INDIVIDUAL PERFORMERS SHINE AT EISTEDDFOD
Congratulations to the following students who performed an individual item at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod last week. To get up and perform on your own makes you a real champion. Well done!

**Kinder Nursery Rhymes:** William Spora – Second, Hayden Ferguson – Highly Commended.

**Year 1 Poetry:** Declan Garvey – Third

**Year 2 Poetry:** Patrick Spora – Second, Sophie Hassall – Third, Bradley Kilday, Kelsey Hutchison

**Year 3 Poetry:** Laura Smith – Third, Ashleigh Carlow – Highly Commended, James & Olivia Ferguson – Highly Commended

**Year 4 Poetry:** Harry Spora – Second, Emilie Hassall – Highly Commended, Alex Beveridge, James Kilday

**Year 5 Poetry:** Caitlin Spora – Highly Commended

HALF YEARLY REPORTS – PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Your child’s half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family next 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 recently. 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 Tuesday, 18 June. We hope to have more helpers and another roster is with today’s About outlining all the jobs. Unfortunately we have only had three people offer to help at this stage.

RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION
The Year 6 Confirmation candidates will be participating in a Rite of Commitment for Confirmation at Mass on Sunday, 23 June at 9:45 a.m. During the Mass they will be stating their commitment to prepare themselves for Confirmation. Their families and the parish will be asked to support and pray for the Confirmation candidates.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The St Jo’s Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval on Friday, 28 June. The back-up date in case of wet weather is Monday, 15 July. This is the first day back in Term 3. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6). We will need officials to help with the judging of the events and we will also need helpers to run the canteen. There was a note with last week’s About outlining all the jobs. Unfortunately we have only had three people offer to help at this stage. We desperately need more helpers and another roster is with today’s About. If you are able to assist in any way please write your name down and return it to school by next Tuesday, 18 June. 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, 24 June.

PRIMARY SPORT – NEXT TUESDAY
Sport for the primary students will be on TUESDAY next week as the athletics coaching which was going to be held this week but had to be cancelled due to wet weather will now be held next Tuesday. We will also run the heats of the 200 m. Therefore all primary students should wear their sports uniform on Tuesday next week, NOT Friday.

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES
During the last week of term we will celebrate NAIDOC week at our school. The program will be as follows:

- **Monday, 24 June**
  - Craft day and story telling with Mrs Reid and Mrs Pearce
  - 11:20 a.m. Flag raising, cake cutting
  - Games after lunch

- **Tuesday, 25 June**
  - 9:00 a.m. Mass
  - 1:00 p.m. BBQ lunch

- **Wednesday, 26 June**
  - ‘Go the Blues’ - come to school dressed in blue in support of the Fred Hollows Foundation.

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS
We wish Caitlin Carlow and Kaitlyn Norris the best of luck as they compete in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Cross Country Championships to be held at Eastern Creek tomorrow, Friday, 14 June. Kaitlyn will run in the 9 years old race event while Caitlin will run in the 11 years old race. A great effort by our C/Kaities to reach this high level of competition.

CSIRO SCIENCE EDUCATION PROGRAM
The CSIRO will be visiting our school this Friday 14th June. K – 4 students will be attending the “Seeing The Light” show. This fascinating Science program explores the amazing and unexpected properties of light and discovers why light is not only essential to the survival of all humans, but how it can be used in entertainment, security and information transfer in a modern world. Years 5 and 6 students will be attending a hands-on workshop where they will have the opportunity to experiment with and learn about electronics. We are all looking forward to this exciting program.

ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING COMPETITIONS
The ICAS Writing Competition will be held on Monday, 17 June and the ICAS Spelling Competition on Tuesday, 18 June for those children who have entered these competitions.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS – TENNIS AFTERNOON
We have had a terrific response to the Active After Schools Program. Tennis afternoon to be held next Monday, 17 June from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. at the Gilgandra Tennis Courts, with 42 children taking part. The children will participate in a tennis challenge which will be organized by Andrew Kensit from ‘School of Tennis’ with the support of Tracey Quayle, the coordinator of the Active After Schools Program. Parents are encouraged to come along and watch and/or join in. The afternoon will involve children from our school and Gilgandra Junior Tennis. The children are asked to bring a hat, water bottle and tennis racquet, if they have one. This will be our final active after schools session for Term 2. Active After Schools will recommence next term.

