FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Joseph’s Church – this Sunday, 22 June – 9:45 a.m.

First Holy Communion Day is almost here and we can’t wait! The Year 3 class has been preparing themselves for this special day for a long time and it is exciting that the wait is almost over. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Joseph’s Church this Sunday, 22 June at 9:45 a.m. Hopefully the church will be full of family and friends and members of the school community. Please keep our First Holy Communion class in your thoughts and prayers: Tylah Anforth, Clarissa Boxall, Skye Bui, Jack Chandler, Max Cruickshank, Anton Davis, Rani Diggs, Marshall Fairey, Laura Farragher, Zac Ferguson, Brenna Foran, Mason Fryers, William Fuller, William Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Sophie Hassall, Kelsey Hutchison, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Harrison King, Olivia McClelland, Bob McEwen, Tayarna McKenzie, Rhys O’Neill, Jack Purvis, Joshua Purvis, Mackaylah Ross, Jessica Scholte, Patrick Spora, Ella Wykes.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Thank you to those who have offered to help at the Primary Athletics Carnival which will be held at McGrane Oval tomorrow, Friday, 20 June. We still need helpers in the senior girls and boys long jump and high jump and timekeepers for the 100 m heats. A roster has gone home to everyone today and please note that the times listed are only approximate, events may start earlier or later. Children should come to school first dressed in their sports uniform. Hopefully we will see lots there to cheer on the children.

JUNE P & F MEETING

Thank you to those who attended the June P & F Meeting held on Tuesday. At the meeting it was decided to pay for sporting levis, music resources, library books, ground maintenance, to supplement the cost of bus hire to the Dubbo Eisteddfod and Moorambilla. Again the school thanks the P & F for their hard work and generosity.

HALF YEARLY REPORTS – PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Your child’s half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family tomorrow, Friday, 20 June. Next week, on Monday, 23 June, Tuesday, 24 June and Wednesday, 25 June, the teachers will be available for parent/teacher interviews. Those people who have indicated they require an interview will receive an appointment date and time with the parents tomorrow. All staff members are looking forward to meeting parents and discussing your child’s progress. If you do require an interview will receive an appointment date and time with the

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES

Next week we will celebrate NAIDOC Week at our school. The program will be as follows:

Monday, 23 June
9:00 a.m.  Flag Raising
            Welcome – Mrs Iris Reid
            Cake Cutting
9:00 – 1:00 p.m. Story Telling with Mrs Reid and Mrs Pearce
2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Games with Damien Day

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

PEACHEY/RICHARDSON FINALISTS

We wish our Years 3/4 team and Years 5/6 team the best of luck next Wednesday in Dubbo as they compete in the finals of the Russell Richardson Cup and the David Peachey Shield. The boys have trained really well and we congratulate them on reaching the finals. The Years 3/4 team consists of Hamish Beveridge, Tom Eason, Jett Grimshaw, Tyler Evans, Lachlan Riley, Charlie Banks, Rhys O’Neill, Mason Fryers, James Ferguson, Pat Spora and Zac Ferguson. The Years 5/6 team consist of Noah Ryan, James O’Neill, Mitchell Carlow, Martin Fryers, Aidan Ryan, Kyle Welsh, John Spora, Jye Day, Harry Spora and Isaac Frost.

YEAR 4 HUT DAY

The huts are coming in and they look fabulous! Once again so much hard work has gone into creating them. Everyone is very excited about the Year 4 Early Settlers Day to be held next Thursday, 26 June. The day begins with morning tea at 11:00 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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, 22 July from 3:30 – 4:15 p.m. in the school hall. This will be a great opportunity to purchase quality books, both fiction and non-fiction, suitable for infants and primary aged children. I look forward to seeing you there. Mrs Kilby (Librarian)

FREE SECOND HAND JUMPERS

Our clothing pool currently has an abundance of second hand school jumpers. If anyone would like a spare jumper, we are giving them away next Thursday between 3:20 and 4:00 p.m. Just call in to the clothing pool during this time.

