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**INTERVIEWS**

Your child’s half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in Years 1 and 2. If you require an interview will receive an appointment date and time with the teachers tomorrow. All staff members are looking forward to meeting parents and discussing your child’s progress. If you do require an interview and haven’t let us know yet, please do so as soon as possible.

**CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS**

Congratulations to Caitlin Carlow and Kaitlyn Norris who competed in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Cross Country Championships held at Eastern Creek on Friday. Kaitlyn ran in the 9 years 2 km event while Caitlin competed in the 11 years 3 km event. It was a great effort by our C/Kaities to reach this high level of competition. Special mention to Kaitlyn Norris who came fourth in her event and will now compete at the NSW PSSA Cross Country championships to be held next term. Well done Kaitlyn!

**JUNE P & F MEETING**

Thank you to those who attended our June P & F Meeting on Tuesday. It was a very productive meeting with the P & F agreeing to fund the following for the school: the children’s entry into the CSIRO Travelling Science show, subsidise buses to the eisteddfod, sporting levies, external hard drives for school laptops, further library books, maintenance, Reading Box resources, vacuum cleaners for the classrooms, six more iPads, an iPad adapter, an iPod Touch and reading group books for Years 1 and 2. The school is most grateful for the generosity of our P & F Association and all these things will be a tremendous benefit to the children. It’s great to see the hard work of the members of the P & F repaid in such a positive manner.

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**KINDER LITURGY**

Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 27 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 all 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 tomorrow, 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.

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**FINAL WEEK FOR SCHOOL BANKING IN TERM 2**

This will be the final week for school banking for Term 2. Banking with the CDF will continue each Tuesday in Term 3.

**PUPIL FREE DAY**

Friday, 19 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 Dr Julia Aiken, 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,
- 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.

**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.

**IN THE CANTEEN TOMORROW**

Hot Roast Beef Gravy Rolls - $3.00 each. Sounds great!

**THE NATIONAL SOLAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM**

The National Solar Schools Program provided funding to primary and secondary schools to install solar and other renewable power systems, rainwater tanks and a range of energy efficiency measures. Our school received $50,000.00 to install solar panels. Through this
funding, we have received a range of benefits including: improving our energy efficiency and reducing our electricity costs. Videos that showcase environmental activities being undertaken in solar schools across Australia are available online at: [http://bit.ly/14yaPP](http://bit.ly/14yaPP). The Australian Government’s Living Greener website also provides some great tips for households to reduce their energy consumption. For further information go to: [www.livinggreener.gov.au/energy](http://www.livinggreener.gov.au/energy).

### 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.

### STANNIES OLD BOYS TRIENNIAL REUNION

Stannies Old Boys and their partners are cordially invited to attend the 2013 Triennial Reunion set down for the weekend of 26 - 28 July. Full itinerary available on [www.stanniesoldboys.com](http://www.stanniesoldboys.com) The OBA encourages Old Boys to gather a few mates for dinner in the Stannies Performing Arts Centre, Saturday 27 July, tickets $75.00 each available at the Stannies Business Office (cash, Visa etc.) or online [www.stanniesoldboys.com](http://www.stanniesoldboys.com) For further information contact President Lachlan Sullivan on 0400 312 795.

### MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER**: Paige Gilmour for her beautiful drawings in Religion, Nick Gale for great story writing, Audrey Carter for great story writing and Ryley Smith for great handwriting in all areas.

**YEAR 1**: Sarah Temple, Zahlia Proctor, Dylen Murray, Camilla Beveridge and Aiden Walker for writing very interesting acrostic poems on penguins. **YEAR 2**: Jacob Harland for writing a wonderful recount about the Dubbo Eisteddfod. Harrison King for great contributions to our HSIE topic, ‘Japan’, Joshua Purvis for great independent work in Mathematics, Jack Purvis for a fantastic effort to complete set tasks, Mason Fryers for being a great classroom helper, Marshall Fairley for wonderful contributions to our class discussions and Isha Aro and Skye Bui for being great group leaders.

**YEAR 3**: Michael Raglus and Aliza Purvis for wonderful title pages in Religion, Kaitlyn Norris for working hard in Problem A Day. Jett Grimshaw for great efforts in Operations and Tyler Evans for making a huge effort in Spelling. **YEAR 4**: Grace Alchin for being an organised and hard working student in all class activities, Ryan Carter for good work in HSIE, Darren Doherty for consistent effort and hard work in Maths, Zoe Welsh and Sinead Sutton for fabulous, speedy and accurate work in Maths challenges and Rebecca Gaff for an outstanding effort in the Star Reader programme. **YEAR 5**: Liberty Barden for a fantastic effort towards writing her speech, Madden Eason for always being willing to be involved in day activities. Daimon Horne for wonderful presentation of his ‘landscape art’ and Kayla Bonus-Straub, Matthew Ferguson and John Raglus for an improved effort in text type writing. **YEAR 6**: Caitlin Carlow, Carissa Harrison-Reid, Toby Cruickshank and Loki Ryan for being caring and dedicated reading tutors.

