ST JOSEPH’S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

‘ALOHA HAWAII’

‘Aloha Hawaii’ was the theme for the 2014 St Joseph’s P & F Debutante Ball. Twelve stunning debutantes and their handsome partners came down the red carpet to be presented to Matron of Honour, Mrs Dominica Banks and Parish Priest, Fr Martin O’Mahony. The hall was once again brilliantly decorated thanks to the hard work of Ball Secretaries, Jaimee McEwen, Melissa Welsh and Merilyn King and their band of workers. Miss Lisa Harvey did a wonderful job as compere. The contribution to the night by so many of our school community was superb, from the hard working committee, to those who attended working bees, went to practices, helped decorate the hall and erect the marquee, prepared the food and served, worked on the bars and door, donated food, prepared food, organized light and sound, attended the hall and helped dismantle everything! This was a huge effort by a fantastic lot of helpers and our school appreciates the amount of time and effort that goes into such a successful evening.

CHAIR COVER WASHING

Yeehau!! Country & Western was the theme for our Grandparents/Open Day held at school on Tuesday. It was amazing that so many were able to join the children for this special day. All our guests were greeted by our Year 6 leaders who escorted them to morning tea which was generously provided by our school community. Following morning tea in the school grounds the students performed a Country & Western Concert. “We Welcome You To This Place” was a fitting opening and the Kinders got us all dancing with “Dingle Dangle Scarecrow”. Years 1 and 2 started everyone toe tapping with “Grandma’s Feather Bed” and “Hillbilly Cowboy”. Years 3 and 4 had everyone clapping to “Outback Club while Year 5 had us all ‘yeehawing’ with “Thank God I’m A Country Boy”. We were delighted to welcome Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Chad Morgan and Billy Ray Cyrus along with everyone clapping to “Outback Club while Year 5 had us all ‘yeehawing’ with “Grandma’s Feather Bed” and “Hillbilly Cowboy”. Years 3 and 4 had everyone clapping to “Outback Club while Year 5 had us all ‘yeehawing’ with “Thank God I’m A Country Boy”. We were delighted to welcome Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Chad Morgan and Billy Ray Cyrus along with everyone clapping to “Outback Club while Year 5 had us all ‘yeehawing’ with “Thank God I’m A Country Boy”. We were delighted to welcome Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Chad Morgan and Billy Ray Cyrus along with everyone clapping to “Outback Club while Year 5 had us all ‘yeehawing’ with “Thank God I’m A Country Boy”. We were delighted to welcome Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Chad Morgan and Billy Ray Cyrus along with everyone clapping to “Outback Club while Year 5 had us all ‘yeehawing’ with “Thank God I’m A Country Boy”. We were delighted to welcome Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Chad Morgan and Billy Ray Cyrus along with everyone clapping to “Outback Club while Year 5 had us all ‘yeehawing’ with “Thank God I’m A Country Boy”.

ST PATRICK’S DAY

Year 5 prepared a special St Patrick’s Day Mass that was celebrated on Wednesday. We need some volunteers to help wash the chair covers that we used at the Ball on Saturday night. There are 300 to wash and many hands make light work! So come and get a dozen or grab 100! It all helps.

GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY

Year 6 who sensationally sang a medley of these superstars’ hits. To add to the celebration, the kids sang along with “Grandma’s Feather Bed” and “Hillbilly Cowboy”. Years 3 and 4 had everyone clapping to “Outback Club while Year 5 had us all ‘yeehawing’ with “Thank God I’m A Country Boy”. Year 3 is preparing the Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation to be held next Tuesday, 25 March. The feast celebrates Mary saying Yes to becoming the mother of Jesus. We hope many of you can join us for this special celebration at 10:30 a.m. in the church. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow.

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 on 0448 808903 or email voicesadmin@moorambilla.com. If you would like your child to attend the workshop on 27 March please contact Mrs Hodge in the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday, 7 April. Each child was given an envelope last week 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.

CAJENNE NEWS

Unfortunately Aroonas are no longer available in the canteen. Our supplier is unable to source them. In their place we are trialling Focus 500 ml flavoured waters. These can be purchased for the same price as the Aroonas, ie, $2.00.

