ST JOSEPH’S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

MORE HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

Wednesday, 12 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: We only have four helpers. More people are needed.

Thursday, 13 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: We only have three helpers. More people are needed.

Friday, 14 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: We only have two helpers. More people are needed.

Erecting the marquees: Two helpers! We need more!

Erecting the smokers’ tent: No helpers! We need YOU!

Saturday, 15 March

Kitchen Hands (6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.) We have two helpers! We need more.

Washing Up Helpers (8:00 – 10:00 p.m.) One helper! We need more!

BAR: Thank you to those who have offered to help in the bar. We could still do with more helpers. If you don’t feel confident working behind the bar, we do need people to collect glasses.

DRY BAR: We have one helper from 7:00 – 12:00 p.m. We still need some help.

Sunday, 16 March 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

At the moment we have nine volunteers which is great – but we need twenty! Please spare an hour or so if you can! Our P & F hold two major fundraisers for the year and all money raised goes directly to helping your school. Our Ball cannot be successful without YOUR HELP. As you can see we need lots of helpers to ensure the Ball is a success. It can’t happen without your help! Please try and give an hour or so of your time. Write your name down on the roster today and return it to school by Wednesday, 12 March.

WORKING BEE FOR THE BALL – Monday, 10 March

There will be another working bee for the ball on Monday, 10 March at 9:00 a.m. in the old library. There are still lots of jobs to be done and any help would be greatly appreciated. The committee hasn’t had as many helpers as they would like so please come along and lend a hand. Jobs range from cutting, gluing, folding serviettes etc. Don’t feel you have to be talented or artistic, there are jobs for everyone.

BALL TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Tickets for the Ball are now on sale and may be purchased for $35.00 from Howards Furniture One. This great social night out includes presentation of deb’s, entertainment and finger food. Bar facilities are available. There will be NO spectator tickets sold at the door on the night of the ball. Spectator tickets are only available to immediate family members of the deb’s and their partners. These tickets are $10.00 per adult and $5.00 per school aged child and also available from Howards Furniture One. All tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, 12 March.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed in the Diocese of Bathurst Swimming Carnival held in Dubbo on Monday. Many of our students improved their times from the Western Region Carnival. Well done! Special mention to the following swimmers who finished in the top eight in the diocese: John Spora – 5th Senior Breaststroke, Hamish Beveridge – 6th 10 years 50 m Freestyle, Kyle Welsh – 8th Senior Breaststroke and our Junior Boys Relay Team – Patrick Spora, Hamish Beveridge, Bradley Kildey and Martin Fryers – 7th. Congratulations to all our swimmers!

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 last week’s newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school no later than Friday, 14 March. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2014, ie, the age the child is turning this year. The school will assist any children wishing to enter the eisteddfod with their selection of a poem. Transport to individual events must be arranged by the parents.

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 last week’s newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school by Friday, 14 March.

SPELLING BEE TRIALS

The trials for this year’s Diocesan Spelling Bee will be held at school next Tuesday 11 March (Years 3 & 4) and Wednesday, 12 March (Years 5 & 6) for all those children who wish to enter. This test is optional and those students from Years 3-6 who wish to do so will be given a 30 word written test and the top six children from Years 3 and 4 and the top six from Years 5 and 6 will be our school finalists. The school finals will be held on Monday, 31 March for Years 3 and 4 and on Tuesday, 1 April for the Years 5 and 6 students. Two students from each division will then progress to the Diocesan Spelling Bee which will be held on Thursday, 29 May. Good luck to all our participants.

ADAMRIGINAL

Adamriginal is the title of a visiting school performance for this term. The performance presents an original, humorous, highly energetic program of song, puppetry, language, personal stories and Yidaki (didgeridoo) relating to Indigenous Australia.

YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 will celebrate a liturgy in St Joseph’s Church next Thursday, 13 March at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

PROJECT COMPASSION

This is a Lenten Programme that Caritas Australia focuses on each year. Caritas Australia is a Catholic agency for overseas aid and development. Whenever you are emptying your pockets perhaps you could drop a few coins into your Project Compassion box which is going home with the About today. Your donations could go towards improving health and education or aiding an emergency crisis somewhere in the world. Send your Project Compassion box back to school in the last week of term so we can present all our donations during the Holy Thursday Mass. Please encourage your child to give to this worthy cause as it is a wonderful opportunity for children to share what they have with those less fortunate.

