



Parents and Friends

Principal Report

15 June 2026

I am pleased to share with you recent highlights from our school community.

We were blessed to gather for our Mother's Day Breakfast and Mass, a valued celebration on our calendar. It was heartening to see such a strong turnout of mothers, grandmothers, and special women in our students' lives. The sense of community was evident, and we thank the P&F Executive and parents who supported on subcommittee – Justine, Maree, Nikki, Ross, Zac and Chris.

During Week Five, our Year 3 students recently celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a significant milestone in their faith development. We commend the students, the Year 3 Sacramental Team, and Leesa for their thoughtful preparation. A meaningful element this year was the involvement of parents in presenting their children, highlighting the vital role of family in the sacramental journey.

During Week Six, our school gathered for a reflective Reconciliation Week and National Sorry Day assembly, thoughtfully linked to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This provided a meaningful opportunity for students to deepen their understanding of our shared history and reflect on the importance of respect, healing, and reconciliation for First Nations peoples. Many thanks to the Staff and Students of Year Two for this.

We now look ahead to the celebration of First Holy Communion and keep all candidates in Year Four in our prayers as they continue their preparation.

Also held in Week 6 was Cross Country. Congratulations to all students on their excellent participation and sportsmanship. Fortunately, the weather allowed for a successful event, with our Year 1 students showing particular courage and enthusiasm, running in a very light shower.

Congratulations to Columbanus, our overall winning House. We also acknowledge all individual place getters for their outstanding efforts that were listed in the *Donegal*. Thank you to Mr Banks for the overall co-ordination of the event.

During Week 7, we came together as a community to celebrate Mass in recognition of our 90th Anniversary. We were honoured to welcome a number of special guests, including Executive Director of CEWA Annette Morey, Member for Maylands Dan Bull, former Principals Greg Martin and Art Lombardi, as well as many Sisters of Mercy.

Following the Mass, we gathered for morning tea in the School Library, providing a wonderful opportunity to connect and share in this significant milestone. It was a truly special and memorable occasion for our school community.

Thank you to parents for your support in helping students dress for the occasion on our Dressing through the Decades Day, which greatly enhanced the spirit of the day. Students enjoyed music from different eras and enthusiastically joined in with singing and dancing.

Excitement across the school, particularly for the Mercy Mission Stalls, was evident, with our Pre-Primary students especially eager to participate. These experiences play an important role in building community and connecting faith with action. Thank you to our parent community for their generous support of Mercy Mission Stalls on St Columba's Day. We raised an outstanding \$4 907.70.

Thank you also to the P&F Executive, Sub-Committee – Marina, Amieka, Rose, Kally, Annie and parent volunteers whose efforts further enriched the day through the organisation of a sausage sizzle lunch and special stall items.

As part of our Assessment and Reporting Schedule, Mid-Year Reports and IEP Reports will be distributed at the end of this term. Teachers are currently finalising these reports, which form an important component of our reporting processes. While there are many ways to communicate student progress, this formal reporting is a mandatory requirement of the School Curriculum and Standards Authority. Parents are welcome to make a time to discuss any aspect of their child's report with the classroom teacher if required.

In gratitude,

Gina Burns.