Catholic Schools Week Opens in Griffith!

The launch of Catholic Schools Week was celebrated on Friday evening at the BarOne88 Griffith with all staff from the local primary and secondary Catholic schools. The Minister for Education and local MP, Adrian Piccoli, joined the Director of Schools for the Wagga Wagga Diocese, Mr Alan Bowyer, in acknowledging the dedication of staff to their profession in Catholic schools.

Being an ex-student of local Catholic schools, Adrian Piccoli commended staff on the ‘right relationship’ and nurturing that happens on a day to day basis within Catholic schools. He recognised the integral place of Catholic schools within the local communities and the role they play in supporting families. Mr Piccoli affirmed the real partnership between families, teachers, schools and the community.

Alan Bowyer expressed his pride and thanks for the leadership that teachers play in helping to form the educational foundation for the students in their care. He reminded those present that one in five young people attend a Catholic school and that this Diocese alone has 27 primary schools and five secondary schools. The theme of Catholic Schools Week for 2013 is “Every Child Counts!”. Even though there are close to 8000 students directly and positively affected by the education provided in Catholic schools in the Wagga Wagga Diocese, this theme recognises the importance of the individual. The Catholic Schools Week is a way to also acknowledge and express gratitude for the support of local businesses and families.

The community has been invited to view the local Catholic Schools Week display at Griffith Central throughout the week. There will also be a live musical performance by Marian Catholic College students on Thursday from 11am until 2pm in front of IGA at the shopping centre.

Local Catholic schools principals with Alan Bowyer, Director of Schools and Adrian Piccoli, Minister for Education. L to R: Alan Bowyer, Alan Le Brocque (Marian Catholic College) Christine Calabria (St Therese’s Yenda) David Adams-Jones (St Patrick’s Griffith), Adrian Piccoli, Daniel Tuohey (St Peters’ Coleambally) Mary Jane Simms (St Mary’s Yoogali)
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David Adams-Jones (principal of St Patrick’s Primary, Griffith), Mary Jane Simms (Principal of St Mary’s Primary Yoogali) and Angela Wedesweiler (teacher at St Mary’s)

Alan Bowyer, Director of Schools for the Wagga Wagga Diocese, with Adrian Piccoli, Minister for Education, at the launch of Catholic Schools Week celebrations