CONGRATULATIONS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

A beautiful Mass was held last Sunday morning in St Joseph’s Church as the parish and school community celebrated with the First Holy Communion class. The church was filled with family, friends and parishioners to share this special time with these children. Following Mass a wonderful Communion breakfast was held in the school hall. Thank you to the parents, Fr Martin, Mr Soares and Mrs Banks for preparing the children so well. Also thank you to the school community for decorating the church and hall, to the Year 2 parents who assisted at the breakfast and to the family and friends of the First Communion class who joined in the celebration. Congratulations to our 2013 First Holy Communion Class: Charlie Banks, Hamish Beveridge, Billie Buckland, Ashleigh Carlow, Tom Eason, Tyler Evans, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Kieran Garvey, Jett Grimshaw, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Amelia Murray, Kaitlyn Norris, Aliza Purvis, Heidi Purvis, Michael Raglus, Lachlan Riley, Oli Schier, Emily Skinner, Laura Smith, Amber Tarrant, Abby Tate, Mary Westood.

SPELLING SUCCESS

The inaugural Diocesan Spelling Bee took place on Thursday 30th May in Wellington. Our spellers, Emilie Hassall, Kate Gilmour, Georgia Horan and Oliver Steer-Wright were competing against 50 other students from around the Diocese. They spelt some very challenging words and really enjoyed the experience! Special mention goes to Georgia Horan and Kate Gilmour who made it through to the final, with Kate finishing in equal third place. Congratulations to all our super spellers.

EISTEDDFOD EXCELLENCE

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

Infants Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST
Adjudicator’s comments included: ‘Artistic work of a high standard indeed, ‘Clarity in part and unison work brought the ‘emotion’ and the ‘journey’ to the audience so confidently’, ‘We could see that monster vividly – and feel the growing tensions splendidly in your poised and purposeful interpretation! Wonderful!’

Junior Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST
Adjudicator’s comments included: ‘Such an atmospheric interpretation that captured the varying temps of the wind.’ ‘Crisp words.’ ‘Lovely use of words throughout.’ ‘Faces and voices were alive in this imaginatively designed presented verse.’ ‘Articulation is so clear. Wonderful. We loved it.’

Senior Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST
Adjudicator’s comments included: ‘Poise entry to stage noted.’ ‘Much artistry observed in the presentation.’ ‘Nicely projected out in clarity with wide emphatic variances.’ ‘Part work wonderful.’ ‘The soft volume to open caught the tense atmosphere quickly and again control and splendid modular techniques built the moment so that we could hardly breathe.’

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

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools Science Competition will be held tomorrow, Friday, 7 June for those students who entered this competition.

YEAR 5 LITURGY

Year 5 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 13 June in St Joseph’s Church. Morning tea will follow the Liturgy so please bring a plate to share.

ATHLETICS COACHING

Sport for the primary school students will be on Wednesday next week as Tracey Quayle from Active After Schools has organised a coach from Little Athletics to visit our school. Following is the timetable for the day:

- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. – Year 3
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. – Year 4
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – Year 5
- 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Year 6

Therefore all primary students should wear their sports uniform on Wednesday next week, NOT Friday.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS – ATHLETICS COACHING

Following the athletics coaching for primary sport next Wednesday, the Little Athletics coach will remain at school for Active After Schools. This athletics session is open to all children from Kinder to Year 6 and will conclude at 4:30 p.m.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joey’s Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval on Friday, 28 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, 12 June. We will be running heats of the 200 m events on Thursday, 20 June at 1:30 p.m. at McGrane Oval. We will also require helpers to judge 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 the week prior to the carnival and if your child wishes to order his/her lunch at the carnival you will need to return the lunch order by Monday, 24 June.

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, 21 June. During the last week of term on Monday, 24 June, Tuesday, 25 June and Wednesday, 26 June, the teachers will be available for parent/teacher interviews. A note regarding parent/teacher interviews went home last week. 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 note and return it to school by next Wednesday, 12 June. We will arrange an appointment. 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 note and return it to school. An interview slip will be included with the reports advising you of the day and time.

STANDARD COLLECTION NOTICE

The Catholic Education Office has recently updated the standard collection notice which goes out to all families in all schools. As there have been a number of amendments made to the collection notice over the past few years, we are re-sending it out to all existing families. The Standard Collection Notice is with today’s About. Could you please read this notice and acknowledge this by signing it at the bottom. It is mandatory that all schools inform parents of standard collection procedures under the Privacy Legislation. Your prompt return of the form would be very much appreciated.

