The greatest gift I ever had came from God … I call him 'Dad'.

Happy Father’s Day to all our Dads, Grandpas and Uncles.

Father’s Day Stall – Tomorrow, Friday, 30 August

Our Father’s Day Stall will be held tomorrow, Friday, 30 August. It’s not too late to drop in some gifts if you haven’t already done so. Gifts are priced between $1.00 and $5.00. Please send in a plastic bag with your child to take home their gifts. Thank you to our stall coordinator, Mrs Danielle Diggs for organising the stall. If anyone can come in tomorrow to help run the stall it would be appreciated. Helpers can come anytime from 9:00 a.m. to help wrap any last minute donations. There is a raffle running in conjunction with the stall. Tickets are $2.00 each and a book of five tickets went home with each family last week. The raffle includes a deluxe cordless driver drill kit, a stainless steel vacuum flask and a $50.00 dinner and drink voucher from the Neverfire Hotel. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall tomorrow.

ICAS Writing and Spelling Competitions

Distinction to Emilie Hassall

Congratulations to Emilie Hassall who received a Distinction in the recent ICAS Writing Competition. Certificates of Credit were also received by Olivia Ferguson, Laura Smith and Grace Alchin. Certificates of Credit were also awarded to James Ferguson, Kate Gilmour, Emilie Hassall and Jacob Lummis in the ICAS Spelling Competition. Well done to all these students.

Final Active After Schools for Term 3

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

Kinder Buddy Lunch

Kinder and their Year 6 buddies will enjoy lunch together next Tuesday, 3 September. The lunch is part of the Kinder Science unit, “What’s For Lunch?” It should be a scrumptious time!

Year 2 Mass

Year 2 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 5 September. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow Mass.

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 tomorrow, Friday, 30 August. Those students involved have been given an information sheet from the College.

Concert Rehearsal

Wednesday, 11 September

Our one and only full concert rehearsal at the Gilgandra High School Hall will be held on Wednesday, 11 September. It is very important for everyone to be at school on this day so we can organise on the stage with the microphones etc. As this is a full dress rehearsal the children will need their costumes by this date.

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-of-war 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.

Those children who have indicated they would need transport to Baradine will be travelling by bus and the bus will depart school at 7:00 a.m. The cost of the bus will be $10.00 per family.

BUY A PAVER

We are updating our Wrigley Street entrance path with more engraved pavers for those who wish to purchase one. If you would like your name, a family member or friend’s name permanently engraved on a paver and included in the path, please pick up a form from the office. The cost is $30.00 and a maximum of 34 characters are allowed on each paver.

Uniforms

Due to the changeable weather conditions at the moment, children may wear either summer or winter uniforms.

ST Stanislaus College Dinner

Dr Anne Wenham, Head of St Stanislaus College Bathurst will be touring the region in September. An information session followed by dinner will be held in Coonamble next Wednesday, 4th September. For more details contact Lorna Doran-Spora on 68485348, Jo Barrett on 68238230 or Maree Crawford on 68221520.

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. A canteen will be available. For further information contact Louise Harland on 0437 329007 or Melissa Nyboer on 0403 699242.

Activities at the Youth Club

The following after school activities are provided by Gilgandra Youth & Citizens Club:

Tuesday – 3:30 p.m. onwards at the Youth Club – ‘Minute To Win It’

Wednesday – 3:30 onwards at McGrane Oval – Oz-Tag

Thursday – 3:30 p.m. onwards at the Youth Club – Pool, Table Tennis, Rock Climbing.

Castleragh Family Day Care

Wanting to get back into the workforce? Wanting to work from home? Looking for a rewarding career or a career change? What about a career in early childhood? Family day care educators are needed in your local area. Castleragh Family Day care is looking for caring, enthusiastic, healthy and reliable people who are passionate about working with children and families. All you need is a warm and secure family focused environment, a desire to succeed and a Certificate III in Children’s Services or the motivation to study this qualification. For further information please contact Castleragh Family Day Care on 68492222.

