YEARS 5/6 CANBERRA/SNOWY EXCURSION
Congratulations to all our Years 5 and 6 students on their exemplary behaviour during the excursion to Canberra and Perisher last week. It seemed like every place we visited people commented on how wonderful the Joey’s students were. We had a sensational trip visiting so many interesting places such as Parliament House, Australian War Memorial Snowy Mountains Authority Education Centre Mountains of Power Program, ski tube to Perisher Valley, recreation in the snow, Tube Town, 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 and Cockington Green. A huge vote of thanks to teachers, Dominica Banks and Tim Keary whose hard work before and during the excursion ensured that everyone had a safe and extremely enjoyable time. A big thank you to the parents who attended for constantly assisting both students and staff in so many ways, and lastly thank you so much to our bus driver, Adam whose safety, knowledge and assistance was appreciated by all. An absolutely fantastic experience!

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 Cooamabbe 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.

ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION
Congratulations to the following students who received Certificates in the recent ICAS Computer Skills Competition: Credit: Sophie Hassall and Emilie Hassall. Merit: Michael Raglus, Madison Hourigan, Bradley Kildey

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
What a huge success our annual Scholastic Book Fair was on Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who supported it. The school library will receive a commission which will be spent on purchasing new books. Thank you also to the following people who took the opportunity to donate a book: Dylen & Amelia Murray, Harriet Beveridge, John Spora, Oll Schier. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the students and staff of St Joseph’s. Mrs Kilby

WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Good luck to those children who will represent St Joseph’s at the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo tomorrow. The students have trained well this week and we look forward to a fun carnival tomorrow.

PRIMARY SPORT
As so many students will be participating in the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo tomorrow, all primary students should wear their sports uniform tomorrow.

MERRIT AWARDS

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.

PRESCHOOL VISIT
We look forward to a visit from the preschool next Tuesday, 29 July at 10:45 a.m. Hopefully all the children will enjoy being at our school.

YEAR 4 MASS
Year 4 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 31 July at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow Mass.

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES
This term’s school fee account will be sent home with the eldest child in each family with next week’s About.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
Next Friday, 1 August is Jeans for Genes Day and we have decided this would be a great opportunity to help raise money to prevent childhood disease. We are asking all students to wear jeans to school next Friday and bring along a gold coin donation. If you don’t own a pair of jeans, just wear a pair of casual pants. With their jeans, primary students need to wear their sports shirt and school jumper, whilst infants students will wear jeans with their normal school shirts and jumper. We look forward to an enjoyable day and raising lots of money for this worthwhile cause.

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 next 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.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING
Monday, 4 August – 6:00 p.m.
A Confirmation parent meeting will be held at school in the computer room on Monday, 4 August 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.

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.

BOTTLED WATER IN THE CANTEEN
Bottled water is now available in the canteen for $1.50 per bottle.
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:

**KINDER**: Grace Jones-Copelin for a huge improvement in all her work, Millie Spora for bringing in delicious news, Henry Purvis for being a helpful member of Kinder, Blake Fairey for trying to sound out words in his story writing and Michael Ibe for contributing to discussions in our topic ‘What’s For Lunch?’

**YEAR 1**: Audrey Carter for completing a lovely dot painting artwork, Jett Chandler for writing a great response about his own 13 story treehouse, Alana Elsom for completing a fantastic artwork of Mr McGee’s tree, Lucy McIsaac for writing a great recount of her holiday and Will Spora for his lovely manners.

**YEAR 2**: Dennis Gale for terrific illustrations of ‘The Prodigal Son’ parable, Camilla Beveridge for being an attentive student, Luke O’Neill for consistent effort in all areas, Aiden Walker for a great effort in Comprehension and Kate Woollams for writing sensational stories.

**YEAR 3**: Bob McEwen and Rani Digg for beautiful decorations on your sea creatures, Anton Davis for working well in Operations, Jessica Scholle for writing a fabulous holiday recount, Zac Ferguson for ‘Giving Of His Best’ in all areas and Marshall Fairey for asking intelligent questions.

**YEAR 4**: Ella McAnally-Elwin, Amber Tarrant and Aliza Purvis for writing great recounts about the holidays, Olivia Ferguson and Ashleigh Carlow for super work in HSIE on ‘The Australian Nation; and Oll Schier for always trying hard in Operations and Problem A Day.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 2 - Year 4 Reconciliation**

Monday, 21 – Thursday, 24 July
- PSSA Touch – Noah Ryan
- Western Region Athletics Carnival Dubbo

Friday, 25 July
- Pupil Free Day

**WEEK 2 - Year 6 Reconciliation**

Tuesday, 29 July
- ICAS English Competition

Thursday, 31 July
- Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 1 August
- Jeans for Genes Day
- 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.

