Congratulations to our verse speaking choirs who performed so well at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod this week. It was a pleasure to watch the performances. Thank you to the students for their great contribution and to the teachers for their fantastic preparation. Well done! Our results included:

**Infants Verse Speaking Choir – HIGHLY COMMENDED**

Adjudicator’s comments included: ‘Facial expression is delightful’, ‘Mood changes are clearly defined’, ‘You are an attentive choir’, ‘Every speaker gives his/her complete attention to the conductor’, ‘I love your expression’, ‘The voices are one’, ‘Speech is clear with precise diction’.

**Junior Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST**

Adjudicator’s comments included: ‘Visual arrangement is pleasing’, ‘Vocal tone is well formed and well suited to the meaning’, ‘Facial and vocal expression gives life to the words – delightful’, ‘Characterisation is well contrasted’, ‘Every speaker directs his/her attention to the conductor’, ‘Vowels are well formed with precise diction’, ‘Speech is well modulated’.

**Senior Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST**

Adjudicator’s comments included: ‘Your poems are well contrasted in style, presentation and context’, ‘A pleasing visual arrangement in which every face can be seen’, ‘The mood and meaning is conveyed with wonderful modulations and use of pause’, ‘Orchestral effects create interest and helps to convey the changes of mood’, ‘A polished performance’, ‘Brilliant orchestration’, ‘There is unity of delivery speed and modulation resulting in a colourful and entertaining presentation’, ‘Intonation and patterns are delightful’.

We will give a full report on the individual performances in next week’s About.

**SUPER SPELLERS**

The annual Diocesan Spelling Bee took place last Thursday 29th May in Wellington. Over 50 students from around the diocese competed in each section. Our spellers, Jennifer Ibe and Bradley Kildey (Stage 2) and Kate Gilmour and Georgia Horan (Stage 3) spelt some very challenging words and really enjoyed the experience! Special mention goes to Kate Gilmour, Georgia Horan and Bradley Kildey who made it through to the finals, with Kate finishing in equal third place and Bradley in fourth in their respective divisions. Congratulations to all our super spellers.

**ANOTHER POLDING SELECTION FOR NOAH**

Congratulations to Noah Ryan who has been selected in the Polding Touch Team that will compete at the NSW PSSA Touch Championships to be held in Ulladulla in July. Noah will be up against the best in NSW from both government and non-government schools. This is the second Polding team Noah has made this year, also being selected in the Polding Open Rugby league team. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done Noah.

**ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION**

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools Science Competition will be held tomorrow, Friday, 6 June for those students who entered this competition.

**KINDER LITURGY**

Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy tomorrow, Friday, 6 June at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph’s Church. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

**PEACHEY/RICHARDSON FINALISTS**

It was a fantastic day last Thursday as 41 netballers and 35 footballers from St Joe’s participated in the Primary Netball Challenge and the Pecheay/Richardson Football held at Coonamble Sports Ground. In the netball there were some very close games and some super wins. Great skill and school spirit was shown by all the players. Special thanks to Gil High School students Meg Morris and Kathryn Alchin who umpired for us and to Mrs Stewart and the parents whose help was invaluable. On the footy field the boys were great with both the Years 3/4 team and the Years 5/6 team making it to the finals. The footy teams had an amazing day with three out of the four teams competing making the semi-finals and the fourth team unlucky to make the semis. During the day our Years 3/4 teams defeated Coonamble Public School, St Laurence’s Coonabarabran, Baradine/Gular, St Joseph’s Walgett, St Brigids Coonamble and drew with Walgett Public School before going down to St Mary’s Warren in the final while the Years 5/6 team defeated Small Schools, Gulargambone Central, St Mary’s Warren, St Brigids’ Coonamble, Baradine/Gular and Coonamble Public School before losing the final to St Brigids’ Coonamble. A fantastic effort by all the boys. This means that the Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 Maroons will now travel to Dubbo for the finals on Wednesday, 25 June. A big thank you to Mr Soares and Mr Keady for coaching the boys and all the dads who coached and helped, especially Chris Riley and Rod Ryan who gave up lunch times to coach. Finally the bravest player was undoubtedly James Ferguson. Unfortunately James broke his arm during the final but his great courage under so much adversity had to be seen to be believed. Well done James – you are a champion!

