Welcome TO 2017!

Welcome back everybody, I trust you enjoyed the Christmas break and were able to find some time to relax and recharge the batteries for another year. With such a hectic finish to 2016, I didn’t have the proper opportunity to thank all of our wonderful families for the beautiful Christmas messages and gifts that were kindly shared with the staff and myself over the last week of school. It was very touching, and we were all very appreciative. Thank you.

Moving into the new year, our literacy and numeracy interviews went smoothly and ten new foundation students have joined us in LGA. It’s great to see the classrooms full and buzzing with energy. Our first day on Thursday went really well and it was terrific to see so many new mums and dads walking through the door alongside our new and returning students.

This week’s newsletter is an abridged version due to it being such a short school week, but there are a few items that we would appreciate you looking over to help us set up for the school year.

Thank you again for all your support to date, 2017 looks to be another promising school year and please feel free to contact me at school if you have queries or questions throughout the year.

Have a great weekend.

Josh McElgunn
PRINCIPAL

OPENING SCHOOL MASS

In keeping with our annual tradition, we will begin our school year with the opportunity to celebrate the Eucharist together at our Opening School Mass on Sunday 26th February at 9am in the St Joseph’s Parish Church. We would love to see all of our students present and involved in the celebration please. Students are asked to wear their school summer uniform. A morning tea will take place after Mass in the Hall with our Parishioners and it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring along a plate of food to share. Our school captains and Student leaders will be presented with their badges during mass and our Foundation students will be introduced formally to the community.
Thank you to all of those wonderful families who helped to water our gardens over the holidays. Everything is flourishing and our vegetables look amazing! Your help was greatly appreciated over the break.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

School Jumpers

Unfortunately our school jumpers are on a back log with Canterbury, they won’t have them delivered until mid March which is a nuisance, but unfortunately unavoidable. In the meantime students are permitted to wear a casual jumper (preferably green) until they arrive as the mornings have been a little bit cool.

Over the course of Term 1, we will be presenting the...

Top Ten E-Safety Tips for Families

1. Be Aware of Online Strangers
Always think of your personal safety first when using ICT or your mobile phone. Remember it is easy for anyone to lie about who they are online, so you can never really be sure about who you are talking to.

Book Club

Book club orders for Issue 1 are due by Wednesday 15th February. Orders can be handed in at the school office or ordered online via LOOP.

Community News

Invitations to the Community of Coleraine to a forum on
Prevention of Violence Against Women

Family violence (also called domestic violence) is the use of violence, threats, force or intimidation to control or manipulate a family member, partner, former partner or other person the perpetrator has a relationship with.

Family violence directly affects one in five Victorian women over the course of their lifetime. It is the leading contributor to preventable death, disability and illness in Victorian women aged 15 to 44 years.

The community of Coleraine needs everyone to come together to address this issue.

MC: CEO WDHS Rohan Fitzgerald
Guest Speakers: Inspector Nick Finnegan, Hamilton Police and White Ribbon Ambassador.
At: Football Club rooms Coleraine
When: 8th February, 2017
Time: 7.30pm
Refreshments Available.

Maintenance Roster

Each year we allocate a week of garden maintenance to each school family to assist in keeping the grounds in good condition and to meet Workplace Health and Safety regulations.

Families are asked to nominate weeks in the year when they are unavailable so that clashes can be avoided. Please let the school know your preferred dates by Thursday 8th February.

A $60.00 optional maintenance fee can be paid to hire a gardening contractor if you would prefer that the school outsource your allocated week.

Sports Dates

Western Trinity Sports Carnivals:

Swimming - Tuesday 14th February (Casterton)
Cross Country - Tuesday 2nd May (Coleraine)
Athletics - Monday 14th August (Edenhope)