HOLY THURSDAY MASS – Tonight – 7:00 p.m.
All children are invited to join in the Offertory Procession during Holy Thursday Mass tonight at 7:00 p.m. This Mass is where we will offer our Project Compassion boxes.

KINDER COOEE VISIT
Our Kinder class had a wonderful time visiting the residents of Cooee Lodge this morning. The children sang songs, gave gifts and wished all a very happy Easter. Well done to all the children. Many thanks to Miss Bourke for organising the visit and to the helpers, Sue Alchin, Margie Stewart, Shay Carter, Kristy Gale, Christine Harland, Karen Cooper, Rhonda Madgwick, Susan Harvey and Sussane Gilmour.

APRIL P & F MEETING
The April P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9 April in the school staff room. All are welcome.

CONGRATULATIONS KAITLYN
Congratulations to Kaitlyn Norris who finished 11th in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Swimming Championships in the 9 years 50 m Freestyle. A fabulous achievement Kaitlyn!

SUPER SPELLERS
We staged our inaugural Spelling Bees on Monday and Tuesday of this week and all our participants were fantastic. Congratulations to Alex Beveridge, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Rebecca Gaff, Kate Gilmour, Emilie Hassall, Aiden Ryan, Georgia Horan, Jacob Lummins, John Raglus, Emer Spora, Harry Steer-Wright and Oli Steer-Wright on your super spelling. Kate Gilmour won the Years 3/4 section with Emilie Hassall runner up while Oli Steer-Wright was the Years 5/6 winner and Georgia Horan the runner up. Kate, Emilie, Oli and Georgia will now participate in the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held on 30 May in Wellington.

DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS
Congratulations to our students who participated in the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials held in Bathurst yesterday. All our students acquitted themselves very well. Special mention to Noah Ryan who was selected in the 11 years Rugby League team and Kyle Welsh and Loki Ryan (rugby league) who made thePossibles –v– Probables. Noah will now represent the diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Rugby League Championships to be held in Bathurst on Friday, 3 May.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL – FRIDAY, 10 MAY
Each year parents are asked to donate gifts which the children can then purchase at the Mother’s Day Stall. The stall will be soon after the school holidays this year, so why not start buying and creating now! Your contributions can be sent in at any time and left at the school office. If the gifts could be wrapped in clear cellophane, that would be greatly appreciated. The Mother’s Day Stall is a fundraiser for the P & F Association but most importantly it gives the children the opportunity to bring in their own money to purchase a gift for their mothers and grandmothers that they have selected themselves.

Prices at the stall range from 50¢ to $5.00 and we aim to have enough gifts for each child to purchase at least two gifts.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photos will be taken on Monday, 8 April. Each child was given an envelope with full details regarding price last week. ALL PHOTOS NEED TO BE PAID FOR PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY. The money for photos may be returned to school at any time. If you have more than one child at school and would like a family photo taken, special envelopes are available from the office.

CHAIR COVER WASHING
We still have approximately 170 chair covers to wash from the Ball. So if you could wash some it would be greatly appreciated.

HEADLICE
There have been reports of headlice at school. Could you please check your child’s hair and treat if necessary.

IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)
We have reported cases of impetigo or school sores at school. Impetigo is a bacterial skin infection. The condition is characterised by collections of small, crusty blisters that usually form on the face or limbs and may be mistaken in the early stages for insect bites. Impetigo is highly contagious. Please seek treatment if you witness anything unusual on your child. Children may return to school as long as any sores are covered.

ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION
The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding a computer skills competition on Tuesday, 21 May for children in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to enter this competition please complete the tear-off slip attached to today’s newspaper and return it to school together with the $7.00 entry fee. Entries close Friday, 12 April.

