We are one family, all following in God’s way
With open arms, we welcome you, into our Joey’s family!

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY
It was a beautiful liturgy held in St Joseph’s Church today as we officially welcomed our Kinder class of 2014. The Kinder children were wonderful and we congratulate all of them for their reverence and enthusiasm. The Year 6 leaders were splendid as they told us about each of their buddies. Thank you to all those family and friends for joining in this special celebration. A huge vote of thanks to Miss Bourke and Mrs Newstead from the Kinder class and Mrs Banks and Mrs Thomas from Year 6 for all their hard work in preparing the liturgy. Our 2014 Kinder class includes:

Tia Allan, Eva Bonnington, Carter Chapman, Tahleigh Davey, Beatie Davis, Rani Diamond, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Alex Gaff, Declan Gale, Kimbala Gilmour, Taylor Hayes, Sienna Horne, Rhyian Hutchinson, Michael Ibe, Grace Jones-Copelin, Nick Kirosp, Ethan Morris, Alison Mudford, Ella Mudford, Indi Murphy, Molly Nichols, Lilla Oehm, Emmie Peary, Henry Purvis, Jessie Riley, Rachel Ryan, Miah Scott, Millie Spora, Taylor Statham, Rydah Whitehouse, Jordan Wighton, Brooke Woodards, Chloe Zell, Sienna Zell, Trin Zell.

ST JOSEPH’S F F DEBUTANTE BALL
Saturday, 15 March - Only Two Weeks Away!
This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and WE NEED LOTS OF HELPERS. Helpers are needed on Wednesday, 12 March, Thursday, 13 March and Friday, 14 March from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to help decorate the hall and set up tables etc. On Sunday 16 March, the morning after the ball, we need helpers to pull down the smoking area and marquee and clean up. Also needed on the night of the ball are people to assist in the bar and kitchen. People actually attending the ball may like to give up an hour of their time, while those not attending may be able to give a couple of hours. We haven’t had a big response for helpers at this stage, so we are sending home another note with today’s About. If you haven’t already done so, could you please put your name down to help out in some way and return it to school by next Thursday, 6 March.

CLEANING UP AFTER THE BALL
One of the least favourite jobs each year seems to be cleaning up after the Ball on Sunday morning. If we could get 20 volunteers then it would all be done in two hours. Any less than 20 and the poor old volunteers are there all day. We really need 20 helpers on the Sunday. Please help!

HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED FOR NEXT WEEK’S WORKING BEE FOR THE BALL - Monday, 3 March
There will be another working bee for the Ball, next Monday, 24 February at 9:00 a.m. in the old library. The Ball is coming around very quickly and lots of help is needed in preparation. You don’t need to be particularly crafty – there are many and varied jobs to be done. Please, if you can give any time at all on Monday it would be greatly appreciated.

WESTERN REGION SWIMMING
Congratulations to all the Joey’s students who swam at the Western Region Swimming Carnival held at Cooamabula last Friday. A special mention to the following students who will now represent Western Region at the Diocesan Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Monday, 3 March: Hamish Beveridge – 2nd 10 years 50 m Freestyle, 3rd Junior Backstroke, Noah Ryan – 3rd 12 years 50 m Freestyle, 2nd Senior Backstroke, Kyle Welsh – 1st Senior Breaststroke, John Spora – 2nd Senior Breaststroke and the Junior Boys Relay Team that consisted of Patrick Spora, Hamish Beveridge, Bradley Kildey and Martin Fryers who finished second. St Joey’s were the convenors of the carnival. A big thank you to Mrs Hodge and Mrs Banks who did a mountain of work prior to the carnival and also thank you to all those who assisted on the day or donated food. It was a most successful carnival due to the wonderful response from our volunteers.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY
We will once again be participating in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign in the mail which will include a link to the survey. If you require any further information please contact Milly Spora, Brooke Woodards or Rachel Ryan. This year. We will be collecting rubbish in the area bordered by Chelmsford Avenue, the railway line, Warren Road and Wamboin Street tomorrow, Friday, 28 February. Bags and gloves will be supplied by the Council.

