THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION MASS

Year 3 is preparing the Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation to be held next Monday, 8 April. This feast celebrates Mary saying ‘Yes’ to becoming the mother of Jesus. We hope many of you can join us for the special celebration at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph’s Church. Morning tea will follow Mass and we would appreciate if you could please bring a plate to share.

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CHAIR COVER WASHING (100 left)

We still have 100 chair covers that need to be washed from the Ball. Please lend a hand if you can.

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 About and return it to school together with the $7.00 entry fee. Entries close Friday, 12 April.

PORTFOLIOS

All children will take home their Term 1 Portfolios next Friday, 12 April. We encourage all families to take the time to look at the children’s work. All portfolios need to be returned to school early next term so the Term 2 work can be placed in them.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Training for the school cross country has commenced. Cross country is for any students in Years 3-6. Nine and ten year olds run 2 kilometres while eleven and twelve years olds run 3 kilometres. The Joey’s trial will be held on Friday, 12 April at 11:20 a.m. The Diocesan Cross Country will be held in Coolah on Tuesday, 7 May.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting on Monday, 6 May in the school computer room at 6:00 p.m. for those parents whose children will receive their First Holy Communion this year. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Joseph’s Church on Sunday, 2 June at 9:45 a.m.

THE VEGIE PATCH

We have been very busy this week in the vegie patch. There were lots of helpers to plant the young seedlings. In the garden we have celery, spinach, celeriac, carrots, shallots, lettuce, broccoli, beetroot, cos lettuce and Italian parsley. Our next job is to plant garlic and potatoes. Kindergarten and Year 2 have planted sweet peas and violas to give the garden some colour and attract the bees. The sweet peas will be a pretty show in the spring. Our worm farm is in production and the worms are enjoying the fruit and vegetable scraps the children are feeding them. Their castings and worm juice will be used to fertilise and feed the vegie plants. Happy gardening! Mrs Kelly

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 pass outs. This event is supervised by police.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Tuesday:

KINDER: Isaiah Aro for trying hard in his story writing, Fletcher Jackson for contributing to Maths questions about adding on and Ava Meyers for super work making her lion.

YEAR 1: Ry Hoffer for excellent presentation of all bookwork, Jade Elsom for beautiful reading, Luke O’Neill for being a polite and conscientious member of Year 1, Chloe Mudford for writing a wonderful description of herself and Molly Fairey for being an enthusiastic and conscientious member of Year 1.

YEAR 2: Joshua Purvis for a fabulous illustration in PDIPE and Sophie Hassall, Bradley Kildey, Brenna Foran, Tylah Anforth and Kelsey Hutchison for writing fabulous descriptions of the Easter Bunny.

YEAR 3: Hamish Beveridge for using his word attack skills while reading texts, Tom Eason for reading with understanding, Jett Grimson for spelling words accurately in daily work, Olivia

The joyful news that Jesus has risen does not change the contemporary world. Still before us lie work, discipline and sacrifice. But the celebration of Easter gives us the spiritual power to do the work, accept the discipline and make the sacrifice.
YEAR 6: Harry Spora, Olivia Newstead and Darren Doherty for being outstanding classroom helpers, Lachlan Fairey and Tarah Foran for being excellent story tellers and Jye Day for consistent effort in Maths Operations.

YEAR 5: John Spora for continued maturity and his friendly approach in class. Maddie Eason for a fantastic effort with homework tasks throughout the term and Grace Lumnis for improved results in Spelling.

YEAR 6: Kiarna Diggs for a super effort in Spelling. Olivia Gale for a conscientious effort in all areas. Emer Spora for fantastic work in Problem A Day and Operations and Oliver Steer-Wright for outstanding fluency and expression when reading.

WHAT'S ON

- Mrs Bray returns
- The Annunciation Mass – Year 3 – 10:30 a.m.
- School Photos – don’t forget envelopes
- Year 2 Rural Museum visit – 2:00 p.m.
- Last day Term 1
- Cross Country Trials – 11:20 a.m.

