with a focus on Recount writing, and the author Shaun Tan in reading. In the middle session Mr Carey and Mr Unsworth are teaching Mathematics and Religion. In RE we have begun with Prayer and will soon move into a study of the Season of Lent. In Mathematics we have been working in number and will soon move into addition and subtraction. In our afternoon block Mr Carey and Mrs Hocking teach History/Geography, Science and Technology, Creative Arts and PDHPE.

In Science we have begun the year looking into the states of matter. Over the term we will continue to examine how matter changes and what this means. In History, S3 will examine early Australian Colonial society and the people who influenced change. S2 are studying Celebrations and Commemorations and their relationship to our past and cultural groups. In PDHPE we begin with our aquatics unit and we have used Chinese New Year Celebrations as a theme in our Creative Arts focusing on watercolour and collage techniques.

Welcome to the New Year—Mr Unsworth, Mrs Hocking and Mr Carey

SCHOOL ZONE AND SAFETY
Could I please remind parents that the area in front of the school is a bus zone and only buses should use it between 8-9 and 2.30-3.30. Excuses such as I was only dropping off my child as not valid. We have worked hard with GHSCouncil to create a safe drop off area at the rear of the school, away from buses and passing traffic. Parking, even to drop your child, could cost you $325 and 2 demerit points. What is even more concerning is that we are teaching our future road users that some road rules are not important and don’t matter.

Supervision
Parents need to be aware that supervision is provided before school from 8.45am onwards and after school until the last bus leaves. If for any reason your child needs to be at school outside of these times then you need to contact the school to make suitable arrangements.
School Fees 2017:
Debtor accounts for Term 1 have been sent home via students. Thank you to those who have already paid their account, or who continue their weekly/fortnightly arrangement.

Student School Council Report
The start of the school year has been an enjoyable one of learning, fun, and friends. Students were eager to get back to school and learn. The swimming carnival was a great successful day—well organized by St. Joseph’s Culcairn. Lots of people participated and had fun. It was a great day for swimming and the water was nice and cool. The swimming program is a great activity for all the students. On this upcoming Monday we have the Deanery Swimming Carnival in Albury where nine of our fellow students will attempt to qualify for the next level. We wish all the school team good luck.

Every week on Monday we have an assembly. One of the things we do is Hat Lotto. We pull out a number from the bucket, ask that child to the front and check if they are wearing full and correct school uniform. If yes, they get a free icy-pole from the canteen.

The new kinders are enjoying all the activities that they have with Mrs Ross, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Arundale. Yr 6 have been working to make them feel safe and welcome.

This great start to the year will hopefully mean that the rest of the year is as good as the first four weeks.
From the Yr 6 leadership team.

Holbrook Library Complex News
We encourage all children to become members of Holbrook Library. Membership is free and there is a great selection of books and dvds for everyone, from babies to grand parents and in the words of the great Dr Seuss, “The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.” Holbrook Library also offers holiday activities for children, occasional movies and other services which are advertised in the HOLBROOK HAPPENINGS.

...will resume on Tuesday the 14th February. This is a supervised hour of homework help for children from year 3 and over. The cost is $2 and includes afternoon tea. Please remember to bring your homework!

Then on Thursday 9th February, Story Time resumes at 11.00am. Story time is on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays every month during the school term. All pre school children (including babies) are welcome. Activities include listening to stories, singing, dancing, craft, sensory games, making new friends and experiencing being part of a bigger group.

Also a great opportunity to take home a pile of excellent picture books to read with your pre-schoolers at bedtime or anytime!

Community Garden Cookbook
We are doing a community garden cookbook with a difference. We are looking to have our seniors involved by providing recipes that have been handed down through the family. A bit of a story on the recipe or the person who had the recipe would be good. Some garden tips on what they used in the vegetable patch or garden instead of the modern day chemicals will also be apart of the book. Any photos e.g. Holbrook show cooking section. Flower show or CWA gathering back in the 50s/60s, Red Cross.

Recipes and photos can be left at the school or emailed to Sue at susan@swellsolution.com.au

Kids Club Date Change
The annual Holbrook Anglican Church Holiday Kids Club will be happening in the first week of the July school holidays this year, not in the April school holidays as it used to.

Kids Triathlon Training
Sat 18th Feb & Sat 25th
Ready to Ride 8.30am at Holbrook Pool, Followed by Swim & Run.
Enquiry: Margot Pitzen 0407 658 401

Holbrook Hospital — change in Immunisation Dates
Now to be on the third Wednesday of each month
(Previously it was on the fourth Wednesday)

15/2/17 15/3/17 19/4/17 17/5/17 21/6/17 19/7/17
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**Available at Lunchtime**

(Please use brown paper bag to order these items for lunch, stating child’s name, class, item and enclosing correct money).

- **Party Pie** $1.90
- **Plain Large Pie** $3.00
- **Sausage Roll** $1.90
- **Pastie** $3.40

**Sandwiches & Knot Rolls from Bakery—wholemeal only**

- Ham & Salad Sandwich $4.10
- Chicken Sandwich $3.70
- Chicken & Salad Sandwich $4.40
- Chicken Knot Roll $3.40
- Ham & Salad Knot Roll $3.40
- Salad only Knot Roll $3.00
- Chicken & Salad Knot Roll $3.90

**Sandwiches prepared at school—wholemeal only**

- Ham & Cheese Sandwich $2.00
- Ham, Cheese, Tomato Sandwich $2.00
- Ham & Tomato Sandwich $2.00
- Ham Sandwich $2.00
- Cheese Sandwich $2.00