PANCAKE TUESDAY - Tuesday, 4 March
Next Tuesday, 4 March is Pancake Tuesday (or Shrove Tuesday) which is the day before Lent begins. People ate up the butter, eggs and meat in their houses before beginning the Lenten fast. In England the day is called Pancake Tuesday because people prepare for Lent by eating a feast of pancakes. Therefore next Tuesday we too are going to cook up a storm. For 20¢ you can buy a pancake with a choice of yummy toppings. For catering reasons and time, children can only purchase one pancake each. All money raised will go to our foster child.

ASH WEDNESDAY
Next Wednesday, 5 March is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is the special time of the year when we prepare for Easter by trying to be better people. We encourage the children to take on extra responsibilities at home like doing the dishes, making their beds, taking out the garbage etc. It would be wonderful if we all took time out before next Wednesday to discuss with our children what we all could do at home to make us all better people like Jesus. There will be an Ash Wednesday Mass which all students from Kinder to Year 6 will attend next Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Because Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence there will be no morning tea after Mass.

CANTER – ASH WEDNESDAY
There will be no meat products available on Ash Wednesday.

2014 DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE
The Diocesan Spelling Bee is a fun and educational way for students to engage in spelling. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are eligible to enter the competition. There are several stages to the competition. Selection Trials will be held on 11 and 12 March where children sit a written test. There are two divisions (Years 3/4 and Years 5/6) There is then a school spelling bee for the top six spellers in each division. Two students from each division then progress to Stage 3 which is the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held on Thursday, 29 May.

CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD
Individual entries for the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod are now being received. Children who wish to enter a section for their age group should fill in the tear-off slip attached to today’s newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school no later than Friday, 14 March. The age of the child must be prepared to take your child to Dubbo on the day and prepare the costume. We will help find a rhyme and teach it at school. If you wish your child to participate, you might also complete the tear-off slip attached to today’s newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school by Friday, 14 March.

KINDER/YEAR 1 NURSERY RHYMES
At the Dubbo Eisteddfod in June, Kinder and Year 1 children (six years and under) are invited to enter the singing section – Nursery Rhymes in Costume. In the past, children who have entered have enjoyed it greatly and gained much from the experience. If your child wishes to enter you must be prepared to take your child to Dubbo on the day and prepare the costume. We will help find a rhyme and teach it at school. If you wish your child to participate, you might also complete the tear-off slip attached to today’s newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school by Friday, 14 March.

PRINCIPAL’S ASSESSMENT SURVEY
This year Mr Musgrave’s Principal’s Assessment is due. This is a process that occurs every four years. Part of the Assessment includes parent input via a parent survey. A random sample group of our families has been selected to be part of the process and they will be receiving a letter questions about Australia and Thailand as our new topic.
information regarding this process please contact Miss Janine Kearney at the Catholic Education Office in Dubbo.

**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** Sam Dunn for super art work, Lilla Oehm for being a great listener, Ethan Morris for super reading, Brooke Woollams for excellent sound work and Henry Purvis for trying hard to write his name. **YEAR 1:** Jett Chandler for telling some very entertaining news about his family, Paige Gilmour for creating an effective straw blown paper bag, Harry Mudford for being a great listener, Ella Elson for writing a great recount of a morning at school and Ava Meyers for making a wonderful collage of 2D shapes. **YEAR 2:** Aiden Walker for being a fast thinking mathematician, Molly Fairey for being a bright, cheerful and kind classmate, Chloe Mudford for being a quiet and conscientious student, Daniel Kirsop for a great effort in all areas and Layney Godber for fantastic work in writing. **YEAR 3:** Harrison King for trying hard in Operations, Bradley Kildie for completing all tasks to a high standard, Skye Bui and Kelsey Hutchinson for spelling words accurately in daily work and Mason Fryers for ‘Giving Of His Best’ at all times. **YEAR 4:** Emily Skinner for taking pride in all bookwork, Oli Schier for trying hard in Spelling, Jett Grimshaw for great problem solving work in Maths and James Ferguson and Mary Westwood for excellent work in Grammar and Spelling. **YEAR 5:** Rebecca Gaff for being a proficient writer who uses lots of describing words, Olivia Newstead for writing a sensational narrative and using great adjectives in her story, James Kildie for fabulous work in Maths Operations and Martin Fryers for fantastic recall of times tables. **YEAR 6:** Grace Lummis for beautiful bookwork, Deklyn Lummis and Mitchell Gaff for great work in Operations and Shari Grimshaw for being a conscientious member of Year 6.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 5**

