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 tomorrow, 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 program of events is as follows:

9:00 a.m. Mass
12:00 noon Soccer
10:00 a.m. Public Speaking
1:00 p.m. Netball
11:00 a.m. Touch Football
2:00 p.m. Rugby League
3:00 p.m. Farewell and Presentation of Sportmanship Medals

The Joey’s teams are as follows:
Public Speaking Kate Gilmour, Georgia Horan, Bradley Kildey and Jennifer Ibe
Netball Liberty Barden, Montana McGrath, Harriet Beveridge, Kate Gilmour, Grace Alchin, Zoe Welsh, Rebecca Gaff, Kayla Bonus-Staub, Georgia Horan, Emilie Hassall, Olivia Newstead, Tarah Foran, Alex Beveridge, Lucy Davis, Lily Naden.
Touch Football Matilda Cruickshank, Caitlin Spora, Shari Grimshaw, Grace Lummis, Charlotte Banks, Maddie Eason, Chloe Godber, Sinead Sutton, Milla Banks, Julia Cusack.

Go The Mighty Joey’s!
NO CANTEEN TOMORROW

Due to McNamee being held here at St Joseph’s tomorrow, there will be no canteen for students in Kindergarten to Year 4.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Tomorrow, 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 today so that they might like to wear it tomorrow to highlight the importance of being a safe pedestrian.

DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE

The annual Diocesan Spelling Bee will be held in Wellington next Thursday, 29 May. Students from all over the diocese will represent their schools at this event. Congratulations to our Joey’s representatives, Kate Gilmour, Georgia Horan, Bradley Kildey and Jennifer Ibe and we wish them the best of luck.

LEAGUE & NETBALL IN COONAMBLE

We have seventy-five students playing either rugby league or netball in Coonamble next Wednesday, 29 May. The rugby league boys will be participating in the Peachey Shield and the Richardson Cup while the girls will play in the Primary Netball Challenge. We all look forward to a day of fun, friends and fitness. Those children competing next week include: Max Cruickshank, Anton Davis, Rani Diggs, Zac Ferguson, Breanna Foran, Mason Fryers, Will Fuller, Will Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Sophie Hassall, Kelsey Hutchison, Olivia McClelland, Bob McEwen, Tayarna McKenzie, Rhys O’Neill, Mackaylah Ross, Jessica Scholte, Patrick Spora, Charlie Banks, Hamish Beveridge, Billie Buckley, Ashleigh Carlow, Tom Eason, Tyler Evans, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Jett Grimshaw, Madision Hourigan, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Aliza Purvis, Heidi Purvis, Lachlan Riley, Oli Schier, Amber Tarrant, Abby Tate, Mary Westwood, Grace Alchin, Lauchlan Bash, Alex Beveridge, Julia Cusack, Lucy Davis, Jye Day, Darren Doherty, Tarah Foran, Martin Fryers, Rebecca Gaff, Emilie Hassall, James Kildey, Lily Naden, Olivia Newstead, Aidan Ryan, William Sandford, Harry Spora, Sinead Sutton, Zoe Welsh, Kelly Anforth, Charlotte Banks, Liberty Barden, Harriet Beveridge, Kayla Bonus-Staub, Mitchell Carlow, Tobey Creenaune, Matilda Cruickshank, Maddie Eason, Isaac Frost, Shari Grimshaw, Sebastian Jackson, Deklyn Lummis, Grace Lummis, Montana McGrath, James O’Neill, Noah Ryan, Caitlin Spora, John Spora, Kyle Welsh.

PRIMARY SPORT

Sport for the Years 3-6 students will be on Thursday next week as many of the children will be travelling to Coonamble. Therefore all primary children should wear their sports uniform on Thursday next week, not Friday.

GOOD LUCK NOAH

We wish Noah Ryan the best of luck next Friday, 30 May as he represents the Diocese of Bathurst at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Folding Touch Football Championships to be held in Mudgee. Well done Noah!

CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD

All students from Year 1 to Year 6 will be participating in the verse speaking choirs at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod on Wednesday, 4th and Thursday, 5th June. Children are required to wear full winter uniform. Girls are to wear tunics. Times for the Verse Speaking Chois are as follows:

Wednesday, 4 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.
Section 5575 – Small Schools (3 competitors)
Section 5570 – Years 1/2 – Infants (we are competitor no. 6 of 6 competitors)

Thursday, 5 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.
Section 5573 – Years 5/6 – Senior Primary (we are competitor no. 6 of 6 competitors)
Thursday, 5 June commencing at 12:00 noon
Section 5572 – Years 3/4 – Junior Primary (we are competitor no. 4 of 5 competitors)

All families of children from Years 1-6 need to fill in the permission/transport note with today’s About and return it to school by Friday, 30 May to enable us to organise transport. The cost for the bus to travel to Dubbo will be $5.00 per student.

CHAIR COVER WASHING – ONLY 35 TO GO!

We are still looking for volunteers to help wash the chair covers that were used at the Ball. There are 35 left to wash. So come and get a dozen or so! It all helps.

God never asks if we can … He asks if we will.
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:  

KINDER: Rachel Ryan for her beautiful work in Religion, Emmie Peart for excellent work in Maths, Nick Kirso for a great effort in all reading tasks, Grace Tancred for being a good listener and Jordan Wighton for improved knowledge of his sounds.

YEAR 1: Elten Walker for great enthusiasm towards free writing tasks, Lucy McIsaac for drawing a fantastic clock and reading time well, Ryley Smith for writing a great procedure on ‘How To Find The Treasure’, Nick Tancred for using great reading and comprehension skills to match sentences to pictures, Billie Allan for writing a fantastic list of things she is good at for Religion and Mattea Purvis for drawing fabulous illustrations of different animal shelters.  

YEAR 2: Rhys Bonnington for consistent effort in all areas, Layney Godber for being a wonderful classroom helper, Isaiah McKenzie for a sensational sentence in Sentence A Day, Emily Zell for a fabulous effort in Maths and Bremna Foster for an enthusiastic approach to all tasks.  

YEAR 3: Mason Fyres for trying hard in Reading, Rhys O’Neill for working carefully during our Art activities, William Gaff for always completing all set tasks, Bradley Gibson for trying hard to ‘sound out’ words, Jennifer Ibe for working well in Operations and Harrison King for asking intelligent questions.  

YEAR 4: Ashleigh Carlrow for taking care in the presentation of all work, Madison Hourigan and Aliza Purvis for beautiful book work in Religion, Charlie Banks for great work in Spelling and Emily Skinner and Billie Buckland for wonderful enthusiasm during eisteddfod practices.  

YEAR 5: Olivia Ferguson for outstanding bookwork in all subjects with fantastic handwriting, Jye Day for trying hard to improve in all areas of Maths and Alex Beveridge for producing an outstanding entry in her power writing.  

YEAR 6: Kayla Bonus-Stauber, Jack Bonus-Stauber, Spencer McIntosh and Sebastian Jackson for skilful and enthusiastic string art work.

WHAT’S ON

**WEK 4** - Year 3 Reconciliation  
Friday, 23 May - McNamee Trophy – St Jo’s to host  
- Walk Safely To School Day  

**WEEK 5**  
Thursday, 29 May - Diocesan Spelling Bee  
- Polding Touch  
- Peachey/Richardson Football – Far  
- West Netball - Coonamble  
- Polding Touch  
- Principals’ Meeting  
- Dubbo Eisteddfod – Nursery  
- Rhymes  

**WEEK 6** - Eisteddfod Week  
- Year 5 Reconciliation  
Tuesday, 3 June - Individual Eisteddfod Poems  
Wednesday, 4 June - Dubbo Eisteddfod – Infants Verse  
- Speech day  
Thursday, 5 June - Dubbo Eisteddfod – Senior and Junior Primary Verse Speaking  
- Polding Touch back-up date  
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 6 June - Polding Touch back-up date  
- ICAS Science Competition  

**WEEK 7**  
Monday, 9 June - Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend  
Thursday, 12 June - Polding Cross Country  
- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 13 June - Polding Cross Country  

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS  

KINDER We hope everyone enjoyed a fun day at the show yesterday. This week Kinder completed activities relating to the letter ‘H’. We found lots of sight words beginning with our sound and tried to put as many as we could into sentences. We loved our big book “Hairy Bear” and had lots of fun with the rhyming and nonsense words.In Religion we talked about how important it is to remember that our church is not just a building but a place built around the people who gather there. We have been revising our Maths concepts this week and using the interactive number charts to help us with our counting. In Science we are learning to use a new writing app on the iPads - Kinder is so clever!! We wish all our Years 5 and 6 friends a successful and fun day tomorrow at McNamee - we’ll be there cheering. Have a great weekend.  

