ST JOSEPH’S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL  
Saturday, 15 March

Presentation of Debutantes – 8:00 p.m.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to work at the Ball. If you have not volunteered yet, it’s not too late. More helpers are still needed particularly to tidy up on Sunday. Let us know or just turn up. Here is the timetable for the weekend:

Friday, 14 March
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall

Saturday, 15 March
6:00 p.m. onwards – Kitchen Hands
8:00 – 10:00 p.m. – Washing Up Helpers
7:00 – 1:00 a.m. – Bar
1:00 – 2:00 a.m. – Bar
3:00 – 4:00 a.m. – Bar

Sunday, 16 March
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – Pulling down and packing up

Everyone received a roster today. The committee has worked extremely hard to ensure the success of this year’s Ball. If anyone can lend a hand for a couple of hours, it would be greatly appreciated.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Monday, 17 March

ST PATRICK’S DAY MASS

Years 3-6 will be attending the St Patrick’s Day Mass that will be celebrated on Monday, 17 March at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph’s Church. This Mass is being prepared by Year 5. All are most welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow Mass. As part of the St Patrick’s Day celebrations Year 6 will be singing and dancing at Cooee Lodge. Thank you to the children and teachers for organising and performing these items.

Tuesday, 18 March

GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY

Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old on Tuesday, 18 March to celebrate Grandparents Day. The day begins at 10:00 a.m. with morning tea in the weather shed. Following morning tea the students of St Joseph’s will entertain you with a mini concert. To conclude the activities everyone is invited to inspect the classrooms. So, if you have a grandma, grandpa, nan, pop, an elderly next door neighbour or in fact know any person, young or old, please invite them to our Grandparents Day. We will be needing cakes and slices etc. for morning tea, so please bring a plate.

Wednesday, 19 March

ST JOSEPH’S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We have planned a day full of fun and celebrations for next Wednesday, 19 March to celebrate St Joseph’s Day. St Joseph is certainly a special saint for all of us at St Joseph’s and we want to honour him on this special day. So if you would like to join us for part or all of the day, you are most welcome. Our timetable is as follows:

12:00 noon Mass
1:00 p.m. Class picnics at pool
1:30 p.m. Year 6 Synchronised Swimming, dancing in the pool, biscuit fun and a free swim.

SKI BISCUITS ANDropES REQUIRED for St Joseph’s Day. As in the past we hope to have lots of fun on the ski biscuits as the pool. If you could loan us a biscuit with ropes, could you please let us know.

SPORTS UNIFORM ON WEDNESDAY

The children are to wear their sports uniform on Wednesday for St Joseph’s Day. Thursday will still be sports day as normal and we will be going to the pool. The children may wear either their sports uniform or school uniform.

RUGBY LEAGUE SKILS

Alex Prout from Country Rugby League will be conducting half hour rugby league skills clinics at school on Friday for children in Years 3-6. Children should wear school uniform. Following these clinics Years 5 and 6 boys will play a game of footy on our playground against the public school under th e ears 5 and 6 girls, a game of netball at the public school. These games are scheduled to start at 1:00 p.m. Go Joey’s!

FINAL ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS

Next Wednesday, 19 March will be our final Active After Schools session for this term. Active After Schools will recommence in Term 2.

CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD – INDIVIDUAL POEMS AND NURSERY RHYMES

Individual entries for the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod are now being received. Children who wish to enter a section for their age group need to let Mrs Hodge know by tomorrow, 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 or nursery rhyme. Transport to individual events must be arranged by the parents.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday, 7 April. Each child has today been given an envelope with full details regarding price and products available. Each child must return an envelope even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. The photographers have an automated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to www.advancedlife.com.au for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a receipt number which MUST be written on the order envelope in the space provided. You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order. 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.

NATIONAL CLOSE THE GAP DAY

National Close The Gap Day is being held in Gilgandra and nationwide next Thursday, 20 March. Gilgandra’s event will be held in Hunter Park between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Our Infants children will go down at 11:00 a.m. and the Primary students at 11:30 a.m. Parents and family are warmly invited to attend. National Close The Gap Day is an initiative of OXFAM and has been held annually for the past six years. The aim of the day is to highlight and address the inequality in life expectancy between indigenous and non-indigenous Australians, with indigenous Australians having a 17-20 years shorter life span.