**HALF YEARLY REPORTS – PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Your child’s half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family on Friday, 20 June. During the last week of term, on Monday, 23 June, Tuesday, 24 June and Wednesday, 25 June, the teachers will be available for parent/teacher interviews. If you require an interview with your child’s teacher, and I strongly urge that you do, please fill in the preferred day and time on the tear-off slip that was attached to last week’s About and return it to school by tomorrow, Friday, 6 June. Interviews will be held from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and are set at 15 minute intervals. If you do not require an interview, please tick the appropriate spot on the tear-off slip and return it to school.

**PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

The St Joe’s Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval on Friday, 20 June. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6). Those children in Year 2 who wish to compete in the 8 years 100 m will do so during sport next Thursday. We will need officials to help with the judging of the events and we will also need helpers to run the canteen. There is a note with today’s About outlining all the jobs. If you are able to assist in any way please write your name down and return the note to school by next Wednesday, 11 June. We will be running heats of the 200 m events tomorrow, Friday, 6 June at 1:00 p.m. at McGrane Oval. We will also require helpers to time these races. If you are able to help out, please ring the office. There will be a special canteen lunch order for the Athletics Carnival. This will go home next week and if your child wishes to order his/her lunch at the carnival you will need to return the lunch order by Monday, 16 June.

**ONLINE WEBSITE FOR SCHOOL UNIFORMS**

dressedforschool.com.au is an online website for primary school uniforms that are common to many schools in the Bathurst Diocese.
**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:

- **KINDER** Rani Diamond for trying hard in her story writing, Ethan Morris for writing interesting stories, Jessie Riley for improvement in tracing letters, Charlie Zell for contributing to discussions in our topic, ‘Growing Up’, Dorothy Gion for great singing during jolly phonics and Taylor Hayes for beautiful painting of a kimono.

**YEAR 1** Chelsea Brand for preparing fantastic news, Ben Harland for beautiful handwriting, Ava Meyers for fantastic Maths assessments results, Harry Mudford for taking great care with all book work and Ben Standing for delivering great news.

**YEAR 2** Jade Elsom for outstanding work in number patterns, Zahlen Proctor and Chloe Mudford for wonderful descriptions of their wild selves, Molly Fairey for working quickly and accurately in Problem A Day and Sarah Temple for super work in Spelling.

**YEAR 3** Ella Wykes for neat writing in her handwriting book, Tylah Anforth for showing enthusiasm during eisteddfod practices, Bradley Kildey and Jennifer Ibe for magnificent achievements at the Diocesan Spelling Bee. Keelsey Hutchison for completing all tasks to a high standard and Rani Diggz for a consistent effort in Maths.

**YEAR 4** Tom Eason for working well in Maths, Ashleigh Carlow for great sportsmanship during netball training, Olivia Ferguson, Ella McNally-Elwin and Amber Tarrant for fantastic effort and expression during poem practices and oli Schier and Amelia Murray for creative work in painting during Visual Arts.

**YEAR 5** Kate Gilmour for a wonderful achievement at the Diocesan Spelling Bee and Sinead Sutton and Chloe Godber for fantastic participation in eisteddfod practices.

**YEAR 6** Georgia Horan for a wonderful achievement at the Diocesan Spelling Bee. Kyle Welsh for beautiful manners and Charlotte Banks and Mitchell Gaff for being enthusiastic and thorough tutors.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 6 - Year 5 Reconciliation**

- Friday, 6 June - ICAS Science Competition
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- 200 m Heats – McGrane Oval 1:00

**WEEK 7**

- Monday, 9 June – Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend
- Thursday, 12 June - Polding Cross Country
- Friday, 13 June - Polding Cross Country

**WEEK 8**

- Monday, 16 June – Kinder Liturgy
- Thursday, 19 June – PSSA Open Rugby League
- Monday, 16 June – ICAS Writing Competition
- Tuesday, 17 June - ICAS Spelling Competition
- P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, 19 June - Touring Science Show
- Friday, 20 June - Athletics Carnival
- Reports Home
- Sunday, 22 June - First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ

**WEEK 9**

- Monday, 23 June - NAIDOC Week activities
- Tuesday, 24 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday, 25 June - NAIDOC Week activities
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday, 26 June - Year 4 Hut Day
- Friday, 27 June - Last Day Term 2
- Athletics Carnival back-up date

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Congratulations to everyone who performed in the Eisteddfod this week. Kinder certainly loved welcoming you back to school with our famous Joey’s tunnels! We have started Sentence a Day this week in our new lined books and what a fabulous job we did staying in those lines. The ‘short Uu’ was our sound focus but we realised how tricky it was to find things starting with this sound for our table. Our sound next week is ‘Cc’. We can’t wait for our Liturgy tomorrow and would like to remind all our family and friends to please bring a plate to share for morning tea. In Maths we have enjoyed adding and taking away numbers to 10 and using the iPads to do some counting. We have also been working on our portfolio tasks and hope everyone has returned them so we can add all the great work we have done for this term. Enjoy the weekend.

