**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**
A fantastic Mother’s Day Stall was held last Friday. Due to the generosity of the families of our school there was a marvellous array of gifts for the children to choose their special presents. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the stall and many thanks to stall coordinator, Toni Fuller and her band of helpers who were very busy last week wrapping gifts and organising the stall. In conjunction with the Mother’s Day Stall we had six marvellous gift baskets raffled. There were also free raffles for each class for which every student had the chance to win. This caused much excitement with the raffle results being as follows: 1st Prize – Kate Gilmour, Runners-Up – Rebecca Gaff, Matilda Cruickshank, Oli Schier, Ava Meyers, Nick Kirsop

Class Raffles - Kinder – Ethan Morris, Year 1 – Casey Gaff, Year 2 – Jack Oehm, Year 3 – Bradley Kildey, Year 4 – Ella McAnally-Elwin, Year 5 – Lily Naden, Year 6 – Maddie Eason.

Thanks again to those families who made a donation towards the raffles.

**CONGRATULATIONS NOAH**
Congratulations to Noah Ryan who has been selected in the Polding Open Rugby League team to play in the NSW PSSA Championships to be held in Kingscliff next month. Noah will be up against the best in NSW from both government and non-government schools. Well done Noah on reaching such a high level of competition.

**YEAR 2 LITURGY**
Due to a funeral at the church today, the Year 2 Liturgy will be celebrated tomorrow, Friday, 16 May at 10:30 a.m. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

**ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION**
The ICAS Computer Skills Competition will be held next Tuesday, 20 May for those students who have entered.

**ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING COMPETITIONS**
The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding both writing and spelling competitions on Monday, 16 June and Tuesday, 17 June for children in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to enter either one or both of these competitions please return the rear-off slip that was with last week’s About to school by tomorrow, Friday, 16 May together with the relevant entry fee ($17.00 for the writing competition and $11.00 for the spelling competition).

**GILGANDRA SHOW DAY HOLIDAY**
There will be no school next Wednesday, 21 May as this day is gazetted a holiday in Gilgandra for the show.

**McNAMEE TROPHY**
All students from Years 5 and 6 will represent the school at the McNamee Trophy to be held here at St Joseph’s next Friday, 23 May. Students from St Brigid’s Coonamble will join the Joey’s children for a day of fun, friends and fitness. We’ll begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by public speaking, touch football, soccer, netball and rugby league. The students in Years 5 and 6 have received a note requesting helpers on the day. The program of events is as follows:

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**Go The Mighty Joey’s!**

**NO CANTEEN NEXT FRIDAY**
Due to McNamee being held here at St Joseph’s next Friday, there will be no canteen for students in Kinder to Year 4.

**GOOD LUCK MADISON**
We wish Madison Hourigan the best of luck as she participates in the Dunedoo and Mendooran Horse Sports next week. Good luck Madison.

**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL**
Next Friday, 23 May is Walk Safely to School Day. Objectives of the day are:

- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years of age hold an adult’s hand when crossing the road.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To reduce vehicle emissions to help tackle climate change and improve air quality.

We ask you to discuss with your child the health benefits of walking as well as safety rules. All students will receive a Walk Safely to School sticker next Thursday so that they might like to wear it on the Friday to highlight the importance of being a safe pedestrian.

**TERM 2 FEES**
The Term 2 fees accounts are with today’s About. Prompt payment of these fees would be appreciated.

**CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD**
We received the programs for the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod this week. Our Infants Verse Speaking Choir will perform on Wednesday, 4 June and our Senior Primary and Junior Primary Verse Speaking Choirs will both perform on Thursday, 5 June. A timetable for those children performing individual items at the eisteddfod went home on Monday.

**CLAIMING THE DATE**

**ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL FETE**
Friday, 31 October, 2014

**CHAIR COVER WASHING – STILL 68 TO GO!**
We are still looking for volunteers to help wash the chair covers that were used at the Ball. There are 68 left to wash. So come and get a dozen or so! It all helps.


**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER**: Indi Murphy for trying to ‘sound out’ words in her story writing, Ella Mudford for a great effort in counting, Miah Scott for improvement in her sounds, Taylor Statham for improvement in her handwriting, Rydah Whitehouse for being a great classroom helper and Sam Dunn for thoughtful responses in Religion. **YEAR 1**: Jasmine Zell for her positive attitude towards completing classwork, Nick Gale for learning his sight words brilliantly, Fletcher Jackson for giving a wonderful effort towards spelling work, Alana Elsom for being a kind and caring member of Year 1 and Samantha Naden for settling well into school life at St Joseph’s. **YEAR 2**: Dennis Gale for a superb effort with sight words, Jacob Harland for great work in Maths, Bailey Wykes for always ‘Giving Of His Best’, Jack Oehm for reading with great fluency and expression, Dylan Murray for being a super speller, Ry Heffer for improved oral reading and Daniel Kirsop for a great effort in Comprehension. **YEAR 3**: Tyla Anforth for thoughtful contributions to class discussions, Skye Bui for reading with excellent expression, Olivia McClelland for working diligently to complete tasks, Tayarna McKenzie for being a cheerful and polite class member and Marshall Fairey for working well in Problem A Day. **YEAR 4**: Oli Schier, Laura Smith and Mary Westwood for fabulous enthusiasm during eisteddfod practices, James Ferguson for a fantastic effort in free writing and Olivia Ferguson for being an organised and focused worker. **YEAR 5**: Rebecca Gaff for always contributing to class discussions, Martin Fryers for ‘Giving Of His Best’ in all aspects of Joey’s life, James Kildey for outstanding answers during Maths and Lily Naden for settling in well to Year 5 at St Joey’s. **YEAR 6**: Kelly Anforth for an excellent explanation of his mathematical working, James O’Neill for fantastic Spelling results, Sebastian Jackson for giving a lovely vote of thanks to the Mother’s Day Stall helpers and Montana McGrath for being a great helper.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 3**