HOLIDAYS

Thursday, 25 April – ANZAC Day Mass and March

TERM 2

WEEK 1 - Year 6 Reconciliation

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 - Polding Winter Sports Trials – Noah Ryan

WEEK 2

Monday, 6 May - First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 7 May - Diocesan Cross Country - Coolah
Wednesday, 8 May - ‘Acting Out’ – Anti Bully Program
Thursday, 9 May - Year 6 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 10 May - Mother’s Day Stall
- Polding Winter Sports Trials backdate
Sunday, 12 May - Ascension of the Lord

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week the Kindergarten students planted some beautiful sweet peas and violas near the vegetable garden. The children were asked what plants needed to grow. Some responses included love, sunshine and dirt. The sound for this week is ‘h’ and the last 6 weeks of sight words have been revised. During Mathematics the children have learnt about what data is and currently we are trying to learn to count by twos to thirty. Over the past week, we have been learning about our routine at home before we leave to go to school and in Science and Technology learning about what activities we can participate in Summer and Winter. Just a reminder, if parents can make sure that the fruit they send for ‘Sip and Crunch’ is in bite size pieces so it easier for the students to eat, it would be appreciated. Take care. Miss Bourke

YEAR 1 I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable Easter. We are back into work this week in Year 1. In Spelling we are revising all the sounds we have worked on this term including ‘eh’, ‘th’, and ‘sh’. In Grammar our focus is exclamation marks and question marks while we are also revising nouns and adjectives. In Writing we are working on a recount of our Easter and we are continuing our description of ourselves.

During Maths we have been describing chance using terms such as certain, likely, unlikely and impossible. We have also measured the length of different objects in our classroom. In Religion this week we’ve discussed Holy Week, in particular Easter Sunday and have revised Baptism. Have a fabulous weekend! Miss Smith

YEAR 2 We hope everyone had an enjoyable Easter – welcome back! This week we are revising our spelling rules, sounds and words. We are trying extra hard with ABC order and rhyming words. We are discussing action words – verbs in Grammar and played charades to guess the verb being acted out. In Maths, fractions, chance and measuring using metres have been our focus and what fun we’ve had! We are also practising doubling numbers and telling the time. We have been to the computer room with Mr Mus to begin publishing our ‘Jack-in-the-box’ descriptions. We are all looking forward to our visit to the Rural Museum on Monday afternoon. Mrs Larkin & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 3 Our class has been super busy this week as we prepare for our Annunciation Mass next Monday. All parents and friends are welcome and it would be great to see many of you there. We were fortunate enough to join Year 5 in a combined reconciliation Liturgy on Wednesday and it was brilliant to see the mature approach all these students took to this. Maths has been an interesting adventure as we investigate fractions. Hope to see you all at our Mass at 10.30am on Monday. Mr Sources

YEAR 4 Welcome back after our Easter break, with only two weeks until the holidays. We have been busy in class in all facets of our learning. This week in Maths we have extended using strategies for addition to using them in multiplication. Our focus in Religion has been ‘The Risen Lord’. In HSIE we continue our journey from the First Settlement to life in the colony – its impact on the first settlers and their interaction with the custodians of the land – the Aboriginal people. In Grammar we have extended our knowledge of prepositions and looked at the use of capitals and commas. It has been an absolute pleasure and privilege being able to be part of the learning journey of Year 4. Mr Langes

YEAR 5 Another busy week has flown by in Year 5! This week in Religion we focused on reconciliation as we had our liturgy with Year 3 yesterday. Well done to all the Year 5 students who were very reverent and respectful during our Liturgy. This week will see us moving onto some sport at school instead of swimming with basketball, oztag and netball among the activities. We are well on our way to having our portfolios all finished and the work that has been presented is outstanding. I hope you all had a fantastic Easter break. Mr Keady

YEAR 6 In this short but busy week, Year 6 has been revising and completing assessment tasks. In Maths we have continued to focus on fractions, decimals and percentages. We have been concentrating on Expositions and using persuasive language to enhance the quality of our writing. We are finishing our HSIE unit on Antarctica as we are off to Morocco for our CWA Projects. We encourage everyone to work hard on these projects over the coming school holidays as they will be due in Week 6 next term. Mrs Banks & Mrs Schier

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 5 April – Toni Tarrant & Paula Purvis
Monday, 8 April – Jennie Eason & Merilyn King
Wednesday, 10 April – Melissa Welsh & Bill Welsh
Friday, 12 April – Cate Corcoran & Toni Fuller

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 7 April - Jasper Schembri, Ruby Schembri, Montana McGrath, Deklyn Lumnis