JUNE P & F MEETING
The June P & F Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 18 June at 7:30 p.m. in the school staff room. All are invited to come along.

YEAR 1 LITURGY
Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 20 June in St Joseph’s Church at 10:30 a.m. Morning tea will follow the Liturgy, so please bring a plate to share. Everyone is welcome.

YEAR 4 HUT DAY
The huts are starting to come in and everyone is getting very excited about the Year 4 Early Settlers Day to be held on Friday, 21 June. The day begins with morning tea at 10:45 a.m. followed by the presentation of huts at 11:20 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. It’s sure to be a great day.
NATIVE BIRD GARDEN COMPETITION
To coincide with the creation of our native bird garden we are inviting the students of St Joseph’s to decide on a name for the garden. Once the name has been decided it will be put on a sign and placed in the garden and unveiled at the official opening. A wonderful prize will be awarded to the winning entry. Entries can be placed in the box in the office. Entries will close on Monday, 24 June.

PUPIL FREE DAY
Friday, 16 July (this is the first Friday of Term 3) will be a pupil free day. All teachers in the Bathurst Diocese will attend Contemporary Learning Conferences presented by Mr Julian Ackland, Education and Learning Consultant. These conferences will look at developing education that
- nurtures the human spirit, is personalised and customised,
- helps the learning ‘learn to think’ and ‘learn to learn’,
- integrates information and communication technologies,
- is collaborative and leads to deep personal meaning.
The teachers from our school will attend the conference in Dubbo on Friday, 16 July, therefore there will be no school for the children on this day.

NSW PSSA STATE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS
The NSW PSSA State Golf Championships will be held at Port Macquarie Golf Club on Monday, 9th and Tuesday, 10th September. For students to be eligible to nominate they must have a handicap of equal or less than 36 (boys) or 45 (girls). For further information contact Mrs Hodge in the office.

GILGANDRA PRESCHOOL
Gilgandra Preschool is now taking enrolments for 2014. Interested parents and carers are encouraged to phone the Preschool on 6847 2330 to obtain enrolment forms or pop in and familiarise themselves with the Preschool staff and environment. Parents of children already attending the Preschool are also asked to contact the Preschool regarding their preference for days in 2014.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH CENTRE
Gilgandra Christian Outreach Centre presents a free sausage sizzle on Saturday, 15 June from 10:30 – 1:00 at the Gilgandra Community Plaza. This will be followed by a worship experience workshop including electric guitar and keyboard with Glenda and Jason Hare at 2:30 p.m. at the Christian Outreach Centre, 44 Miller Street.

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received a Merit Award at Assembly on Monday for their fantastic individual performances at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod:
- Hayden Ferguson, William Spora, Declan Garvey, Sophie Hassall, Bradley Kidley, Patrick Spora, Kelsey Hutchison, Ashleigh Carlow, Lauretta Smith, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Alex Beveridge, Emille Hassall, Harry Spora, James Kidley, Caitlin Spora

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 7
- Friday, 14 June - CPS Cross Country – Kaitlyn Norris & Caitlin Carlow
- Monday, 17 June - CSIRO Visit

WEEK 8
- Monday, 17 June - Writing Competition
- Tuesday, 18 June - Active After Schools Tennis afternoon
- Tuesday, 18 June - Spelling Competition
- Tuesday, 18 June - Primary Sport
- Thursday, 20 June - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 21 June - Year 4 Hut Day – 10:45 p.m.
- Sunday, 23 June - Reports go home