WESTERN NSW REGION BAND CAMP
An invitation for students to attend the Western NSW Region Band Camp is currently being offered. The camp will be held at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre from Sunday, 26 May to Friday, 31 May. The cost of the camp is $400.00 per student. Any interested musicians (concert band and pianists) in Years 5-12 are eligible. Bass guitarists and percussionists are welcome. Sorry, no orchestral strings. For further information and how to apply, please see Mrs Hodge. The closing date is Tuesday, 2 April.

DEBUTANTE BALL PHOTOS
We have been advised by Kathryn Skinner that the photos from the debutante ball are on her website www.kathrynskinnerphotography.com for people to view.

GILGANDRA BASKETBALL EASTER FAIR
An Easter Fair will be held at Cooee Park over the Easter break. Rides will include `The Claw’, dodgem cars, mini roller coaster, boats, jumping castle, clowns and games. There will be food stalls.
and fairy floss. For further information please contact the Gilgandra Heritage Centre on 68178700.

UNDER 18’s BLUE LIGHT DISCO
An Under 18’s Blue Light Disco will be held on Wednesday, 10 April from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at the Gilgandra Youth and Citizens Club. Entry is free. No alcohol, no drugs, no passouts. This event is supervised by police.

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:

KINDER: Ryan Ferguson for great counting and Maths work, Jedd Pike for trying hard in his school work, Ryley Smith for always trying hard with his school work and Fletcher Jackson for always being happy and kind.

YEAR 1: Sarah Temple for an excellent effort in all writing tasks, Declan Garvey and Zahlia Proctor for being polite and enthusiastic members of Year 1 and Emma Westwood for wonderful work in all Maths tasks.

YEAR 2: Jacob Harland for a wonderful improvement in his reading, Isaiah Gleadhill and Brenna Foster for excellent work in Sentence A Day and Jennifer Ibe and Bradley Killey for wonderful story writing.

YEAR 3: Billie Buckland and Kieran Garvey for showing pride in their bookwork and Mary Westwood and Charlie Banks for always ‘Giving of Their Best’ in all set tasks.

YEAR 4: Milla Banks for great work in Spelling and Thrass activities, Martin Fryers, Sinead Sutton and Chloe Godber for being super speedy mathematicians and William Sandford and Rebecca Gaff for writing great cinquain poems about grandparents.

YEAR 5: Harry Steer-Wright for a huge improvement in spelling work. John Raglus for improved concentration in class and Matthew Ferguson for excellent results in Maths.

YEAR 6: Jacob Lumnis, Henry Johnson, Loki Ryan and Toby Cruickshank for their astounding Beatles performance at Grandparents Day.

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 9
- Thursday, 28 March - Holy Thursday Mass – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, 29 March - Good Friday
- Sunday, 31 March - Easter Sunday

WEEK 10
- Monday, 1 April - Easter Monday
- Tuesday, 2 April and Wednesday, 3 April - NSW PSSA Swimming
- Thursday, 4 April - Beginning Teachers Meeting

WEEK 11
- Monday, 8 April - The Annunciation Mass – Year 3 – 10:30 a.m.
- School Photos – don’t forget envelopes
- Year 2 Rural Museum visit – 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, 12 April - Last day Term 1
- ANZAC Day Mass and March

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- Year 6 Reconciliation

WEEK 1
- Monday, 29 April - First day Term 2
- Tuesday, 30 April - Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, 1 May - Gilgandra Show
- Friday, 3 May - Folding Winter Sports Trials

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Our week has finished well with the Kindergarten students visiting Coocee Lodge and singing ‘Slippery Fish’, ‘A Sailor Went to Sea’ and ‘This Is Our School’ to the elderly residents. Our sound for this week was the letter ‘I’, so there was much discussion on what things begin with this letter on our sound poster and big book. We also completed an Easter Booklet this week which included identifying what was missing on the Easter pictures, finding the Easter eggs and making sure the Easter Bunny returned home in a maze. I’d just like to wish everyone a happy and safe Easter break and look forward to another busy week when the students return. Take care. Miss Bourke.