MOORAMBILLA VOICES 2014 WORKSHOP TOUR

Moorambilla Voices Artistic Director Michelle Leonard is currently touring Central and Far Western NSW facilitating free workshops for school students from Years 3-11. A workshop will be held in Gilgandra on Thursday, 27 March at 9:00 a.m. for boys and 10:00 a.m. for girls at Gilgandra Primary School. From these free workshops gifted children who show outstanding natural capacity are selected to participate in Moorambilla Voices’ annual program. The program consists of residential camps where students work alongside professional musicians and composers to create original compositions and culminates in performances as part of the Moorambilla Festival in Coonamble! For further information, photos, music and more, visit the website: www.moorambilla.com or call Margie about any aspect of the program.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS
KINDER enjoyed the delicious pancakes made by our buddies and Mrs Hodge on Pancake Tuesday. We have all made our Lenten promises and will try hard to keep them as we prepare for Easter. In Maths we have compared the areas of different shapes and even discovered which states in Australia have the smallest and largest area. We made some interesting Indians for ‘I’ week and enjoyed reading “Hickory Dickory Dock”. We are revising our sounds next week. In Science we have found things in our school that are hot and cold and we also discussed the seasons of the year. We would like to welcome Grace Tancred to our Joey’s family and hope she’s enjoying Kindergarten. Have a great weekend. Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 1 We began Lent yesterday with a lovely Mass where we presented our Lenten promises to practise goodness. Our sound this week is ‘tch’ and in Grammar we found adjectives in Nick Bland’s “The Hungry Bear” and put them into sentences. We have begun looking at a new text type - Descriptions. We have started by looking at their structure and purpose. During Maths we have been busy looking at groups of 10, following directions and comparing mass. We welcomed Nick Tancred to our class this week. We hope Nick enjoys being a part of Joey’s family. I hope everyone has an enjoyable weekend. Miss Smith

YEAR 2 On Monday we participated in Clean Up Australia. Year 2 collected a lot of rubbish and we are sure Gilgandara looks more beautiful thanks to our great effort. In text types we completed a narrative about ‘Porter Pig’ who was great at sniffing out trouble and wrote personal promises as part of our 40 day journey of Lent. In Maths we investigated clockwise and anticlockwise movement and created specific treasure chests in Art. We look forward to family and friends joining us for our class Liturgy next Thursday. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

YEAR 3 has been very busy this week. On Tuesday we enjoyed some delicious pancakes as preparation for the start of Lent. Then we wrote our Lenten promises to God about what we are going to do to become better people during this special time leading up to Easter. On Wednesday, we celebrated a lovely Mass as we officially started the 40 days of Lent. In Maths we have expanded 3 digit numbers and learnt about the ‘less than’ and ‘greater than’ symbols. This week our narratives have led us to write about ‘The Box’. In Grammar we have looked at past, present and future tense. Our Art activity was inspired by our Science topic ‘Mini Beasts’. We created beautiful butterflies using both paint and oil pastels, they look amazing! Mr in 3/6 Spora

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YEAR 4 has focused on the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday during Religion and wrote their Lenten promises for the Ash Wednesday Mass yesterday. Year 4 has also focused on reconciliation as we try to own up to wrong doings and move forward trying to become better people, particularly during Lent. In Maths we focused on 3D properties of prisms and pyramids and we challenged ourselves with the challenging revision concentrated on tricky spellings and sight words. Year 4 has worked hard during testing week and have been settled workers as it’s been another busy week! Have a lovely weekend. Miss Harvey

YEAR 5 has had another busy Wednesday. Yesterday we celebrated Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. We all wrote our special Lenten promises and we are all going to try and become better people during Lent as it is a time for growth and change in our lives. We thoughtfully enjoyed some delicious pancakes on Tuesday and yesterday we played a delicious game of ‘Pass a Coin’. Year 5 prepared by Year 6. Thank you Year 6, they were delicious. During English we have been focusing on adverbs in Grammar and how adverbs tell us more about a verb in our writing. Year 5 has also continued writing some terrific expositions on why/why not junk food should be banned at school and yesterday we wrote an exposition on why everyone should learn to cook. Meanwhile in Maths we have been focusing on multiplication strategies as we practised simplifying fractions and finding equivalent fractions. In HSIE we have been learning about the Australian Constitution and how having a referendum is the only way it can be changed. We worked in small groups to explore some possible changes to the Constitution, which generated some interesting discussion on becoming a republic and changing the flag. Next week we are looking forward to beginning preparations for Grandparents Day and St Joseph’s Day! Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

CANTERBURY ROSTER
Friday, 7 March – Roslyn Zell & Sussane Gilmour
Monday, 10 March – Toni Fuller & Justin Fuller
Wednesday, 12 March – Sally Temple & Danielle Bonnington
Friday, 14 March – Leanne Greenan & Cate Corcoran

ALFAL ROSTERS
Weekly

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