CONFIRMATION

Sunday, 19 October – 9:45 a.m.

Only one more week before we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament will be administered by Bishop Michael McKenna on Sunday, 19 October at 9:45 a.m. This is such an important event at our school and we really encourage everyone to be at church next Sunday to celebrate with our Year 6 leaders. Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers: Kelly Anforth, Charlotte Banks, Liberty Barden, Harriet Beveridge, Jack Bonus-Straub, Kayla Bonus-Straub, Mitchell Carlow, Tobey Creanu, Maddie Eason, Matthew Ferguson, Isaac Frost, Mitchell Gaff, Shari Grimshaw, Georgia Horan, Daimon Horne, Sebastian Jackson, Brock Johnston, Deklyn Lummis, Grace Lummis, Montana McGrath, Spencer McIntosh, James O’Neill, John Ragnus, Noah Ryan, Caitlin Spora, John Spora, Kyle Welsh.

CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR CONFIRMATION

A working bee for the Year 6 parents to clean the church in preparation for Confirmation will be held next Saturday, 18 October at 9:00 a.m. It would be great if as many parents as possible could lend a hand.

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: Grace Alchin
Second: Emilie Hassall
Very Highly Commended: Rebecca Gaff
Commended: Lauchlan Bash

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS

Just a reminder that Active After School 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 week in Term 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.

MISS HARVEY ON LEAVE

Miss Harvey is currently on Long Service Leave. Mr Langes will be teaching Year 4 until Lisa’s return in Week 4.

SCHOOL BASED SWIMSAFE LESSONS

With the swimming season just about to begin our school is once again participating in a 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, 1 December to Friday, 12 December at a cost of $65.00. (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.

YEARS 3 IS 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 tomorrow. This excursion is part of their unit of work titled ‘Our Australia’. All the students are completing projects about an animal found at the zoo and when they go to the zoo 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.

PRIMARY SPORT

Just a reminder that primary sport will be held on Thursday during Term 4. Weather permitting, we will be swimming so bring swimmers, towel and pool entry fee of 80¢, if you don’t have a season ticket.
WHAT’S ON THIS TERM

WEEK 1
Friday, 10 October - Year 3 Zoo Excursion

WEEK 2
Sunday, 19 October - Confirmation – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 3
Tuesday, 21 October - Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
- P & F Meeting
Thursday, 23 October - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 24 October - Crazy Beard Day – Gilgandra & District Cancer Fundraisers
- Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy Expo – 2:00 p.m.
- Cow Pat Lotto Selling

WEEK 4
Year 4 Reconciliation
Wednesday, 29 October - Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
Thursday, 30 and Friday, 31 October - Principals’ Meeting
Thursday, 30 October - St. Raymond’s College Band – 9:00am
Friday, 31 October - Fete
Saturday, 1 November - All Saints Day
Sunday, 2 November - All Souls Day

WEEK 5
Year 5 Reconciliation
Wednesday, 5 November - Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
Thursday, 6 November - Years 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 6
Year 2 Reconciliation
Monday, 10 November - ‘Beating Around The Bush’ Performance – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 11 November - Remembrance Day Mass – Year 5 (K-5) – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 13 November - Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm

WEEK 7
Father Martin away on Retreat
Tuesday, 18 November - Kinder Orientation Day
- Summer Sports Trials
- P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 19 November - Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
Thursday, 20 November - Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
Friday, 21 November - Year 5 Student Council Policy Speeches
Sunday, 23 November - Christ the King

WEEK 8
Year 3 Reconciliation
Monday, 24 November - Student Council Voting
Tuesday, 25 November - Summer Sports Trials back-up
Wednesday, 26 & Thursday, 27 November - AEW Meeting
Thursday, 27 & Friday, 28 November - Year 4 Wellington Caves Excursion
Thursday, 27 November - Year 2 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 30 November - 1st Sunday of Advent

WEEK 9
Monday, 1 December - Infants Swimming starts
Wednesday, 3 December - St John’s Orientation Day
Thursday, 4 December - Year 3 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 7 December - 2nd Sunday of Advent