Miss Bourke & Mrs Newsread  

YEAR 1 This week has been a quick one. I hope everyone had a lovely time at the show. In Year 1 we have been learning about the ‘a’ sound as in ‘baby’ For writing we have created our own treasure map using the computers and have written a procedure titled “How To Find The Treasure”. In Maths we have learnt about addition using a number line, 3D shapes and comparing mass. During HSIE we have explored the different environments in which animals live. At the eisteddfod there was an outstanding display of animal paintings. We have been busy working on our poems, in particular our facial expressions. Enjoy your weekend.  

Miss Smith  

YEAR 2 It was wonderful to see so many family and friends at our Liturgy last week. Congratulations Year 2 on your reverence and beautiful singing. We’ve been busily practising our eisteddfod poems with Year 1 and we are making good progress. The children have been reminded they are to wear full winter uniform to the eisteddfod. Girls are to wear a tunic. In class we’ve learnt about turning and rotating shapes and using the jump strategy. We’ve written descriptions of chocolate bars and continued with “Where The Wild Things Are”. Our HSIE unit is ‘Celebrations’ and we’ve brainstormed a range of events we celebrate. It seems everyone had a great day at the Gil Show yesterday.  

Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris  

YEAR 3 This week in Writing everyone got to choose their own topic about which to write an exposition. We are busily drafting so we can publish them for one of our portfolio tasks. In Grammar we have continued to look at contractions and we have started to learn about conjunctions. During Comprehension we read an Aboriginal fable about the flies and the bees. In Maths we have been learning about three-dimensional shapes, nets, division and tables. In Religion we have learnt about the second part of the Mass, ‘The Liturgy of the Word’. We have discussed how Jesus talks to us through the readings at Mass. It’s wonderful to see the enthusiasm during our eisteddfod practices, keep up the wonderful work Year 3!  

Mr Soares  

YEAR 4 There has been much excitement about the Gil Show and everyone’s artwork in the pavilion looked great. Years 3 and 4 met with Father Martin for Reconciliation today and we discussed the importance of owning up to our mistakes and moving on to follow Jesus’ way. Years 3 and 4 have been putting in a super effort training at lunch times in readiness for the netball and football next Thursday in Coonamble. Eisteddfod practices are in full swing – not that many days left until the big moment on stage – go Joey’s! In the classroom we’ve worked on number patterns with larger numbers, equivalent fractions, decimals and multiplication strategies. During writing we’ve focused on information reports and wrote our own report on ‘Polar Bears’.  

Miss Harvey  

YEAR 5 It has been another busy week in Year 5. We have commenced reading groups and have been practising how to comprehend texts and pose questions about them. Next week we will start working with Year 1 during reading groups to put these new skills to the test. In Maths we have covered 2 digit division, writing our remainders as fractions as well as finding ways to describe specific 3D objects. In Religion we have been looking at our new bullying topic where we have been thinking of promises we can make to stop bullying within our world. Years 5 and 6 have been training hard this week in preparation for McNamee tomorrow which we are all super excited about. We hope you can come along to share the day with us. Have a great weekend.  

Mr Keady  

YEAR 6 This week in Grammar we have been concentrating on principal and subordinate clauses and how they can enhance the standard of our writing. During Maths we have been looking at 24 hour time and practising how to say and write it. We have discovered that it is used in many facets of everyday life to eliminate confusion. The excitement is building with only 1 more sleep until we host the McNamee Trophy. Our public speakers have been working really hard perfecting their presentations and we are all very proud of their efforts. The football, netball, soccer and touch teams are ready to give of their best. Go the mighty Joey’s!  

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas  

CANTEEN ROSTER  

Friday, 23 May – McNAMEE TROPHY  
Monday, 26 May – Jodie Walker & Katherine Gaff  
Wednesday, 28 May – Sally Temple & Danielle Bonnington  
Friday, 30 May – Leahne Creanenue & Cate Corcoran

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER  

Sunday, 25 May – Kayle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Tobey Creanenue, Deklyn Lummis