WHITE JOGGERS

The subject of the children’s joggers was raised at the P & F Meeting on Tuesday. It has been noticed that some joggers have become extremely colourful. Just a reminder that the children’s sports shoes should be predominately white.

LEARN ABOUT ANXIETY DISORDERS

There will be a free public forum to find out more about common anxiety disorders including Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD), Social Anxiety Disorder, Panic Disorder, Agoraphobia, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Generalised Anxiety Disorder on Tuesday, 22 June at the Gilgandra Services Club commencing at 9:30 a.m. Learn about what helps recovery and what services are available.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Tahleigh Davey for making a fabulous effort in Maths Warm-Up, Blake Fairey for his efforts in making a crazy cat, Michael Ibe for his creative story writing, Alison Mudford for a great effort in making a crazy cat and Grace Jones-Copelin for a great description of Mrs Wishy Washy.

YEAR 1: Ryan Ferguson for writing a great information report about saltwater crocodiles, Paige Gilmour for a great effort completing questions about money, Nick Gale for creating a fantastic birds nest, Jasmine Zell for applying painting skills well, Elten
Walker for fantastic reading at our Liturgy, Fletcher Jackson for wonderful participation in our Liturgy and Samantha Naden for ‘Giving Of Her Best’ in all tasks.

YEAR 2: Kyzack Corcoran for great work with mathematical problem solving, Richard Glover for radical reading, Jacob Harland for wonderful painting of your cherry blossoms and Ry Heffer for a super effort in Maths.

YEAR 3: Skye Bui for outstanding work in Maths, Mason Fryers for always being a kind and considerate classmate, Tayarna McKenzie always ‘Giving Of Her Best’, Zac Ferguson and William Fuller for working well in Comprehension and Jack Purvis for excellent work in Spelling.

YEAR 4: Hamish Beveridge and James Ferguson for working hard in HSIE on our ‘Early Settlers’ unit, Mary Westwood and Aliza Purvis for trying hard in all class activities and Madison Hourigan and Emily Skinner for writing ‘delicious’ procedures on how to make a stew.

YEAR 5: Ryan Carter for working well during reading groups, Julia Cusack for always asking questions to clarify understanding, Lauchlan Bash for improved achievement in Maths and Zoe Welsh for always being willing to help out in class.

YEAR 6: Matilda Cruickshank and Isaac Frost for excellent working out in Maths Operations, Harriet Beveridge for beautiful bookwork and Brock Johnston for an excellent description of ‘Old Ridley’.

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 8
Friday, 20 June - Athletics Carnival
- Reports Home
Sunday, 22 June - First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 9
Monday, 23 June - NAIDOC Week activities
Tuesday, 24 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- NAIDOC Week activities
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, 25 June - Peachey/ Richardson Finals
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday, 26 June - Year 4 Hut Day – 11:00 a.m.
Friday, 27 June - Last Day Term 2
- Athletics Carnival back-up date

TERM 3 WEEK 1
Monday, 14 July - First day Term 3
Tuesday, 15 – Friday, 18 July - Years 5/6 Canberra Excursion

WEEK 2
Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July - PSSA Touch – Noah Ryan
Tuesday, 22 July - Book Fair
Thursday, 24 July - Western Regional Athletics Carnivals Dubbo

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER What a chilly week! Kinder has been busily working on lots of interesting and fun things. We are reading the Eric Carle classic, “Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?” and enjoyed researching some information about real bears. We also painted our own brown bear. We wrote a recount about our weekend and a story about what ‘Brown Bear’ may have seen on his adventure. Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring in something for our sound table. We had balloons, books, beads, bells and bottles. Next week our sound is ‘Nn’. In HSIE we enjoyed learning how to use chopsticks and we even had a lolly race! We have completed our Maths portfolio task and tried really hard to sort objects into groups and concentrated on the numeral 0. Good luck to our primary friends who have their sports carnival tomorrow. Go the Kurras!! Miss Bourke & Mrs Newsstead

