**SPORTS**

**Pretty Princesses and Perfect Pirates**

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**Theatrical Show**

*Alice!* at the Gilgandra Shire Hall on Wednesday, 31 July and Thursday, 1 August at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $10.00 adults, $5.00 students and concession and may be obtained from Howard’s Furniture One or at the door. *Alice!* is a short play based on Lewis Carroll’s Alice in Wonderland. However you won’t find fluffy rabbits in this show! Alice looks deeper into the battle between good and evil and how our choices affect who we are. This is a show for school age children and above. It’s good to see some ex Joey’s students starring in this show. Our Years 3-6 students have been invited to a matinee performance next Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

**Western Region Athletics Carnival**

Year 4 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 1 August at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow Mass.

**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: Harriet Beveridge, Caitlin, Harry, Patrick and Will Spora, Isaac Frost, Matthew Ferguson, Amelia and Dylen Murray, Olivia Schier, Mrs Larkin and Ava Meyers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by the students and staff of St Joseph’s.

**Enrolling Now for 2014**

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2014. If you have a child ready to start school next year, please call in and pick up an enrolment form.

**Welcome Ashleigh**

We welcomed Miss Ashleigh Burden, a fourth year Occupational Therapy student from the University of Western Sydney to our school yesterday. Ashleigh will be at our school for nine weeks every Wednesday and Thursday and we look forward to her working with the children.

**Confirmation**

Sunday, 11 August – 9:45 a.m.

The excitement is certainly building in anticipation of the upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament will be administered by Bishop Michael McKenna on Sunday, 11 August at 9:45 a.m. This is such an important event at our school and we really encourage everyone to be at church on Sunday, 11 August to celebrate with our Year 6 leaders. If your child can come to the Confirmation Mass to join the choir please return the attached tear-off slip as soon as possible. Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers: Brook Bonus-Staeb, Caitlin Carlow, Toby Crouchshank, Kiarra Diggs, Jack Evans, Tom Flannery, Olivia Gale, Carissa Harrison-Reid, Henry Johnson, Jacob Lumnis, Will McEwen, Loky Ryan, Mikaela Sandford, Ruby Schembri, Emer Spora.

**ICAS COMPUTER SKILLS COMPETITION**

Congratulations to the following students who gained Certificates of Credit in the recent ICAS Computer Skills Competition: James Ferguson, Grace Ahein, Emilee Hassall

**ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION**

The ICAS English Competition will be held next Wednesday, 31 August. All students from Years 3 to 6 will participate in this competition.

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**Policies, School Determined Improvement Targets, Initiatives Promoting**

Thought for the Week

Enjoy every moment, because in life there are no rewinds, only flashbacks.

Make sure it’s all worth it.
Respect and Responsibility, Parent, Student and Teacher Satisfaction and Financial Information. If you would like a copy of the 2012 report, please contact the office or go to our school’s link on the CEO Bathurst’s website, www.bth.catholic.edu.au.

DATE FOR THE DIARY – RING TROPHY – BARADINE
Friday, 13 September
A date has been set for this year’s Ring Trophy. This annual sports day which involves all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be held this year at Baradine on Friday, 13 September. Further information regarding this event will be provided as the date draws closer.

ANNUAL CONCERT – CHANGE OF DATE
In last week’s About we stated our school concert would be held on Thursday, 19 September. This has changed and the concert will now be held on Wednesday, 18 September. We hope this hasn’t caused any inconvenience.

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: KINDER: Ava Meyers for beautiful handwriting, Jett Tarrant for sounding his words in storytelling, Mattea Purvis for great listening in class and Nick Gale for consistently listening in class.

YEAR 1: Molly Fairey for a great effort towards all classwork, Isaac Grimshaw for wonderful contributions to discussions in Religion, Dylen Murray for taking care when completing tasks and Emma Westwood and Sophie Winterton for excellent work solving Maths addition problems.

YEAR 2: Harrison Koen, Kelsey Hutchison, Jack Purvis, Joshua Purvis, Bradley Gibson and Jessica Scholte for writing wonderful holiday recounts.

YEAR 1: Ashleigh Carolow for beautiful handwriting, Hamish Beveridge for creative patterning techniques in Art, Jett Grimshaw for working diligently to complete tasks and Lachlan Riley for working efficiently in Art.

YEAR 4: Ryan Carter and Aiden Ryan for a big improvement in the setting out of their work, Kate Gilmour for beautiful bookwork in all subjects, Darren Doherty for trying hard in Maths Operations and Tarah Foran for fantastic creative designing in Art.

YEAR 5: Noah Ryan for a fantastic start to writing his class discussion, Maddie Eason for excellent participation in class discussions and Isaac Frost for becoming a master mathematician in Maths Operations.

YEAR 6: Loki Ryan for a focused and dedicated attitude towards his work, Emer Spora for great work in Maths Operations, Ruby Schembri for asking intelligent questions and Olivia Gale for great work in Maths Operations.

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 2 - Year 4 Reconciliation
Friday, 26 July - Western Region Athletics - Dubbo

YEAR 5 Reconciliation
Tuesday, 6 August - Western Region Athletics back-up date
Wednesday, 7 August - AEW Meeting
Thursday, 8 August - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass – Junior JOEYS (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 9 August - Year 6 parents to clean church – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10 August - Confirmation

WEEK 3
Thursday, 1 August - Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 2 August - Jeans for Genes Day
Saturday, 3 August - P & F Quiz Night – Bowling Club - 7:30

YEAR 6 Reconciliation

WEEK 4 - Year 5 Reconciliation
Tuesday, 13 August - Western Region Athletics
Wednesday, 14 August - Western Region Athletics
Saturday, 18 August - Moorabbin
Thursday, 15 August - Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 5 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- Infants Sports Carnival – 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

KINDER
Firstly, I would like to congratulate all the pirates and princesses that dressed up yesterday as part of learning about the sound ‘p’. We took part in a cat walk to show off our costumes and played ship, shark, shore in the afternoon. In Science and Technology this week we discussed the food groups that make up the food pyramid and in HSIE we discussed special places we know and love and why these places are special to us, as well as looking at different classrooms from around the world. We continue to learn about patterns and how to write