HAPPY HOLIDAYS
We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. School resumes for staff and students on Monday, 15 July.

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, 28 June. We still need judges in the running events and helpers in the senior and 11 years shot put. 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.

YEAGER HUT DAY
It was a great morning last Friday when all the Year 4 students and Mrs Bray arrived at school dressed superbly 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.

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES
We’ve had a most enjoyable time celebrating NAIDOC Week. We began the week with each class visiting the library where Mrs Iris Reid told us some very interesting stories and Mrs Pearce taught us some new words and explained the art activities we would be completing. We also thank Mr Max Zell who sent in some authentic Aboriginal artefacts for us to view, which were amazing. During Assembly we had our flag raising ceremony before Mrs Reid, together with the school captains, Ruby Schembri and Toby Cruickshank, cut the NAIDOC cake. After lunch Mr Damien Day and Miss Kristal Sutherland 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 Mrs Lesley Riley for ensuring lunch was so lovely. Finally on Wednesday we were a sea of blue in support of the NSW State of Origin team. More importantly we also raised $314.00 for the Fred Hollows Foundation. It is childrenandmedia.org.au. On the website you will find

THANK YOU - THANK YOU - THANK YOU
Wow, what a fantastic week we have had for our NAIDOC celebrations. There are so many people I want to thank. Without their help it would not have been possible.

- Mrs Iris Reid – for story telling and travelling from Narromine.
- Mr Max Zell – for lending us his artefacts.
- Mr Damien Day and Miss Kristal Sutherland for a great games afternoon.
- Mrs Lesley Riley for cooking our BBQ and being my offsider in the canteen.
- Mr Tiger Pearce – the king of Johnny cake making!
- All the staff at St Joey’s.

ABOUT
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Thought for the Week
“Every eye is an eye. When you’re doing eye surgery there, that is just as important as if you were doing eye surgery on the Prime Minister or the King” ..... Fred Hollows

- Mrs Banks for organising our beautiful Mass.
- And most of all, to the students, you all ‘Gave Of Your Best’!

- Mrs Pearce

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.

PUPIL FREE DAY - Friday, 19 July
CONTEMPORARY LEARNING CONFERENCE
Teaching staff from our regional area of the diocese will participate in a Contemporary Learning Conference at Dubbo on Friday, 19 July. This is a pupil free day for our regional Catholic schools. At the conference, our teachers will explore new approaches to learning in the classroom. They will also explore how we can promote independent learners and how we can develop learners who are critical thinkers. International educationalist, Dr Julia Atkin has been at the forefront of promoting new approaches to learning. She has also had a role in promoting excellence in teaching. The Catholic Education Office is coordinating our conference and we look forward to a successful day with many teachers from many other Catholic schools on this pupil free day.

WELCOME BACK MRS COLWELL AND MRS MORRIS
Next term we welcome back Mrs Colwell and Mrs Morris who return from maternity leave. Mrs Morris will be teaching Year 3 with Mr Soares and Mrs Colwell will be teaching Year 5 with Mr Kealy. We look forward to having Donna and Min back at Joey’s.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS
Just a reminder that Active After Schools will recommence on the first Tuesday of next term, ie, Tuesday, 16 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.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING
A Confirmation parent meeting will be held at school in the computer room on Thursday, 18 July at 6:00 p.m. During this meeting we will be outlining the significance of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the program being covered at school and organising the celebration. A note regarding Confirmation has been given to all those children who will be receiving the Sacrament.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the school hall on Thursday, 25 July from 3:20 – 4:15p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase quality books at great prices as well as helping our school library with additional resources. The children will be able to view the books during their library lesson so they know what is available to buy. I am looking forward to seeing you there.

Mrs Kilby (Librarian)

FOOTY JUMPER WASHING
Thank you to Amanda Shalhoub-Purvis who has kindly offered to wash all the footy jumpers that the boys wear at lunch times at school. Your efforts are very much appreciated Amanda.

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL ON CHILDREN AND MEDIA
A website that you may find useful was spoken about at the last P &
reviews of movies and it also suggests for what age group the movie is suitable.

**SCHOOL ZONES REMINDER**

A reminder to all our parents that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days. School zones for our school will end on Friday, 28 June and resume on Monday, 15 July.

**JUNIOR BASKETBALL**

Registration day for the next Gilgandra Junior Basketball competition will be held on Friday, 19 July at the Youth Club. For further information contact Kim Naden on 041706675019.

**MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** Ben Harland for always being positive and trying very hard in class, Elten Walker for contributing to class discussions in our HSIE topic, ‘All About Me’, Ben Standing for making a big effort to learn his reader and Lucas Gleadhill for being a kind friend to his peers.

**YEAR 1:** Camilla Beveridge for writing a wonderful information report on penguins and Kate Woollams, Dylan Murray, Chloe Mudford, Oscar Spora, Zahlia Proctor and Emily Zell for excellent work in Reading Groups.

**YEAR 2:** Skye Bui, Bradley Kildey and William Gaff for great bridging to 10, Isaiah Gleadhill for super work in Spelling, Zac Ferguson for being a quick mathematician, Rhys O’Neill for displaying courteous classroom behaviour and Anton Davis for interesting sentences in Spelling.

**YEAR 3:** Lachlan Riley and Kieran Garvey for showing creativity in their narrative writing, Ella McNally-Elwin for always reading with expression, Hamish Beveridge for always completing set tasks to a high standard and Tom Eason and Emily Skinner for working well with their classmates.

**YEAR 4:** Lauchlan Bash, Lucy Davis, Olivia Newstead, William Sandford, Martin Fryers, Chloe Godber and Kate Gilmour for writing great speeches about being early settlers.

**YEAR 5:** Mitchell Gaff, Brock Johnston and Spencer McIntosh for fantastic results in reading groups and James O’Neill, John Raglus and Charlotte Banks for outstanding participation in all athletics practices.

**YEAR 6:** Henry Johnson and Jacob Luminis for great singing at the Rite of Commitment Mass and Mikaela Sandford and Ruby Schembri for sensational poems.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 9**

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
- PSSA Cross Country – Kaitlyn Norris

**WEEK 2**

Thursday, 25 July - Book Fair

Friday, 26 July - Western Region Athletics – Dubbo

**WEEK 3**

Wednesday, 31 July - ICAS English Competition
- Little Athletics Visit

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Thank you to all the parents and friends who joined us this morning for our Liturgy. This week has been extremely busy in Kindergarten. We started our week learning about the sound ‘Vv’ and finished off our Science unit ‘Growing Up’ and our HSIE unit ‘All About Me’. Kindergarten also had the opportunity to participate in our NAIDOC Week celebrations including games, decorating bookerangs and Australian animals, listening to Dreamtime stories and having a barbeque. I would also like to say a big thank you to all the parents for their support this term. It is very much appreciated. I hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday and I look forward to Term 3 with you all. Miss Bourke

**YEAR 1** What a fantastic and busy term we have had. This week Year 1 has been busy working on the ‘o-e’ sound and the bossy ‘e’ rule in Spelling. During Grammar we have started looking at conjunctions and where we can use them when writing sentences. Maths has seen us exploring quarters of a collection and symmetry. In Art we drew and cut out a circle and pressed a symmetrical pattern into it. We thank Mrs Pearce and Mrs Reid for telling us the story of the little warrior during our NAIDOC celebrations. Have a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing you next term.

**Miss Smith**

**YEAR 2** What a wonderful week. We began with our NAIDOC celebrations. Mrs Reid told us a story to teach us how to ‘listen, look, learn and do’, while Mrs Pearce taught us some Aboriginal words. On Tuesday we celebrated a beautiful Mass with the theme ‘Value the Vision’. Wednesday was a magnificent ‘Blue Day’ and didn’t we all look terrific! We have learnt many different aspects of traditional Aboriginal culture and listened to stories from the dreamtime. It was fantastic to chat with all the parents during our interviews – we really appreciated this opportunity. We wish you a happy, relaxing and safe holiday. God bless you! Mrs Larkin & Mrs Newsread

**YEAR 3** This week Year 3 has had another busy and fun filled week. We started the week with NAIDOC celebrations which included Mass, art and sport activities that showed Aboriginal perspectives. All the children were excited about our ‘Go the Blues’ day. It was great to see the school’s support in raising money for the Fred Hollows Foundation. In the classroom we have been learning about synonyms and antonyms and working on our comprehension strategies. In Maths we have worked on number patterns and examined the square centimetre. Good luck to everyone at the athletics carnival tomorrow. Go the Peppers! Mr Soares

**YEAR 4** Congratulations Year 4 on all your hard work throughout the busy term – from the eisteddfod to ‘Hut Day’ to tomorrow’s athletics carnival. Well done for showing great school spirit. I am sure you’ll enjoy your well deserved break. During the week, to coincide with the NAIDOC theme, we looked at Aboriginal art and stories and enjoyed participating in all the great variety of activities organised by Mrs Pearce. It was terrific to catch up with lots of parents during parent/teacher interviews this week. We are looking forward to a terrific athletics carnival tomorrow. Enjoy the school holidays and get ready for a busy Term 3 just around the corner. Mrs Bray

**YEAR 5** And so another term comes to an end. Thank you to all those parents who I had the privilege of meeting with over the past three days, it’s great to share with you what has been happening in class. This week our athletics carnival is on our list with many of us eager to participate on Friday. Our NAIDOC celebrations have seen us complete Aboriginal artwork as well as investigate an information report based around Australian Aboriginals. I would like to thank both the parents and students for all their hard work over the past term and I look forward to working with you all in some capacity next term. Have a great holiday.

**Mr Kealy**

**YEAR 6** thoroughly enjoyed their NAIDOC celebrations this week and truly led the way on BLUES day. Congratulations Year 6 on your wonderful school spirit! In Maths this week we practised our estimating skills with some rounding off activities and looked at how to construct and interpret line graphs. During Religion we have been researching our saints for Confirmation and creating PowerPoint presentations to present our information. Metaphors have been our focus in Grammar and we have been locating some examples in our class novel, “Hiding Edith”. We are looking forward to running, jumping and throwing at our Athletics Carnival tomorrow. Have a great holiday! Mrs Banks & Mrs Schier

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 28 June – Cate Corcoran & Toni Fuller
Monday, 15 July – Melissa Ryan & Abby Ryan
Wednesday, 17 July – Nikki Church & Rachel Kiros
Friday, 19 July – Kerrie Allus & Leanne Gilmour

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 30 June – Jasper Schembri, Ruby Schembri, Montana McGrath, Deklyn Luminis