GILGANDRA SOCCER

Are you interested in playing soccer? Want to shine on the field, play with a team, or just want to get the family more active? Gilgandra Junior Soccer Association is looking for interested players and coaches. There are games against teams from Warren, Nyngan, Tottenham, Trangie and Cobar on Saturdays. Weekly training sessions start in Term 2 (Wednesdays 4:00 – 5:00 at Ernie Knight Oval) for a variety of age groups, from 5 years to Opens (everyone over 14, including parents). Registrations can be done online at http://www.playfootballnsw.com.au or at our registration days (Saturday, 15 and 22 March from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ernie Knight Oval. The cost is $65.00 to cover insurance etc. For further enquiries, please email gilgandrasoccer@gmail.com.

*Payments need to be made directly to the club. Printed receipts and cheques for online registrations should be sent to PO Box 148, Gilgandra.
YEAR 1: Jasmine Zell for great reading, Jett Tarrant for drawing a great parrot in Art, Casey Gaff for working well making, counting and modelling groups of 5 and 10, Nick Tancred for wonderful contributions to class discussions, Grace McInerney for a fabulous narrative ending for Porter Pig, Kyzack Corcoran for a super effort in Maths, Jade Elsom for wonderful work in Writing, Luke O’Neill for being a cooperative and enthusiastic class member and Madison Riley for improved effort in completing work quickly. YEAR 3: Sky Bui for taking pride in all bookwork, Max Cruickshank and Breanna Foran for trying hard in Writing, Rhys O’Neill for consistent effort in Reading and Marshall Fairrey for using great creativity in his narrative writing date. YEAR 4: James Ferguson, Madison Hourigan and Abby Tate for beautiful title pages and bookwork for our Lent unit, Tyler Evans and Michael Raglus for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations and Lachlan Riley for a great effort in text types and writing activities. YEAR 5: Emilee Hassall for writing a fabulous persuasive exposition on why junk food should not be banned at school, Lucy Davis for always having a bright and happy nature and Lachlan Fairey for always being a willing contributor to classroom discussions. YEAR 6: Kelly Anforth and Mitchell Carlow for terrific spelling results, Liberty Barden for being a helpful member of Year 6 and Maddie Eason for great use of complex sentences in Power Writing.

WHAT’s ON

Friday, 14 March - Years 3/6 Rugby League Skills 
- Rugby League & Netball v Public 
- School – 1:00 p.m. 
- Eisteddfod entries due at school 

Saturday, 15 March – Ball

WEEK 8 - Catholic Schools Week

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 12:00 pm 
- Final Active After School

Thursday, 20 March - Close the Gap – Hunter Park

WEEK 9

Tuesday, 25 March - The Anunciation Mass – Year 3 (K-6) - 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 26 March - Junior Joey’s visit to Cooee Lodge

Thursday, 27 March - Moorabilla Trials – Girls – 9:00 a.m., Boys – 10:00 a.m.

WEEK 10 - Year 3 Reconciliation

Monday, 31 March - Spelling Bee Finals – Yrs 3/4

Tuesday, 1 April - Spelling Bee Finals – Yrs 5/6

Wednesday, 2 April - Junior Joey’s visit Cooee Lodge

Friday, 4 April - Diocesan Winter Sports Trials

Sunday, 6 April - Years 1 and 4 Sunday Mass – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 11

Monday, 7 April - School Photos 
- P & F Meeting

Tuesday, 8 April - School Cross Country Trials

Friday, 11 April - Last day Term 1 
- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials 
- back-up date

Sunday, 13 April - Palm Sunday

Friday, 18 April - Good Friday

Sunday, 20 April - Easter Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER really enjoyed the school performance Adaminurla yesterday and we are very excited about singing for all our grandparents next Tuesday. We have revised our sounds this week and read the nursery rhyme ‘Hey Diddle Diddle’. We discussed why the cow jumped over the moon and wondered if cats could really play the fiddle! Our Maths focus has been the numeral 4 and working out groups that are equal or not equal. In Science we visited the cold Arctic and looked at some of the animals we would find there. ‘Families’ is our focus in HSIE and we discussed different types of families and how each person in a family is very special and important. A reminder to everyone, keep practising your sight words!! We look forward to seeing everyone next Tuesday for Grandparents Day. Enjoy your weekend. Year 6: Miss Bourke & Mrs Newshead

