CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMATION CLASS
A beautiful celebration was held at St Joseph’s Church on Sunday as 10 candidates were presented to Bishop Michael McKenna and Fr Martin O’Mahony for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The whole Year 6 class completed the Confirmation program and it was wonderful to see these classmates, other members of the school community, parishioners, family and friends in church on Sunday to witness this important step in the faith journey of these young people. A celebration breakfast was held in the school hall following Mass. Our 2013 Confirmation class consisted of: Brook Bonus-Straub, Caitlin Carlow, Toby Cruickshank, Kiarna Diggs, Jack Evans, Tom Flannery, Olivia Gale, Carissa Harrison-Reid, Henry Johnson, Jacob Lummis, Will McEwen, Loki Ryan, Mikaela Sandford, Ruby Schembri, Emer Spora. Many thanks to Mrs Banks and Mrs Schier for preparing the children for this Sacrament, to the staff and students of our school for their reverent participation at Mass and fantastic help in preparing the children for this Sacrament, to the staff and students of our school for their reverent participation at Mass and fantastic help in preparing the children for this Sacrament.

MITCHELL – JUNIOR BOY CHAMPION!
Congratulations to Mitchell Carlow who was named Junior Boy Champion at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held in Bathurst last Friday. Mitchell came 2nd in the 10 years 100 m and 2nd in the Junior Long Jump and High Jump. Well done Mitchell. Other children to excel included Kaitlyn Norris – 2nd Junior 800 m, Liberty Barden – 3rd Junior Discus, Caitlin Carlow – 3rd Senior Discus and Noah Ryan – 3rd 11 years 100 m and 200 m. These students will now represent the Diocese at the Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Newcastle later this term. Other excellent top eight results included: Kaitlyn Norris – 5th 9 years 100 m, Ashleigh Carlow – 8th 9 years 100 m, Carissa Harrison-Reid – 8th 11 years 800 m, 7th 11 years Long Jump, Caitlin Carlow – 5th Senior High Jump and Long Jump, Noah Ryan – 5th 11 years 800 m, Sebastian Jackson – 7th Junior Shot Put, Grace Alchin – 9th Junior Long Jump and the Junior Boys Relay Team (Mitchell Carlow, Martin Fryers, Lachlan Riley and Isaac Frost) – 5th. Congratulations to all our competitors.

INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL
All students from Kinder to Year 2 were involved in a mini sports carnival held at school this afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many parents, grandparents and family members come along to support the children. Thank you to Miss Bourke, Mrs Alchin, Mrs Stewart, Miss Smith, Mrs Larkin and Mrs Newstead for organising such an enjoyable afternoon.

AUGUST P & F MEETING
The August P & F Meeting will be held in the school staff room next Tuesday, 20 August at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome.

KINDER LITURGY
Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy in St Joseph’s Church next Thursday, 22 August at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

YEAR 1 POLICE STATION VISIT
The Year 1 students are starting to get excited as their visit to the Police Station draws closer. Their excursion will be held next Thursday, 22 August. Senior Constable Greg King will show the children around the station and maybe even organise a ride back to school in the police wagon. Sounds great! This excursion is part of the Year 1 HSIE unit, ‘Workers In Our Community’. Also in conjunction with this unit, Year 1 also had a visit this week from Mrs Pauline Smith (Miss Smith’s mum!) and Mrs Vianney McAllister who spoke to the children about nursing and showed the children some real x-rays! We also thank Senior Constable King for visiting Year 2 on Tuesday and speaking to the children about ‘Transport’ and ‘Stranger Danger’.

BOOK WEEK 2013 – PHOTO COMPETITION
Take an awesome photo of someone reading in an UNUSUAL place! Entry details are as follows: The entrant must be the photographer. Limit of one entry per person. Photos must be no larger than 10 x 15 cm in size. Photo must have the entrant’s name and class on the back of the photo. There will be an Infants and Primary section. Entries close on Friday, 30 August. So get snapping! Mrs Kilby - Librarian

GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL PROMOTION DAY
All the Year 6 students, teachers and parents have been invited to the annual Gilgandra High School promotion day to be held next Tuesday. This day is designed to give Year 6 students a taste of high school and make the transition from primary to high school easier.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Don’t forget our Father’s Day Stall will be held on Friday, 30 August. Hopefully donations of gifts to sell on the stall will start coming in soon. This stall is run along the same lines as the Mother’s Day Stall. Donations of gifts to sell can be dropped in at the office at any time. There will be a raffle run in conjunction with the stall and tickets will go home in the next couple of weeks.

