Learning – Education

Professional Development Days (Beginning of Term 1, 2016)

St Columba’s Vision and Mission: The Board and P&F Executive will be invited to join the staff in revisiting the School’s Vision and Mission for 2016 and beyond. The Professional Development day will be presented by Jeff Thorne, who will also be supporting/guiding us in our future direction, which will include the Strategic Plan and School Improvement Plan (SIP). Invites will be sent out later this year.

NAPLAN & Assessments Analysis: The staff met with the Catholic Education Consultants to review and analyse the 2015 NAPLAN results as well as other assessments. Key areas have been identified and will be our focus for 2016. These will be included in our School Improvement Plan (SIP) and will be communicated to the community in the new year.

Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) – 307 Differentiated Teaching & Learning: We’re currently in the process of reviewing the ‘Differentiated Teaching & Learning’ QCS component and invite the Board & P&F Executive Members to participate in the survey. Please return the completed forms by Friday

Engagement – Community

St Joseph’s School Wyndham Visit: St Joseph’s School Wyndham students will be visiting the school next week, arriving at our school on Sunday 1 November. The raising of the Aboriginal Flag Ceremony has been organised for Tuesday morning, so we can acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land and show respect for Aboriginal people as Australia’s First Peoples. Parents will be invited to the ceremony in this week’s newsletter.
End of Year Concert: As mentioned previously, the end of year concert will be held at Mercy College Koondoola, in their Gymnasium, but due to unforeseen circumstances, we’ve had to change the date from Friday the 20 November to 27 November. This information will be communicated to all parents in this week’s newsletter.

**Accountability - Stewardship/Governance**

**Caroline Brewer’s Secondment and New Staff Members:** Caroline has accepted a secondment to work in the Kimberley for the next couple of years. She will be returning to St Columba’s School at the beginning of 2018. Her position has been advertised on the CEO’s website.

**Stage 6 Building Program:** The Stage 6 building program is near completion and handover has been scheduled for this week. The current Years 5 and 6 students will be moving into the new classrooms over the next couple of weeks.

**School Oval:** The school oval is going to be top dressed, levelled and fertilized over the next few weeks. Our next task will be to get the oval back to its pristine state it once was. I am anticipating it will most likely take the school holidays before it’s lush and green again. We will also be looking at continuing to beautify the gardens by planting trees and other plants around the school.

**Discipleship – Catholic Identity**

**Parish/School Community Mass:** Disappointing turn out by families. We will continue to plan these gatherings and encourage families to attend in 2016.

*Greg Martin*

Greg Martin
Principal
27 October, 2015