YEAR 1 has worked very hard this week. We have been looking at the ‘ss’ sound in Spelling and the exclamation mark in Grammar. We have begun writing a description of ourselves in text types. Our description includes things such as our name, birthday, age, family, friends, likes and dislikes. In Maths we have worked on addition and halves. In HSIE we have discussed the traditional cuisine of Thailand and animals we may find there. In Art we drew our own ‘Wild Things’ which I must admit look very scary. Have a wonderful Easter. Miss Smith

YEAR 2 Year 2 has spent time learning about the events of Holy Week and how much Jesus loves us. We’ve completed our recounts on St Joseph’s Day and written wonderful descriptions of the Easter Bunny. During Maths we completed a test and reviewed the addition strategy of ‘counting on’. We also completed models of regular 3D shapes. During HSIE we discovered ways people communicated in the past and some of the systems we use today to send messages and news. The children enjoyed some treats this afternoon from a special and very secretive visitor to the school! We wish you a happy, holy and safe Easter. Mrs Larkin & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 3 has been hard at work this week. In Writing we have been working on discussions as a persuasive text. We came up with clear evidence supporting both sides of the argument, ‘Should homework be banned?’ Easter has been a focus in Religion where we have talked about the importance of the Last Supper, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. In Maths we have been learning about parallel lines and also subtraction patterns. During Science Year 3 has identified various ‘mini beasts’ habitats and learnt about their importance. I hope you all have a terrific weekend. I’m sure Year 3 will come back to school on Tuesday with lots of exciting stories. Mr Soares

YEAR 4 A special week has started. It is Holy Week. We have looked at the special celebrations this week brings. We have looked at the significance of Jesus washing the feet of his Disciples at the Last Supper. In Grammar our focus has been on prepositions – what they are and how they are used. The focus in Maths has been on fractions and 3D shapes – learning how to draw them. Our mental quizzes have been fun. Have a safe and joyful Easter. Mr Langes

YEAR 5 We are nearly there! As term one 2013 slowly creeps up on us Year 5 has once again been super busy with all our classwork. This week has seen us do a number of tasks that will be put into our portfolios including our wonderful coloured fish as well as some amazing drawings for religion. We have been lucky this week to start discussing our CWA project and more information will follow with next week’s homework. Congratulations to those Year 5 students who participated in the Winter Sports Trials in Bathurst yesterday. From all reports everyone acquitted themselves very well. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable Easter and look forward to seeing you all next week. Cheers, Mr Keady

YEAR 6 Our Expositions about mobile phones being allowed at school are finished, with some excellent and very convincing arguments to support the topic. To consolidate and reinforce our main ideas we made a comic strip with the iPads using an App called Strip Design. On Wednesday we used the iPads again using our creativity to explore some aspects of iMovie and Garageband. In Maths we have been revising fractions, decimals and percentages. Today we went to the Church to contemplate Jesus’ way of the Cross to prepare ourselves for Easter. We hope everyone has a happy and holy Easter and we look forward to seeing everyone back again next week.

Mrs Banks & Mrs Schier

CANTEEN ROSTER
- Friday, 29 March – Good Friday
- Monday, 1 April – Easter Monday
- Wednesday, 3 April – Emma Meyers & Rachel Kirsop
- Friday, 5 April – Toni Tarrant & Paula Purvis

EASTER ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
- Holy Thursday, 28 March – 7:00 p.m. – Montana McGrath, Anastasia Newstead, Georgia Horan, Caitlin Spora
- Good Friday, 29 March - Stations of the Cross - 11:00 a.m. – Montana McGrath & Tobey Creenea
- Good Friday, 29 March – 3:00 p.m. – James O’Neill, Anastasia Newstead, TWO MORE SERVERS REQUIRED
- Easter Saturday, 30 March – 8:00 p.m. – Anastasia Newstead, Georgia Horan, Megan Horan, Emily Horan
- Easter Sunday, 31 March – 9:45 a.m. - James O’Neill, Caitlin Spora, Tobey Creenea, SERVER REQUIRED