### STUDENT LEADERS’ INVESTITURE MASS

It was a wonderful celebration at Mass this morning when we joined with our Year 6 leaders as they received their leaders’ badges. We thank ex-Joey’s teacher, Mrs Kate Brown (nee Harrison) who gave a wonderful address regarding what’s needed to be a successful leader. Congratulations to our Year 6 class and we all look forward to working with them as they lead us through 2014.

**School Captains:** Harriet Beveridge & Isaac Frost  
**Vice Captains:** Matilda Cruckshank & Noah Ryan  
**Minister for the Environment:** Mitchell Carlow  
**Minister for Communications:** Maddie Eason  
**Minister for Health:** Kyle Welsh  
**Minister for Catering:** Grace Lumnis

**Student Leaders:**  
- Kelly Anforth, Charlotte Banks, Liberty Barden, Jack Bonus-Straub, Kayla Bonus-Straub, Tobey Creenaune,  

**TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

This year’s twilight swimming carnival will be held next **FRIDAY, 14 FEBRUARY**. The following timetable for the carnival will be in operation:

1. Children come to school on Friday at the usual time for a normal day’s school.
2. Children wear their sports uniform and bring their swimming gear to school with them.
3. End of school bell rings at 3:20 p.m. but the children **DO NOT GO HOME**.
4. The canteen is open and the children can buy an afternoon snack or bring it with them. (Cordial and watermelon will be provided).
5. If the children wish, they can change into clothing representing their house colour. This is optional. No crepe paper please.
6. At 3:45 p.m. the children will go to their Sports House Meetings to be held in the classrooms.
7. At 4:00 p.m. the staff and students walk down to the carnival together.
8. The carnival begins at 4:30 p.m.
9. A sausage sizzle tea will operate between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. (cost $1.50). The canteen at the pool will also be operating where you can purchase pies ($3.80), sausage rolls ($3.00), hot dogs ($3.00), hot chips - small ($3.00), box chips ($4.00), scallops ($1.00), plum pops ($3.00), pizzas ($2.70) and roundas ($2.70). It would be appreciated if these foods could be ordered at the canteen when you arrive at the pool – but not necessary.
10. The infants’ events will cease at 6:30 p.m. At this time the parents of the infants children can either take their child home, or keep them at the pool for the sausage sizzle and the remaining carnival under their own supervision.
11. The carnival will finish by 8:30 p.m.

### P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

About. Also, if you haven’t already done so, don’t forget to let us know how many sausages your family require if you would like to have a sausage sandwich for tea. The staff look forward to seeing you for a family night out at the pool.

**STAFF/PARENT/EX-STUDENTS RELAY**

The staff team is again in solid training and we’d appreciate some opposition. So come on, get your team organised and get into the water. We encourage our kids to have a go at lots of different things, let’s lead by example. The teachers promise to go easy on you!

**SPORT NEXT WEDNESDAY – NOT THURSDAY**

Due to the high school swimming carnival being held next Thursday, 13 February, all our students, Kinder to Year 6, will have sport next Wednesday, 12 February **NOT Thursday, 13 February**. As the swimming carnival will be held next Friday, children will wear their school uniform next Wednesday but still bring their swimmers. All children will go to the pool for sport on Wednesday and then wear their sports uniform on Friday, 14 February for the carnival.

**SWIMMING HEATS**

Heats for the length of the pool races for children in Years 2-6 commenced this week and will continue next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, if needed. Students will be advised which stroke we will be doing on a particular day. All students entering length of the pool races should bring their swimmers on these days. The Western Region Swimming Carnival will be held in Cooamabie on Friday, 21 February.

**GOOD LUCK JAMES**

We wish James O’Neill the best of luck as he represents the diocese in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Basketball Championships to be held in Newcastle on Friday. It is a fantastic effort to reach this level of competition. Well done James!