Friday, 16 May – Danielle Diggs & Kate McClelland

**WEEK 4 - Year 3 Reconciliation**

Monday, 19 May - Dunedoo Horse Sports
Tuesday, 20 May - ICAS Computer Skills
- Competition
- Mendooran Horse Sports
Wednesday, 21 May - Gilgandra Show
Friday, 23 May - McNamee Trophy – St Joey’s to host
- Walk Safely To School

**WEEK 5**

Thursday, 29 May - Diocesan Spelling Bee
- Polding Touch
- Peachey/Richardson Football – Far West Netball - Coomable
-Friday, 30 May - Polding Touch
- Principals’ Meeting
- Dubbo Eisteddfod – Nursery Rhymes

**WEEK 6 - Eisteddfod Week**

**Year 5 Reconciliation**

Monday, 2 & Tuesday, 3 June - Secretaries Conference
Tuesday, 3 June - Individual Eisteddfod Poems
Wednesday, 4 June - Dubbo Eisteddfod – Infants Verse Speaking
Thursday, 5 June - Dubbo Eisteddfod – Senior and Junior Primary Verse Speaking
- Polding Touch back-up date
-Friday, 6 June - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Polding Touch back-up date
- ICAS Science Competition

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Another busy week has flown by in Kinder. In Religion we visited our church and talked about all the things we could see that made it such a special place. We have been trying very hard in Maths to combine groups of 2 by counting how many we have altogether. We have also been learning how to identify squares and practising the days of the week. We read the story of “The Lion Who Wanted To Be Loved” and completed a stunning life like picture using crayons and brown paper. We are writing some very imaginative stories using our sight words and some of us are attempting to spell tricky words too. In Science we discovered all the things we could grow from seeds. We listened to a story about ‘Sid the Seed’ and all the things he needed to help him grow. Next week our sound will be ‘Hh’. Have a great weekend. **Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead**

**YEAR 1** has been learning about the spelling sound ‘a-e’ as in ‘tape’ this week while in Grammar we have explored when to use ‘an’ and ‘a’ in our writing. Our comprehension has been about the book “Puggle the Wombat”. We explored the stages of his life and where he finds shelter. In text types we are writing a procedure titled ‘How To Draw a Stick Person’. We have explored skip counting, sharing and telling time in Maths and we have found out about different types of animal homes for HSIE. During sport for the rest of the term the infants boys are learning soccer and football skills while the girls are learning tee-ball, netball and basketball skills. Have a great weekend. **Miss Smith**

**YEAR 2** Tomorrow we celebrate our mums with a class Liturgy and we look forward to many family and friends joining us. In Maths this week we investigated 3D shapes, number patterns and did addition using a jump strategy. We also drew a picture of ourselves as a ‘wild thing’ and wrote a detailed description of what we looked like. In Thrass we are completing activities about the ‘short e’ sound and continued work on verbs in Grammar. In Art we began creating the face of a paper bag monster and produced some fantastic title pages in our new PDH unit ‘Street Sense’. Have a fabulous weekend. **Mrs Clarke & Mrs Courtenay**

**YEAR 3** This week saw us complete our NAPLAN tests in Writing, Language Conventions, Comprehension and Maths. The children are glad they have no more tests. In text types we have written a discussion about if we should pay for plastic bags. The children had strong arguments for both sides of the topic. We have been focusing on using persuasive language in our writing. In Religion we have looked at the Introductory Rite in which we ‘gather’ together as a community to celebrate Mass. In Grammar this week we have started to look at contractions and the correct placement of apostrophes. **Mr Soares**

**YEAR 4** It was good to hear that so many mums were spoilt on Mother’s Day. In HSIE we looked at the local history of Gilgandra and compiled a timeline of when significant changes occurred in the past 100 years. During Religion we focused on the types of bullying behaviours that can occur and discussed scenarios of problems that can arise and how best to solve them. The text type focus is an Information Report. We’ve looked at spiders and other creepy crawlies. Mr Langes worked with us on different Maths challenges and puzzling Maths ‘brain games’. Have a great weekend. **Miss Harvey**

**YEAR 5** We cannot believe NAPLAN is over. This week Year 5 and 3 did a magnificent job in sitting the national testing - a big congratulations to all of Year 5 who handled all of the tests so well, now we wait for our results. Even though we have been busy with all our tests we have also worked extremely hard refining our understanding of principal and subordinate clauses within sentences. In Maths we have looked at 24 hour time and different ways to write number sentences as well as challenging ourselves with some protractor work. Our poem practices with Year 6 are also going well with many of us now remembering the poems off by heart. Have a great weekend. **Mr Keady**

**YEAR 6** This week Year 6 has been working on their free choice speeches. The topics are all sounding very interesting and we look forward to hearing them all in Week 6. Also in English we have been writing descriptions about a very curious character from a book called “Old Ridley”. We have been learning that using adjectival phrases help make our writing more descriptive. Our focus in Maths has been reading and interpreting line graphs. We have also been practising using the formula: length x breadth x height to calculate volume of rectangular prisms. We have been busy at lunchtimes, training for McNamee which we are looking forward to next week. **Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 16 May – Kylie Carlow & Melissa Ryan
Monday, 19 May – Danielle Diggs & Kate McClelland
Wednesday, 21 May – Show Day Holiday
Friday, 23 May – McNAMEE TROPHY

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 18 May – Martin Fryers, Matthew Ferguson, Olivia Newstead, Montana McGrath