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Term 3 Week 7

29 August, 2013
Purvis
YEAR 6
fantastic improvement in Maths Operations.
Tarrant
discussions during our police station visit,
by Thursday, 29 August to 68485805.
to class discussions,
-                Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.
-                Thursday, 5 September          - Year 2 Mass – 10:3 0 a.m.
-                St John's College Year 7
Wednesday, 11 September - Concert Practice - GHS
Tuesday, 3 September            -               Kinder Buddy Lunch
Friday, 30 August                - Father's Day Sta ll
Thursday, 19 September         -               Moorambilla
Friday, 20 September - Last day Term 3

Gulargambone Preschool is holding a fundraising BBQ  at Armatree Hotel
Baradine Central School Horse Sports will be held o n Thursday, 10 October
Assembly on Monday:
KINDER: Ava Meyers, Nick Gale, Billie Allan, Alana Elsom and Ryan Ferguson
Taraforan: Jennifer Ibe
YEAR 1: Tom Dunn for a great effort on his English portfolio task,
Richard Glover and Madison Riley for wonderful contributions
to discussions during our police station visit, Isaac Grimson for terrific
marching,

YEAR 2: Rani Diggs for great work in Sentence A Day, William Fuller
and Jennifer Ibe for enthusiastic participation in all classroom activities and
Tayarna McKenzie for great preparation for news topics.
YEAR 3: James Ferguson for achievement in comprehension, Amber
Tarrant for thoughtful contributions to class discussions, Abby Tate for
completing all activities to a high standard and Amelia Murnil and Aliza
Purvis for using their research skills to locate important information.
YEAR 4: William Sandford for a super effort in Maths, Sinead Sutton for
being a quiet and conscientious worker, Aiden Ryan for great contributions
to class discussions, Ryan Carter for an improved effort in Operations and
Tarah Foran for wonderful sentence writing.
YEAR 5: Matilda Cruickshank for being a capable and dedicated worker.
Matthew Ferguson for fantastic work during Maths Operations, Charlotte
Banks for always producing work of a high standard and James O'Neil for
fantastic improvement in Maths Operations.
YEAR 6: Jacob Lummis for writing a very detailed explanation of a rifle,
Caitlin Carlow for excellent contributions to class discussions,
Brook Bonus-Straub for being a helpful member of Year 6 and Mikaela Sandford
for great work in Operations.

WHAT'S ON

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

WEEK 8- Year 3 Reconciliation
Tuesday, 5 September - Kinder Buddy Lunch
Thursday, 5 September - Year 2 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 6 September - Polding Athletics
- Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.

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 This week has been a busy week for our Kindergarten children.
This week’s sound is ‘Xx’ and we continue to revise our previous sounds.
We have also been learning about information reports and their structure.
The students even made their own information report booklets on possums.
During Mathematics we have been focusing on how to count items in
a group, how many groups there are and how many items there are altogether.
After visiting the Life Education Van on Monday, in our PDLHPE lesson, we
discussed different food groups and what would make a healthy picnic lunch.
During Religion we reflected on the Holy Family and fathers everywhere.
Just a reminder to parents to send their child’s costume in for the concert, in
a plastic bag with their name on it. I would like to wish all the fathers a
Happy Father’s Day on Sunday and hope you enjoy your day. Take care.
Miss Bourke

YEAR 1 has had an exciting week. We have enjoyed visiting Healthy
Harold and attending the Robo Tec Performance. In Spelling we have
been learning about the ‘wh’ as in ‘wheel’ sound and in Grammar we
have been exploring verbs. For text types this week we have been further
exploring narratives and their structure and purpose. We also wrote a
recount of our excursion to the police station where we got to see and
hear about all the important responsibilities of a police officer. Thank
you to all those parents and friends who joined us to celebrate our ‘We
Fathers’ liturgy a pleasant morning. I have had lots of good conversations
with us. Just a reminder about concert costumes, I’m here if anyone
needs any help. Have a great weekend and a happy Father’s Day to all
the fathers.
Miss Smith