EAR BUS

The Ear Bus is a mobile children’s ear health clinic that will travel to all schools in our district to diagnose, treat and education about Otitis Media.
This is a self funded initiative and therefore a group of people from Gilgandra is trying to form a committee to help with fundraising for the clinic. If you would be interested in joining the committee a meeting will be held at Gilgandra Public School next Tuesday, 25 March at 4:00 p.m. Please contact our school before attending the meeting.

**WORM FARM**

Congratulations to the following students who have received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: KINDER: Miah Scott for trying hard in her storywriting, Taylor Statham for working hard during Maths Warm-Up, Molly Nichols for using beautiful manners, Emmie Peart for trying hard with her handwriting, Millie Spora for working hard in Maths and Rhyan Hutchinson for a great story about his grandparents. **YEAR 1**: Ryan Ferguson for writing a great description, Elten Walker for a fantastic cranky bear artwork, Harry Mudford for writing a great description and Paige Gilmour for fabulous illustrations to accompany all work. **YEAR 2**: Kate Woolnalls for beautiful presentation of bookwork, Isaac Grimshaw for improved fluency in Reading, Sarah Temple for great work in Comprehension and Richard Glover for being an active participant in lessons. **YEAR 3**: Mackaylah Ross for trying hard to improve her handwriting, Bob McEwen for working well in Maths and Laura Farragher, Tylah Anforth and Marshall Fairley for amazing Aboriginal art designs. **YEAR 4**: Ashleigh Carlow for taking pride in all bookwork presentation, Olivia Ferguson, Jett Grimshaw and Amber Tarrant for wonderful enthusiasm in our Grandparents Day music practices, Aliza Purvis for beautiful bookwork in Religion and Oli Schier for always trying hard in Maths Operations. **YEAR 5**: Milla Banks for trying hard to find answers in Comprehension, Tarah Foran for always ‘Giving of her Best’ in all aspects of Year 5 and Chloe Godber for continued involvement in class discussions. **YEAR 6**: Matthew Ferguson, Isaac Frost, Daimon Horne and Brock Johnston for writing thoughtful descriptions of their grandparents.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 9**

Tuesday, 25 March - The Annunciation Mass – Year 3 (K-6) - 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 26 March - Junior Joey’s visit to Cooce Lodge
Thursday, 27 March - Moorangabba Trials – Girls – 9:00 a.m., Boys – 10:00 a.m.

**WEEK 10**

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 to Cooce 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
Tuesday, 8 April - Phil Kettle Visit
Thursday, 10 April - School Cross Country Trials
Friday, 11 April - Last day Term 1
Saturday, 12 April - 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**

What a busy week!! Kinders were so proud to show off all their hard work to so many grandparents, parents and friends on Tuesday. Yesterday was another great day as we celebrated St Joseph’s Day and watched our Year 6 buddies dancing up a storm! A big thank you to Mrs Hutchison for making our cakes. We have been concentrating on the sound ‘FF’ this week and next week our sound will be ‘DD’ - In Maths we looked at position and practised colouring in half an object. We went off to the desert in Science and discovered some of the interesting animals living there. We hope the Kinders have a good rest this weekend, you deserve it! Miss Bourke & Mrs Newsread

**YEAR 1**

What an exciting week we have had. A big thank you to all the grandparents who came to share Grandparents Day with us. The children prepared well and sang wonderfully. We also had a lovely St Joseph’s Day Mass on Wednesday and had a great time down at the pool. Our sound in spelling this week is ‘zz’ and in Grammar we have found and illustrated the verbs in “Animalia” by Graeme Base. For Maths we have worked on groups of 10 and odd and even numbers. During Comprehension this week we read, discussed and answered questions about the story of “Edward the Emu”. In Art we paper clipped an emu. Miss Smith