**SISTERS OF ST JOSEPH THANKSGIVING MASS**

Sunday, 16 February – 9:45 a.m. – St Joseph’s Church

The Sisters of St Joseph opened our school on 1 February, 1909 and this year will be the first time since 1909 that we won’t have a sister as a permanent resident in the convent. Therefore on Sunday, 16 February at 9:45 a.m. there will be a Thanksgiving Mass for the Sisters. Ideally we’d love the whole school to be in attendance as without the Sisters, St Joseph’s School might not exist. Please make an effort to attend this Mass and let’s show our support and gratitude to the Sisters of St Joseph. If your family is able to attend please fill in the tear-off slip and return it to school by Monday. We are also asking those who attend to bring a plate for morning tea.

**WORKING BEE FOR THE BALL – Monday, 10 February**

There will be a working bee for the ball, next Monday, 10 February at 9:00 a.m. in the old library. There are lots of jobs to be done and any help would be greatly appreciated.

**STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The staff will be participating in professional development activities on Monday, 10th and Monday, 17th February from 3:45 – 6:15 p.m. During this time staff will analyse the 2013 NAPLAN results identifying what is being taught well at St Joseph’s in Literacy and Numeracy and more importantly where we may be able to improve our teaching and learning practices. All staff members agree that these professional development activities will further enhance the fine educational opportunities already present here at St Joseph’s.

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Thought for the Week

“God has no body, now but mine; no hands, no feet on earth but mine  
Let me be Christ, let me shine.”

(St Teresa’s Prayer)
Our P & F AGM will be held at school on Tuesday, 18 February at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR CANTEEN**

We are still a little short of canteen helpers for this year. If you could give just one day a term to help on the canteen, that would be fantastic. If you can help, please let Mrs Hodge know.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Our Active After School Program is running again this term and commenced this week. The objectives of the program are:

- To enhance the physical activity levels of Australian primary school-aged children through a nationally coordinated program.
- To provide increased opportunities for inclusive participation in quality, safe and fun structured physical activity.
- Stimulate local community involvement in sport and structured physical activity.

The program is open to all children from Kinder to Year 6 and will continue on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:20 – 4:30 p.m. Children will be given a light afternoon tea followed by the physical activities. The children may wear their school uniform or change into casual clothes. The program will continue for seven weeks and will be held on our school grounds. There is no cost incurred for this program.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA**

Join an ‘Encounter’ to East Timor or Kiribati with Palms Australia, a Catholic organisation which has been preparing, placing and supporting skilled Australian volunteers in placements in Asia, Africa and the Pacific for 50+ years. A Palms Encounter is perfect for anyone interested in learning about another culture, as well as those interested in social justice and reducing poverty. Dates are 14-26 April, 2014, 26 July–7 August, 2014 and 22 September-4 October, 2014. For further information visit [http://www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters), email: encounter@palms.org.au, or call Palms on 02 9518 9551.

**GILGANDRA JUNIOR BASKETBALL**

Registration days for Gilgandra Junior Basketball will be held on Friday, 7th and Monday, 10th February between 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. at the Youth Club.

**WHAT'S ON**

**WEEK 2**

- Friday, 7 February - Polding Summer Sports Trials – James O’Neill (basketball)

**WEEK 3 - Year 6 Reconciliation**

- Monday, 10 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 11 February - Staff NAPLAN Analysis
- Wednesday, 12 February - Sport for Kinder to Year 6
- Thursday, 13 February - House Meetings – 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, 14 February - Twilight Swimming Carnival
- Sunday, 16 February - Sisters of St Joseph Thanksgiving Mass

**WEEK 4**

- Monday, 17 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 18 February - Staff NAPLAN Analysis
- Friday, 21 February - P & F AGM

**WEEK 5**

- Monday, 24 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 27 February - Kinder Welcome Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 28 February - Principals Meeting

