**FATHER’S DAY STALL - Next Friday!**

**DONATIONS OF GIFTS URGENTLY NEEDED!**

Our Father’s Day Stall will be held next Friday, 30 August. We are very short on gifts at this stage. Donations of gifts can be dropped in at the office at any time. There is a raffle running in conjunction with the stall. Tickets are $2.00 each and a book of five tickets is with today’s About. The raffle includes a deluxe cordless driver drill kit and a stainless steel vacuum flask. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall next Friday.

**WORKING BEE FOR FATHER’S DAY STALL**

There will be a working bee to wrap presents for the Father’s Day Stall next Thursday, 29 August from 9:30 a.m. If you can spare an hour or so, please come along.

**AUGUST P & F MEETING**

Thank you to those who attended the P & F Meeting on Tuesday night. There was lots of positive talk about a variety of topics. The boys will look sensational next year in their new footy gear. Money was also allocated for the concert, worm farm, vegie patch and athletics levies. The chance to buy a shares in the activities.

**LIFE EDUCATION VAN**

The Life Education Van will be at our school next week. We thank our P & F Association for paying for the children’s entry to the van. It is greatly appreciated. The timetable for the Life Education Van is as follows together with a brief outline of the program that will be seen by the children:

**Monday, 26 August**

10:00 – 11:00 **Kinder** – Harold’s Surprise – Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety.

11:30 – 1:00 **Year 6 – Think Twice** – Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.

1:50 – 3:20 **Year 5 – The Burning Issue** – Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence and refusal skills.

**Tuesday, 27 August**

10:00 – 11:00 **Year 2 – Harold’s Heroes** – Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.

11:30 – 1:00 **Year 3 – Harold’s Diary** – Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles.

**Wednesday, 28 August**

10:00 – 11:00 **Year 1 – Harold’s Mystery Tour** – Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making.

11:30 – 1:00 **Year 4 – Mind Your Medicine** – Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication.

**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**

**ROBO - TEC**

Next Tuesday, 27 August we will be entertained by a performance tour called Robo-Tec. This show explores the field of robotics and modern technology. A 65 kg fully automated robot called Algotron that sings and dances will keep us entertained. We will also be introduced to the many design stages involved in the invention process and shown how to use simple, recycled, everyday materials to come up with our own inventions. It should be a great performance!

**FINAL ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS FOR TERM 3**

Next Wednesday, 28 August will be the final Active After Schools session for this term. Active After Schools will recommence on the first day back next term, Tuesday, 8 October.

**ST JOHN’S COLLEGE ENTRANCE TESTING**

Those Year 6 students who will attend St John’s College Dubbo next year will have their Entrance Testing at the College next Friday, 30 August. Those students involved have been given an information sheet from the College.

**YEAR 1 LITURGY**

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 29 August at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph’s Church. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

**RING TROPHY**

The Ring Trophy is a sports day held each year with the participating schools including St Joseph’s Gilgandra, St Lawrence’s Coonabarabran, St John’s Baradine and St Brigid’s Coonamble. This year the sports will be held in Baradine on Friday, 13 September. The sports day is for ALL STUDENTS from Kinder to Year 6 and includes a march, class races, relays, ball games, tug-o’-wars and novelty activities. THE CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FULL SPORTS UNIFORM. Our full sports uniform includes:

**Boys**

- School sports shirt, maroon sports shorts, school hat, school sports socks, white shoes.

**Girls**

- School sports shirt, maroon sports skirt, school hat, school sports socks, white shoes.

For the march, the children MUST WEAR JOEY’S SPORTS SOCKS OR ALL WHITE SOCKS AND ALL WHITE JOGGERS. They may change into running shoes after the march if they wish. If your child doesn’t have any of these, then please contact the school and we might be able to borrow some for the day. Any spare pairs of white joggers that you might care to lend us for the day would be greatly appreciated. We have a number of spare white joggers at school. The children will be required to assemble beside the Memorial Hall (eastern end of Wellington Street) at 9:00 a.m. to get ready for the march which will begin at 9:30 a.m. The march will conclude at the oval where the rest of the day’s activities will be held. The day will conclude at 2:00 p.m. A lunch bag was given to all students today. These need to be returned to Baradine by the end of next week. Therefore if students wish to order their lunch for Ring Trophy, please return the lunch bag with the correct money to school by next Tuesday, 27 August. In order for us to arrange transport for the children to Coonamble could you please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by next Wednesday, 28 August. Depending on the number of cars going, we can decide if we will need to hire a bus.