NATIVE BIRD GARDEN

Last year our school was successful in obtaining a grant from the Catchment Management Authority (CMA) Castlereagh to create a native bird garden in our school grounds. The garden will become a habitat for...
birds and other wildlife and will be utilised as a site for outdoor classes. The preparation of the garden is nearly complete and will soon be ready for planting native shrubs and grasses which are indigenous to our local area. The Gilgandra Men’s Shed has kindly constructed bird nesting boxes which will be placed amongst the flora of the garden and in the school playground. A big thank you to Thomas Payne from the CMA for his valuable input as we create this valuable resource for our school.

AUTISM/ASPERGERS SUPPORT GROUP MORNING TEA

Catholic Community Services is working together with House With No Steps and Westside NSW Local Health District to provide a support group morning tea for carers and/or families of young persons with Autism and/or Aspergers. The next morning tea will be held on Monday, 17 June at Sticks and Stone Woodfire Pizza Dubbo from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For further information, contact the office.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: KINDER: Lucy Mclsaac for being a keen learner, Harry Muddford for excellent work in ‘sounding out’ in Story Writing, Ava Meyers for great efforts in learning to count to 30 and Jett Chandler for improvement in his cutting skills. YEAR 1: Ry Heffer and Kyzack Corcoran for writing fantastic comprehension responses, Tom Dunn for a fantastic effort in solving addition and subtraction problems, Dennis Gale for a top effort in working with 3D shapes, Chloe Muddford for ‘Giving of Her Best’ in all tasks and Sophie Winterton for a great improvement in her writing. YEAR 2: Patrick Spora for enthusiastic participation in our eisteddfod practices, Max Cruckshank, Kelsey Hutchison and Bradley Gibson for a wonderful effort in Story Writing and Breanna Foran, Tayarna McKenzie and Rani Digs for wonderful independent work during reading groups. YEAR 3: Jett Grimshaw for enthusiasm towards all class activities, Ashleigh Carlow for always being such a positive member of the class, Charlie Banks and Michael Raglus for writing fantastic narratives and Amber Tarrant for a consistent effort towards eisteddfod participation. YEAR 4: Lucy Davis, Alex Beveridge and Rebecca Gaff for writing suspense filled stories about ‘The Storm’ and Millia Banks, Lachlan Fairey, Tarah Foran, Kate Gilmour, Chloe Godber and Aiden Ryan for excellent expression and effort during eisteddfod practices. YEAR 5: Jack Bonus-Stroma for ‘Giving of His Best’ in all class activities, Tobey Creanena for always being willing to lend a hand and help others and Grace Lummis for fantastic organisation and presentation of her Morocco project. YEAR 6: Brock Bonus-Stroma for improved work in Operations, Olivia Gale and Henry Johnson for great results in Comprehension and Andrea Chapman for beautiful blending of a night sky in Art.

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 6 - Year 5 Reconciliation
Friday, 7 June - Science Competition

WEEK 7

Monday, 10 June - Queen’s Birthday long weekend
Wednesday, 12 June - Year 6 Religion: Active After Schools Athletics Coaching
- Day/Primary Sport
Thursday, 13 June - Year 5 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 14 June - CPS Cross Country – Kaitlyn Norris & Caitlin Carlow
- CSIRO Visit

WEEK 8

Monday, 17 June - Writing Competition
- Active After Schools Tennis afternoon
Tuesday, 18 June - Spelling Competition
- P & F Meeting
Thursday, 20 June - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 21 June - Year 4 Hut Day
- Reports go home

WEEK 9

Monday, 24 June - NAIDOC Week Activities
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday, 25 June - NAIDOC Week Activities
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, 26 June - NAIDOC Week Activities
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday, 27 June - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 28 June - Primary Athletics Carnival
- Last Day Term 2

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER
This week has been another busy week for our Kindergarten children. We continue to revise and learn our sound of the week, ‘Bb’. Language groups have started and so far have been going well. These groups involve making mini books, sorting and matching sounds we have learnt, listening to sounds and making sentences with sight words. Our big book this week has been “The Bell On The Cat”. We are continuing to improve our ‘counting on’ skills with lots of practice and examples. During

