We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. School resumes for staff and students on Monday, 14 July.

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 attending Mass and 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 2014 First Holy Communion Class: Tylah Anforth, Clarissa Boxall, Skye Bui, Jack Challenger, Callie Chatfield, Max Cruickshank, Anton Davis, Rani Diggs, Marshall Fairey, Laura Farragher, Zac Ferguson, Breanna Foran, Mason Fryers, William Fuller, William Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Sophie Hassall, Kelsey Hutchinson, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Harrison King, Olivia Mc Clelland, Bob McEwen, Tayarna McKenzie, Rhys O’Neill, Jack Purvis, Joshua Purvis, Mackaylah Ross, Jessica Scholte, Patrick Spora, Ella Wykes.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Our primary athletics carnival was held last Friday at McGrane Oval. Congratulations to all the children for their participation, sportsmanship and skill shown on the day. Many thanks to the staff for organising such a great day and to all the parents, family and friends for helping out. Peppers were the winning house for the 2014 carnival.

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES
We’ve had a most enjoyable time celebrating NAIDOC Week. We began the week with a flag raising ceremony before Mrs Reid, Mrs Pearce, Kyle Welsh and Shari Grimshaw cut the NAIDOC cake. During the morning each class visited the library for some story telling with Mrs Reid. After lunch Mr Damien Day and his helpers organised a fun afternoon of games. Before we went home we all got a yummy piece of the NAIDOC cake. On Tuesday we began with a beautiful Mass in St Joseph’s Church. Lunch was scrumptious and we thank Mr Tiger Pearce and all the helpers for ensuring lunch was so lovely. NAIDOC Week is an important time to celebrate Indigenous Australia and we thank Mrs Pearce for her fabulous work in organising the variety of activities.

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU
What a fantastic two days we have had to celebrate NAIDOC Week. I would like to thank Mrs Reid, Tiger Pearce, Damien Day, Lesley Riley, Father Martin and Mrs Banks. Without the help of these people we could not have had these wonderful days. I would also like to thank all the staff at St Joe’s for their wonderful support and a very special thank you to all the students for such a great day and pictures. You all made our NAIDOC celebrations very special and myself very proud. Mrs Pearce

PEACHEY/RICHARDSON FINALISTS
St Joe’s stand-and-delivered at the Finals of the Peachey Shield and Richardson Cup held in Dubbo yesterday. Playing against some big, tough, talented sides the Joe’s boys more than held their own. At the end of the day a best and fairest team from both the Richardson Cup and Peachey Shield Competitions were named and Hamish Beveridge and Noah Ryan both won guernseys in these teams which were deserving rewards for them as they were outstanding all day. The Joe’s Peachey side was superbly directed around the field by James O’Neill and Noah Ryan. They found lots of support with supremely strong running from Isaac Frost, Mitchell Carlow, John Spora, Harry Spora and Jye Day. Kyle Welsh’s defence was devastating and he was very well supported by Aiden Ryan and Martin Fryers. This team won their first two pool games by four tries only to be beaten in their last game by one try. A disappointing result to miss the semi finals by a single try, but their effort wasn’t disappointing as each and every one was sensational. All present were very proud of the team. Well done! The Richardson team gave away a lot in size but just like the seniors they played amazingly well. Hamish Beveridge, Jett Grimshaw and Zac Ferguson were great organising the team and they found so many eager and strong runners in Tyler Evans, Charlie Banks, Patrick Spora and Lachlan Riley. Equally impressive were the unyielding defenders, Mason Fryers, Tom Eason and Rhys O’Neill. The team appreciated James Ferguson running the water. James broke his arm in Coonamble and it was fantastic having him back in the side. In their three games the boys lost the first by 2, had a draw in the second and went down by 1 in the third. A fabulous effort! At the end of the day all the players met current NRL 300 game player, John Morris as well as past players, Russell Richardson, Alan Tongue and Josh Perry who commented how impressed they were with these boys.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Many thanks to all those who took the opportunity to meet with the teachers this week. Working in partnership is a vital part of each child’s education and we value your input.

YEAR 4 HUT DAY
It was great this morning when all the Year 4 students and Miss Harvey arrived at school dressed superfully in their early settlers’ clothes. We all enjoyed a beautiful morning tea before the children spoke about their fantastic huts and finished with some spectacular singing and dancing. Congratulations Year 4 - your huts were spectacular. Many thanks to all those parents, family and friends who joined Year 4 for another wonderful ‘hut day’. The huts may now be picked up from school as soon as convenient.

CANBERRA/SNOWY BOUND
The Years 5 and 6 children are lucky to be heading to Canberra and the snow on the second day back next term. While on this excursion they will participate in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to the value of $30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. The excursion is full of interesting and exciting places to visit. Have a look at the itinerary: Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, a bike ride around Lake Burley Griffin, Snowy Mountains Authority Education Centre Mountains of Power Program, ski tube to Perisher Valley, recreation in the snow, return chairlift to Mt Perisher, Electoral Education Centre at Old Parliament House, Mt Ainslie Look Out, Embassy Tour, Australian Institute of Sport, Royal Australian Mint, National Museum of Australia, National Film & Sound Archive, Questacon, National Capital Exhibition Centre, Black Mountain Tower, Cockington Green.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – YEARS 5/6
The first Monday back next term, Monday, 14 July, will be an out-of-uniform day for the Years 5 and 6 students. This is to enable them to have clean uniforms for the excursion.

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.
There will be a pupil free day on Friday, 25 July (this is the second week back next term). The purpose of this pupil free day is to enable our staff to attend a workshop at St Brigid’s School Coonamble to form a Professional Learning Community. Teachers will use data to guide the professional learning of staff in order to best meet the students’ needs and improve student learning. This workshop will be facilitated by Mr Warren Frew and Mrs Rose-Marie van Raad, Consultants from the Catholic Education Office in Bathurst.

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL**

Just a reminder that Active After Schools will recommence on the first Tuesday of next term, ie, Tuesday, 15 July. Next term the Tuesday sessions with Mrs Stewart will focus on basketball and Frisbee while the Wednesday sessions with Miss West will be based on softball and cricket.

**WHO’S YOUR IDOL?** *Years 3-6 Fancy Dress Social Friday, 1 August – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.*

Our Year 6 students have decided that ‘Who’s Your Idol?’ will be our theme for this year’s fancy dress social for all students from Years 3-6. The social will be held in our school hall on Friday, 1 August from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free, just bring yourself! So start thinking of who your idol is and what to wear.

**CAFE LOUNGE HELPERS NEEDED**

There are a few gaps on the canteen roster for next term. If anyone can help out, on a Monday or Wednesday, could you please see Mrs Hodge.

**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **Kinder** Nick Kirsop for trying to ‘sound’ out his words in his writing, Minh Scott for her beautiful drawings in story writing, Tia Allan for a beautiful ‘thank you’ prayer and Sienna Zell for beautiful illustrations in story writing. **Year 2** Casey Gaff for making a super effort to improve the presentation of his work, Hayden Ferguson for writing a great information report on kangaroos, Alana Elsom for painting a fantastic lily pad, Nick Tancred for writing a thoughtful comprehension response, Jett Tarrant for a great effort towards all Maths tasks, Billie Allan for her wonderful manners and positive attitude, Mattea Purvis for being a helpful class member and Ben Harland for a top effort towards his Maths portfolio task. **Year 2** Tom Dunn for a wonderful effort in Reading, Breanna Foster for a sensational effort in learning her sight words, Layney Godber for a terrific description of ‘Nogol the Alien’ and Isaac Grimshaw for trying hard in all areas. **Year 3** Jessica Scholte for working well in reading groups, Max Cruickshank and Laura Farragher for carefully structuring their information reports, Marshall Fairey for always helping out in class, William Gaff and Olivia McCelland for asking questions to clarify understanding, Bradley Gibson for trying hard in all class activities and Mackaylah Ross for an excellent effort in Maths. **Year 4** Amber Tarrant, Tyler Evans, Billie Buckland, Abby Tate and Mike Raglus for writing great early settler speeches and Lachlan Riley and Jett Grimshaw for creative art work for NAIDOC Week. **Year 5** Grace Alchin for always asking questions to better understand Maths, Darren Doherty for outstanding contributions to class discussions, Kate Gilmour for being a Magic Operations Whiz! and Emillie Haswell for ‘Giving Of Her Best’ in all classwork. **Year 6** Kelly Anforth, Mitchell Carlrow, Toby Creenea and Mitchell Gaff for a terrific effort in Maths

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 9**

Friday, 27 June - Last Day Term 2  

**TERM 3 WEEK 1**

Monday, 14 July - First day Term 3  

Tuesday, 15 – Friday, 18 July - Out-of-Uniform – Years 5 & 6  

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 Region Athletics Carnival - Dubbo  

Friday, 25 July - Pupil Free Day

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week we say goodbye to Miss Wallace. Kinder would like to thank her for all her hard work and we wish Miss Wallace every success in her future career. We enjoyed the fabulous NAIDOC activities with Mrs Pearce and Mrs Reid and thank them for organising a great couple of days. ‘How The Kangaroos Got Their Tails’ has been our big book focus this week. We had fun retelling the story and choosing our favourite page. In Religion we learnt about John the Baptist and his role in spreading the word of God to everyone. In Art we completed some authentic looking Aboriginal paintings using lots of different media. We hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday.

**Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead**

**YEAR 1** has had a great time celebrating NAIDOC Week. We have enjoyed story telling with Mrs Pearce and Mrs Reid, tablaids sports and a fantastic sausage sizzle. In class we have been working on the ‘bb’ sound and have continued our work on contractions. Throughout the week we have been looking at the Aboriginal dreamtime story “What Made Tiddalik Laugh”. We have completed a range of activities on this story and have written a book review. We have also furthered our knowledge about Aboriginal people by looking at traditional Aboriginal shelters in HSIE. I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday.

**Miss Smith**

**YEAR 2** What a great way to finish the term with lots of fun activities to celebrate NAIDOC Week. Story telling, games, painting and a sausage sizzle just to name a few. We continue to work hard in Maths completing work on division and using the doubling strategy in addition. As part of this NAIDOC Week we have enjoyed exploring a boomerang which we can’t wait to take home. Congratulations to the Year 3 students who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday. A huge thank you to all the Year 2 parents who helped out and made sure everyone had an enjoyable morning. It has been wonderful to catch up with everyone at the parent/teacher interviews this week. We hope everyone found it as beneficial as we did and look forward to the remainder of the year with your continued support. Have a well earned break – stay safe and enjoy the holidays.

**Miss Schier & Mrs Morris**

**YEAR 3** What a beautiful day we had on Sunday as we celebrated First Holy Communion. I was so proud of the class in their preparation and reverent participation. A big thank you to everyone involved for making it such a special day. Year 3 has learnt a lot and has had lots of fun during our NAIDOC Week celebrations. We would like to thank Mrs Pearce and Mrs Reid for sharing their knowledge with us and we have enjoyed learning about synonyms in Grammar. In Comprehension we have looked at an interesting text called “Little Hauo and the Golden Kites”. We have examined the square centimetre and number patterns in our Maths activities. I would like to thank the parents for attending interviews this week, it was great to discuss your child’s learning. Sadly we say goodbye to Max Cruickshank this week. We hope you settle in well to your new school Cowra. We will all miss you at St Jo’s. Have a happy holiday, see you next term!

**Mr Sources**

**YEAR 4** It was a fantastic day at school today. Year 4 had a very enjoyable Hut Day and delivered great speeches about the settlers and how the huts were made. A yummy morning tea was enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the day such a fun event. Also this week we’ve focused on NAIDOC Week. A lovely Mass was celebrated, Damien Day organised lots of games for us to play on the oval. Tiger and Mrs Pearce put on a great sausage sizzle and we got to try yummy Johnny cakes. Art has been lots of fun as we explored traditional Aboriginal designs and techniques used in paintings and story telling. Have a great holiday everyone – well deserved Year 4. See you in Term 3!

**Miss Harvey**

**YEAR 5** Our last week of Term 2. Wow, where has all the time gone? Congratulations to the students on receiving their First Holy Communion on Sunday- it was a great celebration. This week I have been lucky enough to meet with most parents and it has been great to catch up and discuss the progress of your children. In class we have been busy finalising our Canberra interviews as well as spending some time with Mrs Pearce and Mrs Reid for our NAIDOC activities. Thanks to everyone who helped make our NAIDOC events a success. We have certainly enjoyed a busy and rewarding term together. Bring on Term 3! I hope you all start packing for our Canberra trip in the holidays. Have a great holiday break.

**Mr Ready**

**YEAR 6** Congratulations Year 3 on your wonderful First Communion celebration last Sunday. This week Year 6 has thoroughly enjoyed participating in all the NAIDOC activities and we thank Mrs Pearce for organising it all. In Maths we practised converting improper fractions to mixed numerals and finding the area of a triangle. We have continued our focus on Canberra and discovered many interesting facts about the Mint and the role of Embassies in our nation’s capital. We say a sad farewell to Matilda Cruickshank tomorrow. Matilda has been an integral part of our class and we will all miss her. Keep in touch Matilda! We hope everyone has a wonderful holiday and we look forward to our excursion and a terrific Term 3!

**Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 27 June – Brenda Purvis & Deanna Ferguson  

Monday, 14 July – Stephen Horan & Kristy Gale  

Wednesday, 16 July – Claudina Ryan & Kylie Carlsw  

Friday, 18 July – Danielle Jones & Alicia Heffer

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 29 June – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Tobey Creenea, Deklyn Lummiss