WEEK 10
Monday, 8 December - The Immaculate Conception
Wednesday, 10 December - Year 6 to GHS – Peer Support 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, 11 December - Leaving Families BBQ – 5:30 for 6:00 p.m.
- Social – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 12 December - Year 6 Picnic
- Reports and Portfolios home
- Infants swimming ends
Sunday, 14 December - 3rd Sunday of Advent

WEEK 11
Monday, 15 December - End of Year Mass and Presentations – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 16 December - Pool Parties
Wednesday, 17 December - Last Day Term 4
Sunday, 21 December - 4th Sunday of Advent

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER
Welcome back everyone as we begin our last term of Kindergarten! This term we are looking forward to visiting the computer room, using iPads, going swimming and many more action packed activities. We all wrote some fabulous recounts about our holidays. In Maths, making groups that add up to 9 and sharing objects evenly has been our focus. ‘Meeting Our Needs’ is our HSIE topic this term and we have discussed all the things we need and all the things we want! In Art we coloured and painted some amazing armadillos. Did you know they can swim and hold their breath under water for up to 6 minutes? We are looking forward to celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation with our buddies next Sunday, so we hope to see you all there. Enjoy your weekend.

Miss Boarke & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 1
Welcome back for the final term of the year! Year 1 has settled back into work well and our spelling focus this week is the ‘or’ sound. For comprehension we have begun exploring Julia Donaldson’s “Room on the Broom” by sequencing events from the story. This week we have written a recount of our holiday and explored rhombuses and metres. In Religion we have begun our new unit ‘Towards God’ from the story of the Exodus in Religion, when Moses led the Israelites to freedom. We’ve also created title pages for our Science unit, ‘Back to Nature’ using the computers.

Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

YEAR 2
Welcome back to Term 4. We’ve heard many stories about some wonderful holiday adventures. It seems everyone enjoyed their break and are excited to see their friends again. We have read an amazing book about the story of the Exodus in Religion, when Moses led the Israelites to freedom. We’ve also written a recount about our holiday and during Maths we have worked on division and subtraction strategies. In HSIE we are continuing with our transport unit and will be using the computers to create transport collages. We’ve also created title pages for our Science unit, ‘Back to Nature’ using the computers.

Mr Langes

YEAR 3
Welcome back! Year 3 has many amazing things to look forward to this final term starting with our zoo excursion on Friday. I have been very impressed with the outstanding animal projects that have been handed in. Next week the children will present these to the class informing us all about their chosen animal. Our Grammar focus this week has been on articles. We have had lots of fun rearranging letters to make different words. In writing we have written recounts about our holiday. It sounds like we all had a wonderful break! In Maths we have been learning different strategies on how to check our answers.

YEAR 4
Welcome back! Everyone is looking refreshed and eager to learn. It is going to be a busy term. In Maths our focus started with revising 5 digit addition and metric conversions. We looked at problem solving strategies, interpreting what the question actually requires and seeing that there may be more than one way to approach a problem and obtain the answer. It is an exciting time ahead with the Wellington Caves/Burrendong Exposures in Week 8. In HSIE we are looking at National Parks – why they were established and their present and future roles. Writing saw a quick review and writing of a Recount and then we moved on to writing a Discussion. This week we have looked at the various types of nouns and where to use them. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Year 6 class they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mr Keady

YEAR 5
Welcome back to another busy and exciting term in Year 5. This term we have a number of exciting things to look forward to including our Canberra excursion expo and our student council policy speeches that we are busily preparing. This week we have been taking time to reflect on what we think makes a great leader as well as what we have seen leaders doing that is positive. In Maths we have been working at refining our multiplication skills. During Religion we discussed the sacraments and in particular the upcoming Sacrament of Confirmation which our Year 6 friends will be celebrating. Have a great weekend.

YEAR 6
What a wonderful first week we have had! We are well and truly into our preparation for Confirmation and can’t wait until the big day at the end of next week… 10 more sleeps! In Text Types we have been writing recounts of the holidays and 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!

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday, 10 October – Leanne Gilmour & Kerrie Altus
Monday, 13 October – Anna Mudford & Sally Oehm
Wednesday, 15 October – Sophia Ibe & Claudina Ryan
Friday, 17 October – Paula Purvis & Toni Tarrant

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Sunday, 12 October – Kyle Welsh, James O’Neill, Tobey Creanuane, Deklyn Lummis