MRS BRAY ON LEAVE
Mrs Bray is currently on leave. Lisa will return to school on Monday, 26 August.

NIDA DRAMA SCHOOL
The National Institute of Dramatic Art (NIDA) will be holding a series of drama schools at the Macquarie Anglican Grammar School in Dubbo during the school holidays for interested students aged 8 to 15 years. It is a four day workshop from Tuesday, 24 to Friday, 27 September and the cost is $460.00. The children will develop performance skills in improvisation, voice, movement, devising and acting. There is also a two day intensive boot camp for 12 – 15 years old budding actors on Saturday and Sunday, 28 and 29 September at a cost of $260.00. Brochures regarding these courses may be obtained from school.

BLAST
BLAST is a weekend gathering for youth of the Bathurst Diocese in Years 6 – 9, in order to celebrate and experience an explosion of possibilities for faith in their lives. The idea for BLAST has grown out of a need to connect with young people in faith; alongside but also apart from their school and parish context, connecting them with a larger experience of faith community. During the weekend of BLAST the participants will experience a wide variety of opportunities to explore aspects of their faith in a fun and engaging way. BLAST is a place to let your hair down. Over the weekend the young people will be exposed to fantastic youth leaders from across the diocese as well as bands, workshops and artists from near and far. BLAST will be held on the weekend of 19th and 20th October at Ridgecrest Convention Centre at a cost of $100.00. Registration forms for BALST are available on the Youth Blog at www.bathurstcatholicyouth.org

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED
Accommodation is being sort for a new graduate female vet who will be working with Nadine Allen. If you are able to assist with accommodation, please contact Nadine at Gilgandra Veterinary Clinic on 68471129.

ST STANISLAUS COLLEGE DINNER
Dr Anne Wrenham, Head of St Stanislaus College Bathurst will be touring the region in September. An information session followed by dinner will be held in Coomamble on Wednesday 4th September. For more details contact Lorna Doran-Spora on 68485348, Jo Barrett on 68238230 or Maree Crawford or 66221520.

Lunch:’ by looking at food we buy from the supermarket and the process
GO RED FOR WOMEN
Gilgandra Multipurpose Health Service is hosting an information morning on heart disease – the number one killer of Australian women. Come and learn how we can reduce the risk factors. Also in attendance will be a dietitian, chronic and complex care nurse, continence advice, Tai Chi demonstration and CPR information. This information morning will be held at the Cooee Lodge Community Hall on Tuesday, 3 September from 9:30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. The cost is free with morning tea provided. Please RSVP to the Gilgandra MPS on 68472366 by Tuesday, 27 August.

**WEEK 6**

- **Monday, 19 August – Catherine Dunn & Mrs Morris**

- **Tuesday, 20 August – Danielle Bonnington & Cate Corcoran**

- **Wednesday, 21 August – Emma Meyers & Rachel Kirsop**

- **Thursday, 22 August – Toni Fuller & Rochelle Godber**

- **Friday, 23 August – Toni Fuller & Rochelle Godber**

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER**

Last week was a great time for Kindergarten as we welcomed the preschool children to St Joseph’s for their introduction to school in 2014. I was very proud of the Kindergarten children in the way they welcomed the pre-schoolers. We look forward to having the pre-schoolers visit us again in the future. Congratulations Kindergarten on a great effort. Our big book this week is called “Around and About”. We have been our focus in Text Types and we’ve started to write an expository paragraph about the brush-tailed possum. We have also revised extended multiplication and fractions. We have continued our work on speech marks in Grammar. In text types this week we have written an expository about whether or not we think we should have homework. During Maths we have ordered numbers, sorted 2D shapes, made column graphs and practised counting back to subtract. For our ‘Workers in the Community’ unit in HSIE we had two special guests, a nurse and a radiographer, come in to speak about their jobs. We also celebrated a lovely Mass this morning for the Assumption of Mary. Have a fantastic weekend.