Tuesday, 5 August
- Gilgandra High School Production Matinee Performance 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 6 – Friday, 8 August
- 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 August
- Moorambilla

Wednesday, 13 August
- Principals’ Meeting

Thursday, 14 August
- Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00

Friday, 15 August
- Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 5, 10:30 a.m. (K-6)

Saturday, 16 August
- Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** In Kinder this week we have read the big book “Who Will Be My Mother?” We completed a cloze passage and some comprehension questions about the animals in the story. In Religion we talked about where we thought God was and how He helps us and loves us all the time. We practised counting to 20 and finding numbers before and after on our new number chart. We also discussed all the properties of a triangle, square and rectangle. Our new HSIE unit is about places we know and we all had a go at drawing our house and trying to describe what was used to build it - wood, bricks or mud. We are trying really hard in story writing and we love singing our sentence song. Our sound next week is ‘Ee’. Enjoy the long weekend everyone! Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead

**YEAR 1** has been working on the ‘e’ as in ‘me’ sound this week and have made a wonderful brainstorm of words with this sound in them. For Grammar we have continued our work on questions and have written questions we would ask Mr McGee and added the appropriate punctuation to a variety of sentences. In text types we have begun planning an exposition about whether we should wear school hats. During Maths this week we have been adding doubles, grouping for division, drawing and identifying pentagons and telling the time to half hour. As we have been reading “Mr McGee Goes To Sea”, our artwork is a water resistant painting of Mr McGee inside a fish. Have a lovely pupil free day and a spectacular weekend.

**Miss Smith**

**YEAR 2** This week we enjoyed finding number patterns in a 100’s chart and navigated our way around a grid to find a secret shape. In Spelling we have started work on contractions and discovered how the apostrophe works to show the missing letters. In Religion we work in groups to depict the story of ‘The Prodigal Son’ and will display this as a wall story. Next week we begin our Times Table Challenge How many can you say or write in less than a minute? Have a great weekend.

**Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris**

**YEAR 3** has had a very busy week! In text types we have learnt about explanations. We also learnt about what causes tsunamis. In Grammar we looked at homophones and completed a comprehension activity about an expedition, led by Gregory Blaxland, across the Blue Mountains. In Art we have been working on our underwater seascapes and to help us with our colourful designs we examined some of Ken Done’s artworks. Our Science activity led us to look at the different types of environments found in Australia. In Maths we have learnt about 3-digit addition, millimetres and angles. In PDH we have discussed and identified different drugs and how they can change the body’s function. Keep up the hard work Year 3!

**Mr Sources**

**YEAR 4** Welcome back Years 5 and 6, it sounds like an awesome time was had on the Canberra Excursion. Year 4 has begun their mini HSIE unit on the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow and learning about the many countries who participate in the vast array of sports. Go Aussies! In PDHPE we looked at why medicines are used and the types of illnesses and injuries that can affect people. This unit links with the Life Education Van visit during the term. Next week Year 4 will be celebrating a special class Mass about Mary, mother of God. We hope you can join us next Thursday. Good luck to all the students participating at the athletics carnival in Dubbo tomorrow. Have a great weekend and keep your eye on our Aussie athletes going for gold at the games.

**Miss Harvey**

**YEAR 5** Wow what a start to Term 3! After a fantastic week away it has been great to hear all of the happy times Year 5 and 6 had in Canberra. We would like to especially thank all the parents who came along and helped out to make our excursion one to certainly remember. This week in class we have welcomed a new student, Marshall Ryan and hope he enjoys his time at Joeys. During Maths we have begun looking at the addition and subtraction of decimals as well as determining the links between worded problems and mathematical concepts. Religion has seen us start investigating the early years of the Catholic faith after European settlement. We wish the students travelling to Dubbo tomorrow the very best of luck and look forward to hearing of your successes. Enjoy your weekend.

**Mr Keade**

**YEAR 6** This week we have been reminiscing about the wonderful time we had in Canberra. We thoroughly enjoyed all our experiences and have collected many memories that shall be treasured forever. We have begun reading our new class novel “I Am David” and we are getting to know the very brave main character. In Maths we have been revising measuring angles using a protractor and remembering how to multiply and divide by 10’s, 100’s and so on. We have begun our new Science unit called “Sailing, Sinking, Soaring” in which we look at air, water, gravity and pollution. We are on the countdown to the Primary Social and we can’t wait to dress up as our favourite idol! Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

**CANTENNE ROSTER**

Friday, 25 July – Pupil Free Day

Monday, 28 July – Jodie Walker & Merilyn King

Wednesday, 30 July – Sally Temple & Danielle Bonnington

Friday, 1 August – Roslyn Zell & Sussane Gilmour

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 27 July – Georgia Horan, Kate Gilmour, James O’Neill, Lachlan Fairey