ST JOSEPH’S SCHOOL FETE
Friday, 25 October – Only 2 weeks to go!

It’s time to start getting organised for the fete! The following are our major stalls that need donations to be successful:

CAKE & PRODUCE STALL (Infants) Kristy Gale is the coordinator for this stall and is asking for donations. Kristy has dropped some containers into the office. Please feel free to call in and pick them up at any time.

TOMBULI (Years 3 & 4) The Tombuli Stall is a great favourite among the children and we are looking for donations. Just simply fill a sandwich sized ziplock bag with miscellaneous items. There could be rubbers, pencils, textas, plastic toys (army men, animals etc.), hair bands, hair clips, toy cars etc. Please send them into school by Wednesday, 23 October.

‘EVERYONE’S A WINNER’ (Years 5 & 6) This is a very popular stall and that’s right, whether it’s a major prize or a minor prize – everyone’s a winner. We are looking for prizes of all values for this stall. While these stalls are class specific they are open to donations from everyone. For any enquiries contact Mel Ferguson on 0428 470303.

SANDY CANDY AND PLASTER CAST KITS/PAINTING We are looking for coordinators for these two stalls. We already have the sandy candy and plaster cast kits, we just need coordinators to set the stalls up in the afternoon. If you can help, please call Mel Ferguson on 0428 470303 or see Mrs Hodge in the office.

ROSTER Accompanying today’s About is the fete roster. If everyone helps out on the day for just one hour, then all the gaps would be easily filled. So, come on, put your name down and please return the roster by next Thursday, 17 October. There is also a place on the roster for helpers to set up for the fete on the Friday from 12:00 p.m. If you can help, please put your name down and return it so we know if we will have enough helpers.

COW PAT LOTTO At the fete each year we have a Cow Pat Lotto. We erect a yard with an area of 600 square metres. You then have the chance to purchase one or more of these one metre squares for $2.00 per square. A cow is let loose in the yard and if you own the square where the first dropping lands, then you win $500.00! Tickets were sold out last term. All sold tickets need to be returned to school by next Friday, 18 October.

COW PAT LOTTO TICKET SELLERS We will be visiting the pubs and clubs next Friday night to sell cow pat ticket. If you would like to help please meet at the Tatts Hotel at 5:15 p.m.

OCTOBER P & F MEETING The October P & F Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 15 October at 7:30 p.m. at school. Please come along and show your support.

COOEE FESTIVAL POETRY COMPETITION Congratulations to all our students who entered poems in the Cooee Festival Poetry Competition. The standard of entries was outstanding. Special mention to the following students who received awards:

First: Jacob Lummis Second: Noah Ryan Third: Caitlin Carlow

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS Just a reminder that Active After Schools recommenced at our school this week and will continue every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3:20 – 4:30 p.m. for seven weeks. The children are given a light afternoon tea followed by the playground activities. The program will conclude this term in Week 7. There is no obligation to attend all days, the children may attend one day or as many as they like. The Tuesday activities include lawn bowls and the Wednesday activities include golf which will culminate in a family fun golf afternoon at the Gilgandra Golf Club on Wednesday, 20 November. There will be more information about this activity as the day draws closer.

PRIMARY SPORT

Primary students will revert to Thursday for sport this term. Therefore all students should wear their sports uniforms on Thursdays and weather permitting, we will be swimming, so bring swimmers, towel and pool entry fee of 70¢ if you don’t have a season ticket.

SCHOOL BASED SWIMSAFE LESSONS

With the swimming season just about to begin our school is once again participating in the school based swimsafe program run by Gilgandra Learn to Swim. These lessons are for children from Kinder to Year 2 and are held during school time with qualified Austswim instructors. The children will be involved in the swimming lessons for ten days from Monday, 2 December to Friday, 13 December at a cost of $55.00 (this does not include pool entry).

We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills. Enrolment forms will be given to each Infants child next week.

GOLF COACHING

All students participated in a coaching clinic yesterday held by Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation representative, Sharon Nott. Students participated in a number of fun activities and were encouraged to become involved in the game of golf.

WELCOME BACK MRS THOMAS

We welcome Mrs Thomas back to school tomorrow. Mrs Thomas will teach Year 1 every Friday for this term.

WE’RE GOING TO THE ZOO, ZOO, ZOO!

“We’re all going to the zoo, zoo, zoo – how about you, you, you.”

Well Year 3 is going to the Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo next Thursday, 17 October. This excursison is part of their unit of work titled ‘Our Australia’. All the students have completed projects about an animal found at the zoo and next week they get to see their animal live. The children will also attend a lesson at the zoo’s education centre. It should be a great day.

SUNDAY FAMILY MASS – 27 OCTOBER 2013

Everyone is invited to come along to 9:45am Mass on Sunday 27th October to celebrate the gift of faith and family. Parishes around the world are joining in solidarity with the international gathering of families with Pope Francis as part of the celebration of the Year of Faith. On this Sunday we are encouraged to think about our faith and how it can be passed on through everyday family life. Please fill in the tear of slip if your child/children would like to come to this special celebration and return it to school by Tuesday 15th October.