Friday, 28 February - Principals Meeting

- Clear Up Australia Day

**WEEK 6**

Monday, 3 March - Year 4 Reconciliation

- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
- Diocesan Swimming Carnival – Dubbo

Tuesday, 4 March - Pancake Tuesday

- Support Teachers Meeting

Wednesday, 5 March - Ash Wednesday Mass 10:30 a.m.

- Support Teachers Meeting

- School Audit

**WEEK 7**

Monday, 10 March - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 12 March - Junior Joey’s visit to Cooee Lodge – 1:00 p.m.

- Admariginal – School Performance

Thursday, 13 March - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 14 March - Years 3/6 Rugby League Skills

Saturday, 15 March - Ball

**WEEK 8**

Monday, 17 March - St Patrick’s Day Mass – Year 5

- (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 18 March - Grandparents Day

Wednesday, 19 March - St Joseph’s Day – Mass (K-6)

- 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool

- Final active After Schools

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER**

How special was today!!! Kinder you were amazing. You read beautifully, said your names clearly and had smiles that melted our hearts. All members of the St Joey’s school family were so proud of you and your amazing buddies. We made some terrific turtles for ‘Tt’ and your amazing buddies. We made some terrific turtles for ‘Tt’ hearts. All members of the St Joey’s school family were so proud of you.

**YEAR 1**

We enjoyed a spectacular Liturgy this morning to welcome our Kinder Welcome Liturgy. Well done last week to all the swimmers who represented St Joey’s at Coonamble. During the week Year 1 has looked at the First Fleet arriving in 1788 and identified problems that arose for the Aborigines. In Religion we discussed ‘loving your enemy’ and how Jesus truly showed that forgiveness helps us to be peacemakers. In Maths we focused on quarters, halves and decimals, reading data from column graphs and the link between repeated addition and multiplication. Year 1 has been linking letters in handwriting and some beautiful bookwork has been handed in. Have a great weekend. **Miss Harvey**

**YEAR 5**

Well done to all those children who travelled to Coonamble last Friday for swimming – it was great to see (and hear) the Joey’s spirit throughout the day. We were lucky enough today to attend the Kinder Welcome Liturgy which was great – we all now know so much more about our newest Joey’s family members. This week we have been extremely busy in class working on our new text type expositions. In Maths we are looking at understanding grid references in detail as well as identifying new addition and subtraction strategies that help us deal with larger numbers. Science has been a busy time for Year 5 also with us learning a range of things about the earth and its many layers. We are hoping that our first speech of the year is coming along nicely as part of homework as we cannot wait to hear the interesting things about all our class when they are presented. A reminder that homework will still be due on Friday for us to see how these speeches are going. Have a great weekend. **Mr Keads & Mrs Colwells**

**YEAR 6**

Congratulations to the Kindergartens and Year 6 on such a beautiful and reverent Liturgy this morning. It really was a special celebration! In Maths, we have been learning long division using the ‘HMS Bring Down’ method. It is quite a challenge, however Year 6 is determined to get it right! We have also been investigating volume of 3D shapes and practising reading a two-way table to find information. Our Grammar focus has been verbs and we have been experimenting using more interesting forms of the common verbs we use everyday. This will help improve the standard of our writing. On Friday afternoon, Mr Hassall will be coming to start our new Science unit. This programme will run for six weeks and we are certainly looking forward to learning all about electronics. **Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 28 February – Kylie Carlow & Melissa Ryan

Monday, 3 March – Danielle Diggs & Kate McClelland

Wednesday, 5 March – Penny Hassall & Lorna Doran-Spora

Friday, 7 March – Roslyn Zell & Sussane Gilmour

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 2 March – Olivia Newstead, Zoe Welsh, Kyle Welsh, Tobey Creanena