YEAR 2 enjoyed the school performance on Tuesday, especially finding
out about all some great inventions. We are busily practising our concert
item and preparing also for our class Mass next week based on ‘Friends’.
In Maths we have been learning about improper fractions. Spelling last week saw us
complete our 50 word item and preparing also for our class Mass next week based on
its states, territories and capital cities. In Maths we have looked at
number patterns and mass. Our mass activity led us to look at estimating
the mass of various objects. We used an equal arm balance to check our
estimations. It was great to see how close we were to the correct
answer. In Writing we wrote an exposition on the topic of ‘Should iPads Be Banned’. Year 3 developed countless ideas to help us with
division facts and we also collected some data regarding our favourite
pets. We are really enjoying our Roald Dahl book, “The Witches” and
will come up with some of our own magic potions for a delayed action mouse maker.
In Science we are discussing how we communicate and
we have learnt some greetings from Japan, Germany and France. We
would like to wish all the dads and grandads a very Happy Father’s Day.
Mrs Larkin & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 3 this week in Science Year 3 used a map of Australia to label
its states, territories and capital cities. In Maths we have been working on
fractions and in particular moving onto identifying and working out
improper fractions. Spelling last week saw us complete our 50 word
revision unit with some amazing results whilst in Religion we have
been investigating the religious history of the Sisters of St Joseph as
well as our own school history. With primary marching practice well
underway we are also eagerly awaiting Ring Trophy in Week 9.
Have a great weekend.
Mr Soares & Mrs Morris

YEAR 4 has been working hard in Maths covering concepts such as
number pattern relationships, squared numbers, 4 digit addition and
properties of pentagons and octagons. Punctuation marks were the main
focus in Grammar and Spelling centred on plural words and ‘o’, ‘u’ and
‘ou’ words. Concert practices are well under way with Year 4’s theme
being ‘The Egyptians’. If you have any enquiries regarding costumes please see me sooner rather than later. Joey’s are looking sharp already
during Ring Trophy practices in marching and ball games. It’s a busy
time at Joey’s! Have a great weekend. A special thank you to Year 4 for being fantastic while I was away.
Mrs Bray

YEAR 5 is well on the way to producing a fantastic concert item
with many of the children sorting out their costumes leaving us
teachers to organise the props. Thank you to those who have already
brought in their costumes or have told us what they have got. A
reminder if you don’t have anything at home just let us know and
we will help you source them. In Maths we have been working on
fractions and in particular moving onto identifying and working out
improper fractions. Spelling last week saw us complete our 50 word
revision unit with some amazing results whilst in Religion we have
been investigating the religious history of the Sisters of St Joseph as
well as our own school history. With primary marching practice well
underway we are also eagerly awaiting Ring Trophy in Week 9.
Have a great weekend.
Mr Keady & Mrs Colwell

YEAR 6 Concert practice is well under way in Year 6 with some
spectacular acting, singing and dancing being rehearsed. If anyone
is having any difficulty with costumes please let us know. It is good
to see lots of people getting their discussion speeches organised in
readiness for next Monday. Our time in the Life Education Van got
us thinking about decision making and how important it is to collect
all the facts before jumping into any situation. In Maths we have
been working on dividing fractions, long division and multi step
problems. During discussion we have been focusing on both sides of the beautiful
prayer The Magnificat, which is Mary’s prayer of praise to the Lord.
Mrs Banks & Mrs Schier

CANTENE ROASTER
Friday, 30 August – Tracey Tate & Roslyn Zell
Monday, 2 September – Kerry Gale & Danielle Diggs
Wednesday, 4 September – Brenda Purvis & Deanna Ferguson
Friday, 6 September – Sally Beveridge & Penny Hassall

ALTAR SERVERS ROASTER
Sunday, 1 September – Deklyn Lunnis, Caitlin Spora, Matthew
Ferguson, Georgia Horan