**Miss Smith**

**YEAR 1** What a lovely week we have had in Year 1 this week. We've been learning about the 'i' as in 'tiger' sound in Spelling and have continued our work on speech marks in Grammar. In text types this week we have written an expository about whether or not we think we should have homework. During Maths we have ordered numbers, sorted 2D shapes, made column graphs and practised counting back to subtract. For our ‘Workers in the Community’ unit in HSIE we had two special guests, a nurse and a radiographer, come in to speak about their jobs. We also celebrated a lovely Mass this morning for the Assumption of Mary. Have a fantastic weekend.

**Miss Bourke**

**YEAR 2** What a busy week! Today we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption by attending a Mass beautifully prepared by Year 5. Earlier this week we took our transport models to show to Kindergarten and Year 1 to explain how we built them and the special features we added. Senior Constable King visited our class on Tuesday and talked about road safety as a pedestrian, travelling safely in a car and being safe on a bicycle. He also reminded us all about 'Stranger Danger' and showed a video to teach us how to be aware. Our Maths focus has been on measuring area and extending addition facts. We hope you all enjoyed our mini sports carnival this afternoon as much as the children. Mrs Larkin & Mrs Newstead

**YEAR 3** has been learning how to use PowerPoint in computers this week. We are creating slideshows, 'All About Me'. Today we learnt how to insert images and add animations. We even had a go at taking a video and uploading that into our slideshow too. We’ve completed our explanations on ‘How Things Are Made’. The children worked in pairs to help each other explain the variety of things that we use. In Religion we’ve been looking at the wonderful life of Mary MacKillop and today we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption with a lovely Mass prepared by Year 5. We have finally finished our Ken Done inspired underwater seascape artworks and they look fabulous! Concert planning has begun and a note will be sent home next week regarding costumes.

**Mr Sources & Mrs Morris**

**YEAR 4** Congratulations to our classmates in Year 4 who travelled to Bathurst to compete in the Diocesan Carnival on Friday. What a great effort Grace, Martin and Sinead! In Maths we have been practising ratios so we can say them in any order. Please keep it up at home! We have also revised extended multiplication and fractions. We have completed our explanation about how the Ancient Egyptians mumified their dead. Did you know they thought the heart was our centre of intelligence? In HSIE we designed our own Australian flag. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Newstead & Mrs Thomas

**YEAR 5** Wow, isn’t the term flying by? As we hit the half way mark it is amazing to see what we have managed to achieve so far this term. A huge thank you to all those parents and friends who came to help us celebrate our Assumption Mass today as well as those parent helpers who helped with the food for the Year 6 Confirmation celebration on Sunday - it is great to see the Joey’s spirit! In our classroom we have been our focus in Text Types and we’ve started to write an expository paragraph about the brush-tailed possum. We have also revised extended multiplication and fractions. We have continued our work on speech marks in Grammar. In text types this week we have written an expository about whether or not we think we should have homework. During Maths we have ordered numbers, sorted 2D shapes, made column graphs and practised counting back to subtract. For our ‘Workers in the Community’ unit in HSIE we had two special guests, a nurse and a radiographer, come in to speak about their jobs. We also celebrated a lovely Mass this morning for the Assumption of Mary. Have a fantastic weekend.

**Miss Banks & Mrs Schier**

**YEAR 6** What a wonderful day we had on Sunday! Year 6 is to be congratulated on their reverence and participation in their Confirmation celebration. We would like to thank all those who came along to make this important day so special. It is revision week for Spelling this week – so we have been looking back over our rules and sounds. Explanations have been our focus in Text Types and we’ve started to write an explanation titled “How And Why Tsunamis Occur”. In Grammar we have looked at interrogative pronouns and adjectives and have learnt that they are at the beginning of questions. During Maths we have investigated multiplying decimals, adding fractions with different denominators and tree diagrams. Today we remembered Mary as we celebrated the feast of the Assumption.

**Mrs Banks & Mrs Schier**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 16 August – Danielle Bonnington & Cate Corcoran

Monday, 19 August – Catherine Dunn & volunteer required

Wednesday, 21 August – Emma Meyers & Rachel Kirsop

Friday, 23 August – Toni Fuller & Rochelle Godber

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 18 August – Matthew Ferguson, Henry Johnson, Caitlin Spora, James O’Neill