**DIGI ED GIFTED AND TALENTED COURSES**

Digi Ed is running a gifted and talented weekend at Orange at the Orange and District Public School on 12th and 13th October, 2013. This weekend is known as ‘Mind Challenge’ and was developed in response to a need for gifted and talented educational programs in regional areas. Courses being offered include: ‘Mathemagic’ (Years K, 1 & 2), ‘Drama All Around’ (K-6), ‘Art Magic’ (K, 1 & 2), ‘Whales, Sharks &

WANTED TO BORROW FOR THE CONCERT
The Kinder class would like to borrow a ‘Dorothy the Dinosaur’ costume and some dinosaur tails for the concert. If anyone has anything like this they could lend to Kinder, please see Miss Bourke.

GILGANDRA JUNIOR LEAGUE AND NETBALL
Presentations for Gilgandra Junior League and Netball will be held this Saturday, 25 August at McGrane Oval commencing at 10:30 a.m.

GILGANDRA SPEEDWAY DISCO
Gilgandra Speedway is holding a disco for 5-13 year olds at the Gilgandra Youth Club on Friday, 20th September from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. $3.00 entry.

WEEK 8
- Working Bee for Father’s Day
- Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 30 August - Father’s Day Stall
Thursday, 29 August - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 28 August - Principals’ Meeting

Testing
- Final Active After Schools 2:00 p.m.

Friday, 13 September - Ring Trophy - Baradine
Thursday, 5 September - Year 2 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 19 September - Moorambilla
Friday, 20 September - Last day Term 3

WHAT’S ON

**WEEK 6**
Friday, 23 August - Cooce Poetry Due
- Principals’ Retreat

**WEEK 7**
Monday, 26 –
- Life Education Van
Tuesday, 27 August - Robo-Tec – School Performance 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 28 August - Principals’ Meeting
- Final Active After Schools
Thursday, 29 August - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Working Bee for Father’s Day Stall

Friday, 30 August - Father’s Day Stall
- Photo entries due
- St John’s College Year 7 Placement Testing
- Book Week Photos Due

**WEEK 8**
- Year 3 Reconciliation

**WEEK 9**
Wednesday, 11 September - Concert Practice - GHS
Friday, 13 September - Ring Trophy - Baradine

**WEEK 10**
Wednesday, 18 September - Concert
Thursday, 19 September - Moorambilla
Friday, 20 September - Last day Term 3
- Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.
- Moorambilla

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

**KINDER**
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**YEAR 2**
What a fabulous day Year 1 had today visiting the police station. We thank Senior Constable King and all the other officers for opening up their station and showing us around. It was a great experience to add to our HSIE unit, ‘Workers in the Community’. This week there has been a lot of preparation in Year 1 for all our upcoming events. We have been preparing for our Liturgy that we will celebrate next week, our parts for the concert in Week 10, and marching for Ring Trophy in Week 9. In Spelling we have learnt about the ‘er’ sound and in text types we have started looking at the purpose and structure of narratives. Maths has seen us practising addition, looking at the side, top and front views of 3D shapes and ordering time. A note went home this week about costumes for the concert. Please contact me if you are having any trouble with this. Thank you and have a great weekend.

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**YEAR 3**
Charlie Banks and Tom Eason for fantastic PowerPoint presentation, Billie Buckland for being a kind and considerate class member and Olivia Ferguson and Olivia Schier for amazing underwater sea-eagle artworks. **YEAR 4**
- Jye Day for playing hard but fair during sport.
- Kate Gilmore for writing a fantastic explanation about how Australian money is made.
- Alex Beveridge for writing a very informative explanation about how snow is formed and Martim Fryers for writing an interesting explanation about what causes a volcano to erupt.
- Mitchell Carlow for a fantastic achievement in athletics, Sebastian Jackson for outstanding participation in Maths lessons and John Raglus and Kayla Bonus-Straub for fantastic reading at our Assumption Mass.

**YEAR 6**
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- Audrey Carter for fantastic reading at our Assumption Mass.
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