WEEK 9
- Monday, 24 June - NAI DOC Week Activities
- Tuesday, 25 June - NAIDOC Week Activities
- Tuesday, 25 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday, 26 June - ‘Go the Blues’ Day
- Thursday, 27 June - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 28 June - Dr. Dudley Ahken, Education and Technology, Last Day Term 2

TERM 3

WEEK 1
- Monday, 15 July - First Day Term 3
- Tuesday, 16 July - Athletics Carnival back-up date
- Thursday, 18 July - Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, 19 June - Pupil Free Day – Contemporary Learning

CANTEEN ROSTER
- Monday, 17 June – Paula Purvis & Susie Harvey
- Wednesday, 19 June – Kylee Carlow & Anneke Aro
- Friday, 21 June – Sally Beveridge & Carol Alchin

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
- Sunday, 16 June – Jasper Schembri, Ruby Schembri, James O’Neill, Shantell Raines

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

YEAR 1
What a quick week it has been. In Spelling this week Year 1 has been exploring the ‘g’ sound as in ‘giant’. We have also discussed exclamations in Grammar and written exclamations to accompany various situations and characters. In Text types we have continued our research on penguins and have completed an information report on this very interesting member of the bird species. We are developing our paper weaving skills in Art by completing a ‘Penguins on Ice’ artwork. Religion involves us finding out about the various types of bullying and how we can be peacemakers. Have a relaxing weekend and I hope to see you at our Liturgy next Thursday.

YEAR 2
It’s been another busy week in Year 2 as we complete our testing of concepts learnt this semester. We’ve continued learning about symbols used in our Church such as water, oil and candle light. During HSIE we are discovering facts about some of the many annual festivals held in Japan. Our Maths focus has been following directions and counting backwards including starting from numbers between 100 and 200. Our reading group activities continue with children enjoying activities on the iPads. We hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

YEAR 3
This week Year 3 has been working on the correct use of commas. We have written very interesting sentences in this process. In Maths we have looked at another addition strategy which guided students to look at the place value of numbers. Year 3 has also discussed various multiplication strategies to work out some of the more difficult facts. One strategy we came up with was the use of skip counting. In PE we had the opportunity to practise our high jump. It was great to see the great sportsmanship from Year 3. Religion has led us to the topic of ‘bullying’ and as a class we talked about bullying and what it means to us.

YEAR 4
Everyone looked refreshed after the long weekend and has been busy preparing their hut day speeches and practising their speeches using palm cards. Don’t forget to send in the completed huts as soon as they are finished so we can display them at school. There has been some very creative people at work over the past few weeks. Hut Day is next Friday. I hope to see lots of people here at school to help celebrate this special fun day. Our HSIE unit on early settlers roles and hut building back in the 1800’s has been the main focus during the week. Have a great weekend. Happy hut building!

YEAR 5
What a great Liturgy Year 5 presented today. A massive congratulations to all students who did an amazing job preparing for this event. A special thank you to all the parents and friends that took time out of their day to attend the Liturgy. In class this week we have been busy getting our test tasks finished. A reminder once again to those who are yet to return their folders - can you please do so as it ensures they are ready to give out in Week 9. Sport has seen us become athletics champions as we refine our skills in Long Jump whilst in Religion we are continuing to reflect upon ‘Bullying’ and how we can stop it in our lives. Have a great weekend.

YEAR 6
This week in Year 6 we have started our Confirmation Program by discussing this important event and its significance in our lives. It is very exciting and we are looking forward to the weeks ahead as we prepare for this important step in our faith journey. In Maths we have looked at expanding numbers, place value and rotational symmetry and we are still being challenged with equivalent fractions. Year 6 has written some terrific poems using similes and metaphors to enhance the descriptive aspect of our poems. Next week we will be presenting our information report speeches. Remember they need to be 3 minutes long and on palm cards. We are really looking forward to hearing them!

Mrs Banks & Mrs Schier

Mrs Larkin & Mrs Newstead

Mrs Bray

Mr Ready

Mrs Purvis

Mrs Raines