### WHAT’S ON

**WEEK 8**
- Friday, 21 June - Year 4 Hut Day - Reports go home
- Sunday, 23 June - Rite of Commitment for Confirmation – 9:45

**WEEK 9**
- Monday, 24 June - NAIDOC Week Activities - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday, 25 June - NAIDOC Week Activities - Parent/Teacher Interviews -- NAIDOC Week Activities - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday, 26 June - ‘Go the Blues’ Day - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday, 27 June - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 28 June - Primary Athletics Carnival - Last Day Term 2

**TERM 3**

**WEEK 1**
- Monday, 15 July - First Day Term 3 - Athletics Carnival back-up date
- Thursday, 18 July - Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, 19 June - Pupil Free Day – Contemporary Learning - Dubbo
- Wednesday, 26 June - PSSA Cross Country – Kaitlyn Norris

**WEEK 2**
- Thursday, 25 July - Book Fair
- Friday, 26 July - Western Region Athletics - Dubbo

### AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

**KINDER** This week in Kindergarten we have continued to revise and learn our sound of the week being the letter ‘Kk’. Children are continuing to improve writing their own stories each day, recognising previous and new sight words being used. During HSIE we discussed how we can work well with others. There was some great discussion on what kind of actions and things we can say to each other in large or small groups. Just a reminder to those children with readings for our Liturgy next week, if they can keep practising it would be appreciated. Take care.

**Miss Bouke**

**YEAR 1** There is only one week left of Term 2! In spelling Year 1 has been examining the ‘ar’ sound. Our work on text types has continued to focus on information reports. This week we have begun researching sharks and writing an information report about these magnificent ocean animals. In Maths we investigated area, addition and probability. For HSIE we explored the traditional types of shelters constructed and used by Aboriginal Australians. Have a fantastic weekend.

**Miss Smith**

**YEAR 2** In Year 2 this week we have been writing about some special saints and how they listened to God and followed His special message of loving everyone. Our grammar focus has been contractions and synonyms, which are words that have a similar meaning like ‘beautiful’ and ‘gorgeous’. We have completed some great Ancient Egyptian masks in Art and have enjoyed discussing some interesting facts about their history. In Maths we’ve been working on our portfolio task and practising our number facts. Have a great weekend.

**Mrs Larkin & Mrs Newsread**

**YEAR 3** This week Year 3 has been using iPads to assist with publishing their narratives. This has given the students opportunities to integrate audio and images to support and enhance their writing. I’m sure this valuable activity was enjoyed by all. It was great to see the high levels of creativity. In Maths we have been collecting and graphing data that was collected by the students. We have also examined mass where we have focused on kilograms and comparing the weight of different objects. In Religion we have continued our ‘Bullying’ topic and its different forms. During Science we learnt about what makes a balanced diet. Have a great weekend.

**Mr Soady**

**YEAR 4** Tomorrow is our Hut Day and we can’t wait! The huts look sensational and a huge thank you to all the mums and dads who helped with this project. Congratulations to everyone – they are ‘simply the best’. Everyone has been practising their speeches and we look forward to entertaining you with some Aussie bush songs and dancing. Please bring a plate of goodies to share and we’ll all have a wonderful day. See you tomorrow.

**Mrs Bray**

**YEAR 5** As the term begins to wind down Year 5 is still busy with everything happening at school. This week we have been training hard for the upcoming sports carnival as well as finishing off our portfolios that will go home next week. If for some reason a student cannot participate in our sports training could they please bring in a note. Homework has returned to normal this week and is due on FRIDAY. Have a great weekend.

**Mr Keady**

**YEAR 6** It has been another great week in Year 6! We have been continuing our Confirmation program by revising the Sacraments and looking specifically at the Sacraments of Initiation. We are learning that by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation we are completing our initiation into the Catholic Church. This means we are becoming like adults in the eyes of the Church. 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! Adverbial phrases has been our focus in Grammar and in Writing we have been looking at Information Reports. 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 Schier**

### CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 21 June – Carol Alchin & Sally Beveridge
Monday, 24 June – Jodie Walker & Christine Harland
Wednesday, 26 June – Melissa Welsh & Bill Welsh
Friday, 28 June – Cate Corcoran & Toni Fuller

### ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 23 June – Kyle Welsh, Henry Johnson, Caitlin Spora, James O’Neill