**YEAR 1** Years 1 and 2 put in a fantastic effort at the eisteddfod yesterday and must be very proud of how well they behaved and presented their poems. This week we have been learning all about the ‘g’ as in ‘giant’ sound while in Grammar we have been revising punctuation marks and work on the use of question marks. In Maths we have begun discussing and organising information about crocodiles. In Maths we have looked at vectors, patterns and counting in tens. The birds nests we created for art last Friday look fantastic. This week we will be creating a background for them. Have a nice weekend.

**YEAR 2** Congratulations to Years 1 and 2 on a super performance at the Dubbo Eisteddfod. You all certainly ‘Gave Of Your Best’ and the teachers were very proud of your efforts. In class we’ve been completing our mid year assessments. We read a poem titled “My Teacher, The Alien” and looked at the great use of adjectives. The children then wrote their own description of their alien teacher. In HSIE we discussed national, family and religious celebrations and also what makes a celebration. Everyone seems to be enjoying our sport this term. The boys are playing football and soccer whilst the girls and doing netball, basketball and touchball.

**YEAR 3** Congratulations to all our Years 3 and 4 students on your outstanding eisteddfod performance. You certainly ‘Gave Of Your Best’ and we were very proud of you all. Also a big congratulations to Sophie, Kelsey, Jennifer, Bradley K and Patrick for competing in the individual poems at the eisteddfod. A fantastic effort! This week we have been busy looking at commas and how we use them while writing and editing our work. In Maths we have revised our multiplication facts. We have administered our year end counting game called ‘Dogs and Cats’ to help us with our facts. We have looked at an interesting review titled ‘Enoch the Emu’, where we learnt some interesting facts about emus. In PDH we discussed the rights and responsibilities that we have if we want our community and school to be a great place.

**YEAR 4** Congratulations to everyone on your fabulous efforts at the Dubbo Eisteddfod. It was a real team effort! Go Joey’s! During the week Year 4 has been busy completing final assessments in Maths and English. Well done on your great effort – the results have been pleasing. In Maths we took a closer look at fractions, multiplication and decimals. In Spelling we concentrated on ‘er’, ‘ur’ and ‘ear’ words and homonyms and similes were the focus in Grammar. Hut Day discussions have created an excited atmosphere in Year 4. We looked at the roles of early settlers and realised how hard life would have been back in the 1800’s. We watched a slideshow on past hut designs to get ideas for our projects and completed some sketches of huts and discussed how we can begin to make our masterpieces! Enjoy the long weekend and I hope you can make a start on those terrific huts!

**YEAR 5** Wow what a week! A fantastic effort from Years 5 and 6 at the eisteddfod today – you all did an amazing job. Year 5 has been busy this week and we are not only preparing for our upcoming excursion to Canberra. We have been looking closely at the way Canberra was planned and why it became the National Capital as well as researching the importance of the Australian War Memorial and what it represents. In Maths we have been looking at number patterns as well as developing our knowledge of creating larger factor trees. Please if you still have your portfolio at home can you bring it in ASAP so we can start to putting these together for the term. Have a great weekend.

**YEAR 6** We have been working away solidly in Year 6 this week with some wonderful free choice speeches being presented and organising our Canberra Excursion Interviews. In HSIE we have been looking at the important people in our Federal Government – matching faces to names and learning about Walter Burley Griffin who designed Canberra. We have been publishing descriptions of a strange and mysterious inventor called ‘Old Ridley’ and in Maths we have completed our Term 2 Diagnostic Test. We had a wonderful day in Dubbo today at the Eisteddfod and we are extremely proud of our team effort as we ‘Gave Of Our Best’. Well done everyone!

**CANTER TOAST ROSTER**

Friday, 6 June – Toni Tarrant & Paula Purvis
Monday, 9 June – Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend
Wednesday, 11 June – Melissa Welsh & Bill Welsh
Friday, 13 June – Lara Zell & Amy Spora

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 8 June – Montana McGrath, Georgia Horan, Lachlan Fairey, Martin Fryers

**MISS BOURKE & MRS NEWSTEAD**

**Miss Smith**

**Miss Horan**

**Mr Kealy**

**Mr Soares**

**Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas**

**Miss Harvey**

**Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas**

**Mr Keady**

**Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris**