**WELCOME BACK**
We welcome everyone back to a new school term. Hopefully everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break and we now look forward to another exciting term at St Joey’s.

**YEARS 5/6 CANBERRA/SNOWY EXCURSION**
The Years 5 and 6 students, their teachers and parents are having a sensational time in Canberra and at the snow this week. Our travellers left at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday and visited Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial. On Wednesday they started the day with a bike ride around Lake Burley Griffin and then it was off to Perisher for lots of thrills and hopefully not too many spills, in the snow. Today our tourists explored the Electoral Education Centre at Old Parliament House, Mt Ainslie, had an Embassy tour around Yarralumla, visited the Australian Institute Of Sport, Royal Australian Mint, National Museum of Australia, National Film & Sound Archive and Questacon. Tomorrow they will investigate the National Capital Exhibition Centre, Black Mountain Tower and Cockington Green. Our weary travellers will then depart for Gilgandra at approximately 2:30 p.m. with a stop-off at McDonalds in Parkes for dinner before arriving back at school at approximately 9:15 p.m. Wow!! We can’t wait to hear of all their adventures.

**YEAR 4 LEADERS**
The Year 4 students have been doing a fantastic job as our school leaders while the Years 5 and 6 students have been in Canberra. Well done Year 4!

**PUPIL FREE DAY**
Next Friday, 25 July will be a pupil free day. The purpose of this 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. The workshop will be facilitated by Mr Warren Frew and Mrs Rose-Marie van Raad, Consultants from the Catholic Education Office in Bathurst.

**GOOD LUCK NOAH**
We again wish Noah Ryan the best of luck as he takes on the best touch footballers this time at the NSW PSSA Touch Championships to be held at Ulladulla next week. This is the second Folding team Noah has been selected in this year. Well done Noah.

**WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
Joey’s will send a strong squad to the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Thursday, 24 July. Participating schools include St Joseph’s Gilgandra, St Brigid’s Coonamble, St John’s Baradine, St Lawrence’s Cooamabran, St Mary’s Dubbo and St Pius X Dubbo. Best of luck to all our athletes: Grace Alchin, Tylah Anforth, Charlotte Banks, Liberty Barden, Alex Beveridge, Camilla Beveridge, Hamish Beveridge, Harriet Beveridge, Kayla Bonus-Straub, Ashleigh Carlow, Mitchell Carlow, Tobey Creanae, Max Crichtshank, Lucy Davis, Jye Day, Rani DIGgs, Maddie Eason, Jade Elsom, Olivia Ferguson, Isaac Frost, Martin Fryers, Will Fuller, Mitchell Gaff, Rebecca Gaff, Sophie Hassall, Daimon Horne, Madison Hourigan, Kelsey Hutchison, Sebastian Jackson, Bradley Kildey, Deklyn Lumnis, Bob McEwen, Montana McGrath, Olivia Newstead, James O’Neill, Rhys O’Neill, Michael Raglus, Lachlan Riley, Mackaylah Ross, Noah Ryan, William Sandford, Harry Spora, John Spora, Patrick Spora, Sinead Sutton, Amber Tarrant, Aiden Walker, Kyle Welsh.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**
Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held next 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

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS**
Just a reminder that Active After Schools recommenced this week. This 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.

**ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION**
The ICAS English Competition will be held on Tuesday, 29 July. All students from Years 3-6 will participate in this competition.

**ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDERGARTEN 2015**
We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2015. If you have a child ready to start school next year, please call in and pick up an enrolment form.

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

**SCHOOL OF TENNIS NOW ENROLLING FOR TERM 3**
Tennis lessons will commence in Gilgandra on Monday, 21 July and run for 8 weeks. For further details, contact Andrew on 0428751757, Kylie on 0427637266 or email schooloftennis@bigpond.com.

**WHAT’S ON IN TERM 3**

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**Term 3 Week 1**
17 July, 2014

**Thought for the Week**
Enjoy every moment, because in life there are no rewinds, only flashbacks. Make sure it’s all worth it.
**WEEK 2 - Year 4 Reconciliation**

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

**WEEK 3 - Year 6 Reconciliation**

Tuesday, 29 July

- ICAS English Competition
- Preschool Visit – 10:45 a.m.

Thursday, 31 July

- Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- Jeans for Genes Day

Friday, 1 August

- Years 3-6 Fancy Dress Social – ‘Who’s Your Idol?’

**WEEK 4 - Year 5 Reconciliation**

Monday, 4 August

- Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 6 – Friday, 8

- Principals’ Conference
- Diocesan Athletics
- St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass – Year 6, 10:30 a.m. (K-6)

**WEEK 5**

Tuesday, 12 August

- ICAS Maths Competition

Wednesday, 13 – Saturday, 16

- Moorambilla

Wednesday, 13 August

- Principals’ Financial Management Meeting

Thursday, 14 August

- Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m

Friday, 15 August

- Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 5, 10:30 a.m. (K-6)

Saturday, 16 August

- Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 am

**WEEK 6 - Year 3 Reconciliation**

Monday, 18 & Tuesday

- 19 August
  - Moorambilla
- Tuesday, 19 August
  - P & F Meeting
- Wednesday, 20 August
  - Diocesan Athletics back-up date
- Wednesday, 20 – Friday, 22
  - August
  - Life Education Van
- Thursday, 21 August
  - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

**WEEK 7**

Monday, 25 August

- Ring Trophy - Coonabarabran
- Tuesday, 26 August
  - Solid State Circus – Performance
- Wednesday, 27 August
  - Diocesan Athletics Visit – 10:45 a.m.
- Thursday, 28 August
  - Year 3 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, 31 August
  - Year 2 Reconciliation Mass – 9:45 a.m.

**WEEK 8**

- **Thursday, 4 & Friday, 5**
  - September
  - Polding Athletics
- **Thursday, 4 September**
  - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- **Friday, 5 September**
  - Father’s Day Stall

**WEEK 9**

- **Wednesday, 10 September**
  - Concert Practice – GHS Hall

**WEEK 10**

- **Wednesday, 17 September**
  - Concert

- **Thursday, 18 – Saturday, 20 September**
  - Moorambilla

**Friday, 19 September**

- Last Day Term 3
  - Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER**

Welcome back to another busy term. We hope everyone had a restful and happy holiday. We would like to welcome Ryder Ryan into our Kinder class and hope he enjoys being part of our great St Joey’s family. This week Kinder wrote a recount about their holidays and completed some beautiful illustrations. We read the big book “Meanies” and enjoyed describing what a meanie looks like, what they eat, where they live and what they drive. In Maths we explored how to group objects according to their similarities. We also discovered that objects can be grouped in lines which makes it easier for counting and working out how many there are altogether. Our new Science topic this term is “What’s For Lunch?” and we discussed how we can make healthy food choices. In Religion our unit is all about being part of God’s great family. We read all about Jesus’ family here on earth, his mother, Mary and father, Joseph and how much they loved their child Jesus. Our sound next week is ‘Vv’. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 1**

Year 1 has had a great first week back. We have learnt all about the ‘y’ as in ‘pony’ sound and have explored the use of questions marks in our writing for Grammar. During text types we have written a recount of our weekend and have been introduced to the purpose and structure of expositions. In Maths this week we have looked at equal groups, number patterns, 3D objects and measuring mass. We began our new topic for HSIE which is ‘Workers in the Community’ and categorised our various needs and wants. For reading this week we explored the book, “Mr McGee” by Pamela Allen and in Art we created Mr McGee’s house. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 2**

Welcome back! We hope everyone is ready for an action packed term! There is a lot to look forward to including our Year 2 Reconciliation, Ring Trophy and the concert! In class we read “The True Story of the Three Little Pigs” and also watched a short clip of “Little Red Riding Hood”. During writing the children then retold the story from the wolf’s perspective. Who knows, maybe the wolf was innocent! Algorithms have been our focus in Maths Operations this week and the children are quickly learning how to add and subtract two digit numbers. We’ve continued with our Japan unit and have discussed the Japanese flag, traditional dress and festivals they celebrate. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 3**

Welcome back everyone! This week we have written holiday recounts and have begun to share these with our class. In Maths we consolidated our subtraction skills and we have looked at chance, multiplication and division. In Grammar we have been learning about compound words and in Religion we read, discussed and illustrated the parable of ‘The Good Samaritan’. We have started the topic ‘Drugs Affect Me’ in PDH this week. It has been very quiet at school without our senior classes but we look forward to their return next week and hearing about all their adventures in Canberra. Have a great weekend! *Mr Soares*

**YEAR 4**

Welcome back everyone and thank you Year 4 for helping out with all the jobs as leaders of St Joey’s while Year 6 is away on the excursion. During the week we reminisced about how we enjoyed the school holidays and wrote about lots of adventures. In HSIE we began a new unit titled, ‘The Australian Nation’ and we discussed the importance of the Aborigines being custodians of the land and the meaning of the colours on the Aboriginal flag. All spelling groups focused on words using ‘gh’ – ghost, enough, through. In Maths we looked at rounding up numbers, factors and anti-clockwise turns. Don’t forget to return any early settlers clothes from last term. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey*

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 18 July – Danielle Jones & Alicia Heffer
Monday, 21 July – Anna Mudford & Sally Oehm
Wednesday, 23 July – Nicki Church & Rachel Kirsop
Friday, 25 July – Pupil Free Day

**ALTER SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 20 July – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Tobey Creenaune, Deklyn Lummis