Science and Technology we discussed how humans and animals change as they grow over time. There was also some great discussion about what baby and adult animals are called. In our HSIE unit we are learning about rules in our classroom, at school and at home. A big congratulations to William and Hayden on their efforts in the nursery rhyme section at the Dubbo Eisteddfod. Take care. Miss Bourke

YEAR 1
What a terrific day we had yesterday. A big congratulations to all the Year 1 and 2 students for the effort they gave at the Eisteddfod. This week has been all about the ‘br’ and ‘cr’ sound in Spelling. In Text Types we have begun learning about ‘Emperor Penguins’ so we may begin writing an information report on them next week. Maths has seen us investigating 2D shapes and their properties and column graphs. In Religion we have started a unit on bullying and how to be a peacemaker. Have a great weekend. Miss Smith

YEAR 2
What champions Years 1 and 2 are! Congratulations on your fantastic team effort at the Dubbo Eisteddfod. Everybody was so proud of your performance and you certainly all remembered to ‘Give Of Your Best’. Thank you. We even had extra entertainment on the way home with a flat tyre – but thanks to our bus driver, Brenton, we all arrived back at school safe and sound! We are revising many of our Maths concepts this week and completing portfolio tasks in HSIE and Writing. We have begun our Religion unit on ‘Saints’ and are looking forward to researching their lives and how they became Saints. Year 3 on your beautiful Communion Mass last Sunday. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Larkin & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 3
What a beautiful day we had on Sunday as Year 3 celebrated First Holy Communion. I was so proud of the class for their preparation and reverent participation. Thank you to everyone involved for making it such a special day. Congratulations to the students on their outstanding eisteddfod performance this morning. What a fantastic performance of ‘Give Of Your Best’. Our narrative writing this week had us coming up with ideas for our class narrative titled “In Grandpa’s Shed” while in Maths we have worked on counting by hundreds, interpreting tables and money. Our Science topic, ‘Eating Out’ has had us discussing foods that are high in salt, sugar and fat. We even looked at the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating. Thank you Year 3 for a memorable week. Mr Sooyer

YEAR 4
Congratulations to all the students who competed at the Dubbo Eisteddfod – a fantastic effort and you are to be commended for your hard work and enthusiasm, not just for today’s performance, but for the weeks leading up to the big day. Well done! Year 4 has had students representing our school in individual eisteddfod poems and the Spelling Bee too – a team effort for the Mighty Joey’s! Hut Day looms closer and closer and so hopefully everyone has been gathering things to start the building process of these terrific huts. In HSIE we’ve been looking closely at hut styles from the 1800’s and have realised just how busy the early settlers were during a typical day. If you have any questions about Hut Day, let me know. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Bray

YEAR 5
What a fantastic effort by all at the Dubbo Eisteddfod. Congratulations Years 5 & 6 on your fantastic performance. Well done! This week in Year 5 the students have been busy preparing for our upcoming Liturgy next week as well as getting some portfolio tasks done. A reminder to all that portfolios need to be returned to our classroom ASAP so we can put all our work from Term 2 into them. CWA projects have now been handed in which now sees all the students begin planning and preparing their speeches for class presentation in Week 7. If there are any concerns regarding this please come and see me before the due date so we can have everyone ready to present next Monday. Have a great weekend. Mr Keag

YEAR 6
Congratulations to Year 3 on their beautiful First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday. It was wonderful to see so many of our St Joey’s classmatess there to support them. In Maths we studied spread sheets and created ‘rockets’ to revise work on centimetres and metres. Using straws and other classroom materials the students designed and built an aerodynamic rocket and then flew these to see which one travelled the furthest. After estimating and then measuring the distance our winner was Jacob whose rocket flew a fantastic 10.8 m! In Science we investigated historical communication from hieroglyphics to the telegraph. We also continued work on our PowerPoint presentation on the development of the telephone. Congratulations to our Years 5 and 6 eisteddfod choir on their impressive effort today. Well done. Mrs Banks & Mrs Schier

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 7 June – Mel Phillips & Lorna Doran-Spore
Monday, 10 June – Queen’s Birthday holiday
Wednesday, 12 June – Brenda Purvis & Deanna Ferguson
Friday, 14 June – Paula Purvis & Anneke Aro

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 9 June – Georgia Horan, Caitlin Spora, Matthew Ferguson, John Spora