**YEAR 2**

Wow – what a wonderful week we have had. On Grandparents Day we were so proud to show off our classroom to our many visitors and enjoyed entertaining them with our country songs. Yesterday we had a fabulous day at the pool celebrating St Joseph’s Day. A big thank you to Rochelle Godber for our yummy cakes which made our party complete! In Grammar we are learning about pronouns and in PDH we brainstormed attributes that make a good friend. In Art we used various mediums to colour a 2D collage which we will display in our classroom. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

**YEAR 3**

We have had another busy week in Year 3! On Tuesday we had many visitors to our classroom as part of Grandparents Day. We enjoyed singing our songs and showing our family and friends around the school. We also had lots of fun on St Joseph’s Day as we spent part of our day at the pool. A big thank you to Katherine Gaff for the yummy cupcakes. Year 3 has prepared a lovely Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation, we hope lots of family and friends can join us at 10:30 next Tuesday at the church and for morning tea afterwards. In Grammar we have been looking at adverbs and completed work on ‘The Flies and the Bees’ in comprehension. Have a wonderful weekend. Mr Squires

**YEAR 4**

Yeeyah! What a fabulous time everyone had on Grandparents Day! It was wonderful to see so many visitors who came to watch our country concert and stroll through our colourful classrooms. Yesterday Year 6 lead us in a sensational synchronised symphony!! We all had a great fun day at the pool. Thanks to Maree Raglus and Kylie Carlow who made our delicious cupcakes for St Joseph’s Day. During the week, Year 4 has been busy writing an acrostic poem about their grandparents and learning about Captain Cook’s ‘Endeavour’ as he headed to Australia. In Spelling we concentrated on ‘c’ ‘s’ and ‘sc’ words as in ‘city’, ‘street’ and ‘scenery’. Have a fantastic weekend. Miss Harvey

**YEAR 5**

Wow, what a great week! Congratulations Year 5 on preparing a beautiful St Patrick’s Day Mass on Monday. Thank you to all of those family and friends who came along to help celebrate this special feast day in honour of St Patrick. On Tuesday we welcomed all of our grandparents to our school. It was wonderful to see so many people here. Thank you for taking the time to come and have a look around our classroom and be involved in our wonderful celebrations. Well done Year 5 on singing your country hit ‘Thank God I’m A Country Boy’ so superbly. Then yesterday we had St Joseph’s Day. Thank you to Rochelle Godber and Helen Kildey for providing our special cakes to celebrate. Wow, what a week to be at school. Our new Junior Joey’s received their special certificates and badges and have now taken on extra responsibilities to become more involved with our faith and helping those who are in need around our community. Well done Junior Joeyes! Meanwhile, in class this week we have been writing a discussion on ‘Recycling – It’s Not Easy Being Green’. These have been sounding great, so keep up the great effort. In Maths we have been concentrating on equivalent thirds, sixths and twelfths, protractors and metres and kilometres. Have a lovely, restful weekend. Mr Ready & Mrs Colwell

**YEAR 6**

What an extraordinary week we’ve had! We started off with a wonderful St Patrick’s Day Mass and then we were up to Cooee Lodge to perform our Irish jig – we were so proud to have Father Martin join in our dance! With continued school spirit, Year 6 greeted our visiting grandparents on Tuesday with great manners and smiles that made everyone so proud. Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Chad Morgan, Billy Ray Cyrus, dancers and speakers all did a great job keeping everyone entertained. And then it was St Joseph’s Day! We started with a beautiful Mass and then we were off to the pool. Thanks to Noah Ryan and Liberty Barden for making our St Joseph’s Day cakes – they were delicious! Year 6 looked a little crazy in their outlandish costumes but certainly got the crowd clapping along to their groovy moves in their synchronized swimming routine. In between all these celebrations we have managed to continue our work on equivalent fractions and drawing 3D objects. We have begun brainstorming possible topics for our information report speeches. Thanks again Year 6 for a great week and congratulations on your enthusiasm, leadership and great style! Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 21 March – Brenda Purvis & Deanna Ferguson
Monday, 24 March – Carol Alchin & Sally Beveridge
Wednesday, 26 March – Belinda Murray & Claudina Ryan
Friday, 28 March – Toni Tarrant & Paula Purvis

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 23 March – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Tobey Creanane, Deklyn Lumnis