LITTLE ATHLETICS

Little A’s season commences at McGrane Oval today, Thursday, 10 October. All are welcome to the official opening of the long jump pit at 4:30 p.m., followed by activities and a sausage sizzle.
WHAT'S ON

WEEK 2
Tuesday, 15 October - Georige Spora – Work Experience
- P & F Meeting

Thursday, 17 October - Year 3 Zoo Excursion
- Australian Curriculum Modules 2 & 3 – 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Friday, 18 October - Georige Spora – Work Experience

WEEK 3 - Year 3 Reconciliation
Monday, 21 October - iPad Training Day – Coonamble
  (Mrs Newstead, Mrs Morris, Mrs Colwell)

Tuesday, 22 October - Cricket Coaching
- Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, 24 October - Principals Meeting
- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 25 October - Principals Meeting
- Fete

Sunday, 27 October - Sunday Family Mass – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 4 - Year 4 Reconciliation
Tuesday, 29 October –
Friday, 1 November - Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion
Friday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-4) 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 5 - Year 5 Reconciliation
Monday, 6 November - Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, 7 November - Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 6
Monday, 11 November - Remembrance Day Mass – Year 5 (K-5) – 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 12 November - Kinder Orientation Day
- Deadly Australians – School Performance

Wednesday, 13 November - Netball Coaching

Thursday, 14 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 16 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

WEEK 7 - Father Martin away on Retreat
Tuesday, 19 November - Summer Sports Trials
- P & F Meeting

Wednesday, 20 November - Final Active After Schools – Family Fun Golf Afternoon

Thursday, 21 November - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, 24 November - Christ the King – Year 2 Reconciliation Mass – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 8
Tuesday, 26 November - Summer Sports back-up date

Thursday, 28 and

Friday, 29 November - Year 4 Burrendong Excursion

WEEK 9 - Year 6 Reconciliation
- Patrick Foran – Work Experience

Monday, 2 December - Infants Swimming Starts

Tuesday, 3 December - St John’s Orientation Day

THURSDAY, 12 DECEMBER
- Leaving Families BBQ – 5:30 for 6:00 p.m.
- Social – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 13 December - Infants Swimming ends
- Year 6 Picnic
- Reports and Portfolios home

WEEK 10
Monday, 16 December - End of Year Mass and Presentations

Tuesday, 17 December - Pool Parties

Wednesday, 18 December - Last day Term 4

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Welcome to Term 4 and I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday. This term is a busy one for our Kinders. Our sound of the week has been ‘sh’. This term students will be given a topic to talk about during their news time. Next week’s topic is ‘Animals Around The Home’. We have started our new PDHE unit titled ‘Keeping Me Safe’. During this unit we will be investigating ways to keep us safe at school, in the home and in the community. We also started our Science and Technology unit on ‘Kid’s Care’. This topic shows us how to look after our fragile environment. Looking forward to another great term.
Take care. Miss Bourke

YEAR 1 Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday. We welcome Bailey Wykes to our class this term. Year 1 has had a great start to Term 4. In Spelling we have looked at the ‘or’ sound while in Grammar we have been introduced to antonyms. For text types this week we have written recounts and have also looked at the purpose and structure of a narrative and been examining the story of ‘The Three Billy Goats Gruff’. In HSIE we have begun our new unit ‘Families Past and Present’ and we have discussed ways in which we can find out about the past. Children have been encouraged to bring in artefacts which help us to do this. Homework will begin again next week. Have a lovely weekend.

YEAR 2 Welcome back Year 2. Another busy term is ahead of us. In Religion we have read the story of the ‘Poor Widow’ and are reminded of how much Jesus loves a generous person. Our HSIE topic this term is ‘Wet and Dry Environments’. We have discussed some of the animals and plants that make up a rainforest environment. We have completed tessellating shapes, equal number sentences and measuring using centimetres in Maths and of course our times tables! We welcome Ella Wykes to our class and our Joey’s family. Have a great weekend.

YEAR 3 Welcome back to Term 4! This week we’ve enjoyed seeing our classmates and sharing holiday stories. We’ve been writing poetry and have written an autobiographical poem and a cinquain poem. In Maths we practised commutative property, drawing 3D shapes and our times tables. We had an awesome time learning some golfing skills and were keen to go for a swim today. Notes have gone home about our zoo excursion next week. Please return the permission note and money as soon as possible.

YEAR 4 Welcome back everyone. The Year 4 students look rested and ready for a big term ahead. During the week we looked at how we can be the caretakers of God’s creations and discussed ways to protect fragile environments. In Maths the concepts of trading, multiplying and investigating data were covered. Our HSIE topic is ‘State and National Parks’ and we discussed the importance of protecting our national heritage and parks. Nouns – common, collective and proper, were revised in Grammar as well as syllables in our spelling words for the week. In Art we designed holiday postcards to compliment our recounts of the school holidays. Have a great weekend everyone.

YEAR 5 Welcome back to a very fun filled term for Year 5. Only 3 days into the term and our classroom is already buzzing with work in preparation for our Sydney excursion. Students have been working extremely hard on their Sydney interviews as well as beginning their HSIE unit that focuses on such things as the NSW State Government. In Maths we have been learning new elements of the calculator and how they help us in working out problems whilst also continuing with our ‘Maths Challenge’ with the iPads from last term. Homework has already started and please make sure it comes in each Friday along with the reading card - this makes sure that we can stay on track with our term reading goal. Have a great weekend.

YEAR 6 What a wonderful first week we have had! We are well and truly into our preparation for our Sydney excursion with a special focus on State Government. In Text Types we have been writing information reports for our excursion interviews and we are trying to be creative with our introductions. During Maths we have been revising writing remainders as fractions and dividing and multiplying decimals. Our Grammar focus is the colon: and we have discovered there are many ways in which it can be used. We look forward to the rest of this busy and action packed term!

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday, 11 October – Leanne Gilmour & Kerrie Alts
Monday, 14 October – Claudia Ryan & Elizabeth Cruickshank
Wednesday, 16 October – Penny Hassall & Sophia Ibe
Friday, 18 October – Christine Harland & Paula Purvis

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Sunday, 13 October – Mollie Banks, Anastasia Newstead, Tobey Creanaune, Jacob Lumnis