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Congratulations to our buddies who received their badges today. What a busy week we have had in Kinder! We have started work in our sound book, completing lots of interesting activities about the sound ‘Aa’. Thank you to all the children who remembered to bring in something for the sound table. Next week our sound is ‘Mm’. Our buddies took us to Mass on Tuesday where we learned how to bless ourselves and genuflect. In Science we have started our unit ‘Hot and Cold’ and we used the teamboard to find things in our homes that were hot. In Maths we have been counting and concentrating on the numeral 1. Please remember paint shirts for next week. Have a lovely weekend. Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead

**YEAR 1**

This week we have been very busy in Year 1. In Grammar and Sentence a Day our focus has been writing and identifying correct sentences. Our spelling focus this week has been ‘fl’, ‘pl’, ‘sl’, and ‘cl’. We have brainstormed various words beginning with these sounds. Our text type focus for the following weeks will be recounts. We have begun by examining the purpose and structure of recounts. In HISE we have identified who is in our family and have drawn a portrait of our family. Today we celebrated the Investiture Mass with Year 6. A big thank you for all the covered books. Have a lovely weekend. Miss Smith

**YEAR 2**

What a lovely celebration we shared today with our new Year 6 leaders at the Investiture Mass. We look forward to a fantastic 2014. This week Year 2 has enjoyed the swimming heats and we are really impressed with everyone’s participation - well done! In Maths we measured, subtracted and counted numbers to 100 and in Art we completed some work for our pirate display. Next week we look forward to our Twilight Swimming Carnival - Go the Gums!!!!!! Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

**YEAR 3**

This has been working hard this week. The students have been using 2 cm margins in their setting out and I’m very proud of how neatly everyone has been working in their books. Congratulations Year 6 on your investiture today. A big thank you to all for covering the books that were sent home. The last of the books to be covered will be sent home on Friday. Again, please ensure all books are returned on Monday. In Maths we investigated three-dimensional shapes and subtraction facts. The students were very excited to start homework this week and I hope the enthusiasm continues!

**YEAR 4**

What a busy week it has been! Congratulations to our Year 6 leaders who received their badges today. Keep up the great work. In Religion we focused on the qualities needed to be a good leader and discussed the impact of famous leaders including Nelson Mandela and Mother Teresa. Verbs were the topic in Grammar and the sound focus of ‘ay’ and ‘eigh’ was reviewed in Spelling. Everyone is working hard to settle into routine and get tasks finished. It’s been great to see so many participate in the swimming heats and Year 4 is looking forward to the carnival next week. Thanks to everyone for getting books covered. Have a great weekend. Mrs Harvey

**YEAR 5**

Wow what a week in Year 5! Only the second week back and we are already well into our work in the classroom. This week we completed our recounts about our holidays and now we are working on our own Narratives. In Maths we have done some revision of 3-digit addition as well as learnt a new song to help us recognise angles. It has been fantastic to see all the Year 5 people nominating themselves for swimming trials – amazing job everyone! And who could forget the lovely Investiture Mass we attended today for our Year 6 leaders. We were really excited to see the wonderful leaders we will have at school this year. Only a year to go and that will be us! Have a fantastic weekend. Mr Keady & Mrs Cotwell

Our Year 6 leaders are very proud of their new shiny badges. Mrs Brown, our guest speaker really inspired us to take on the challenge of leadership with God at the centre of all we do. In between swimming, Mass preparation and looking after our buddies, we have been working hard in Maths using protractors and revising various multiplication strategies. In English we have been enjoying reading our class novel “Stormbreaker” and completing our daily five minute ‘Power Writing’ challenge. We are all looking forward to the swimming carnival next week. Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 7 February – Tegan Foster & Alicia Heffer
Monday, 10 February – Carol Alchin & Sally Beveridge
Wednesday, 12 February – Kerrie Altus & Leanne Gilmour
Friday, 14 February – Leanne Glover & Mel Phillips

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 9 February - Olivia Newsstead, Kate Gilmour, Lachlan Fairey, Martin Fryers