YEAR 1 has had a lovely week. The children have learnt all about kangaroos and are beginning to write an information report about them. They have also learnt about the ‘o-o’ sound as in ‘note’ and I am very impressed with the brainstorm of words they have made. This week we have learnt about chance and length in Maths and have completed our portfolio task. In HSIE we have explored shelters in different countries and why these shelters are appropriate for these area. During sport this week the boys have enjoyed playing soccer while the girls have enjoyed playing tee-ball. Have a nice weekend. Miss Smith

YEAR 2 Our Monster theme is continuing in class and we’ve written monster cinquain poems. We’ve also enjoyed reading “The King Of Space” and “Welcome To Alien School”. We used these book to look at the structure of narratives and we also wrote a description of the character ‘Nogel’ in “Welcome To Alien School”. In Religion we’ve been looking at ‘What Is Bullying?’ and discussing strategies we can use to ensure everyone plays happily. Playing with water was lots of fun in Maths as we explored the concept of capacity by filling various shaped containers. We revised our 10 times tables which we thought were super easy, but decided we need more practice on our 3 times tables. Today we were able to participate in the CSIRO ‘Force & Movement’ show and everyone thought it was great! Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

YEAR 3 This week Year 3 has been busily preparing for our First Holy Communion on Sunday. Year 3 is very excited with only 3 days to go! In the classroom we have worked on a comprehension activity about a cold winter morning. We have learnt about prepositions, nouns and pronouns in Grammar. Our PDH activity led us to examine the groups in our community to which we belong. In Writing we individually wrote an information report ‘About Me’. It was very interesting to learn a lot of the students’ likes and dislikes. Today we enjoyed an exciting Science presentation about force and movement. Year 3 is also very excited about our athletics carnival tomorrow. Go Peppers! Mr Soares

YEAR 4 Not many sleeps left until our Year 4 Hut Day. The huts that have been sent in look absolutely amazing! Keep sending them in and thank you for all the hard work that has gone into them. In class we’ve been working on our speeches and writing procedures in readiness for Hut Day next Thursday. Don’t forget to dress up in olden day clothes. If anyone is having any dramas with huts or clothing to wear please see me asap. We are also looking forward to Sunday when Year 3 receive their First Holy Communion. (It was us this time last year). We are keeping them in our prayers this week and hope to see lots of school mates at the church on Sunday to help them celebrate this special day. Have a great weekend. Miss Harvey

YEAR 5 The countdown is on! We are super excited in Year 5 for our upcoming excursion to Canberra and are busy making sure we know lots of things about our nation’s capital before we even arrive. This week we have been spending some time refining the presentation of our interviews for our excursion as well as looking at the Royal Australian Mint. In Maths we have been revising roman numerals as well as having a go at creating our own line graphs. We wish all our Year 3 class the best of luck as they celebrate a special day on Sunday receiving their First Holy Communion. We look forward to seeing you at our athletics carnival tomorrow if you can make it. Have a great weekend. Mr Keady

YEAR 6 It has been another great week in Year 6! We have been continuing our work on Canberra in preparation for our excursion. We’ve learnt about Parliament House, the War Memorial and the Snowy Hydro Scheme. We’ve also been practising our interviews to make them entertaining and informative for the audience. In Maths we have been looking at the order of operations and adding and subtracting fractions. We are remembering that we cannot add or subtract until the denominators are the same! During Religion we have been discussing what bullying is and identifying the types of bullying. We have reviewed our rights and responsibilities as students of our school and how we can ensure everyone is safe and happy. Some more speeches are being presented this week and it is great to see everyone working on their timing and eye contact. Well done! Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday, 20 June – Alicia Heffer
Monday, 23 June – Anna Pearl & Elizabeth Cnuickshank
Wednesday, 25 June – Michelle Woollams & Jessica Whitehouse
Friday, 27 June – Brenda Purvis & Deanna Ferguson

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Sunday, 22 June – Martin Fryers, James O’Neill, Lachlan Fairley, Caitlin Spora