YEAR 1 has spent this week preparing our songs for Grandparents Day. In Spelling we have been working on the “if” sound and for Grammar we have read “Polar Bear, Polar Bear What Do You Hear?” to find out about verbs. In text types we have brainstormed ideas to include in a description of ourselves and have begun writing this description. For Maths we have practised our counting, discussed vertical, horizontal and parallel lines and made a picture graph of Year 1’s favourite fruits. For Art this week we are practising our painting techniques for our portfolio task and have created a great piece of art. Mrs Smith

YEAR 2 Congratulations Year 2 on your reverent participation in our Liturgy this morning. Thank you to all the family and friends who joined with us, it was lovely to see so many in attendance. In class we’ve started reading a new story book, “The Pirate Cruncher” which everyone is enjoying. We’ve written some cinquain poems about our grandparents and are typing them to display for Grandparents Day. We’ve also been practised our songs to perform for our special guests. In Maths we’ve counted faces, edges and vertices on 3D shapes and learnt more about digital time, place value and bridging to ten. We are all looking forward to a fun filed day on Wednesday for St Joey’s Day. Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

YEAR 3 is starting to prepare for the Annunciation Mass. If your child has a reading for Mass please hear them practise each night. In Science and Technology we are having lots of fun learning how to use ‘Book Creator’ on the iPads. The children are working in pairs to create a book about spiders. Students have been adding text, photos, sounds and images from the internet to enhance their work. They are learning very quickly and soon will be teaching the teacher! In Maths we have looked at grid maps, column graphs and the division symbol. In Grammar we have continued to look at past, present and future tense. We have written another Narrative this week titled ‘Our Teacher Is Missing’. Keep up the wonderful creativity Year 3, Ms Sources

YEAR 4 worked on multiplication patterns, polygons and units of time during Maths and in Spelling, the focus sound was ‘_ey’ (chimney) and ‘_el’ (receive). Adverbs were the Grammar focus and these were used in our text type writing. In HSIE we examined the arrival of the First Fleet and discussed the harsh conditions faced on board for convicts who were sent to Australia. We learnt about Captain James Cook. Everyone is excited about Grandparents Day next Tuesday and Years 3/4 have been very enthusiastic in their boot scootin’ practices. Hopefully lots of family and friends will visit our classroom and enjoy the singing and dancing mini concert on the oval. We will also celebrate St Joseph’s Day and St Patrick’s Day next week – what a week! Have a wonderful weekend. Miss Harvey

YEAR 5 Wow – Week 7 already! Year 5 has had another extremely busy week as we continue to work hard in preparation for a thriller of a week next week. Next Monday sees our class celebrate the St Patrick’s Day Mass and it would be great to see many parents or friends there. We also have on our schedule our Grandparent’s Day performance which we are looking forward to performing in front of everyone. A reminder that if any of the students have ‘country hats’ at home, could they please bring them in before Monday? With this preparation James Cook managed to keep up with all our work in the classroom. Grammar has seen us investigate the use of connectives in our writing with us discussing how the use of this could further enhance both our narratives and expositions. In Maths we have been busy understanding new number patterns in diagrams as well as looking at time and 2-digit division strategies. It has been great to hear the wonderful speeches that all students presented in class – both of us could not be happier with the way each speech was prepared. Have a great weekend and we hope to see you at our festivities next week. Mr Kealy & Mrs Colwell

YEAR 6 The excitement is building as we prepare for the festivities next week! Our Irish jig is looking quite spectacular and we’re sure the residents of Cooee Lodge will be impressed on Monday. We have written some heartfelt descriptions of our wonderful grandparents and we can’t wait to welcome them and perform. We’ve been enthusiastically practising our synchronised swimming routine and have enjoyed our lunch time visits to the pool! We have also been busy in Maths looking at analog and digital time, circumference and area of a circle and long division. In Grammar we have looked at pronouns and identified the different types. We have even been noticing them as we continue to read our class novel “Stormbreaker”. Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 14 March – Brenda Foran & Cate Corcoran

Monday, 17 March – Kristy Gale & Danelle Jones

Wednesday, 19 March – Emma Meyers & Nikki Church

Friday, 21 March – Brenda Purvis & Deanna Ferguson

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 16 March – Martin Fryers, Matthew Ferguson, Olivia Newshead, Montana McGrath