KINDER ORIENTATION DAY
We had a great day on Tuesday as we welcomed our 2014 Kinder class. Thirty-eight students have enrolled in Kinder for next year and it was our pleasure to have these children at school to give them a small taste of big school. We can’t wait to see them all next year. Many thanks to Miss Bourke, Mrs Spora, Mrs Alchin and Mrs Stewart for ensuring an enjoyable morning for the children.

NOVEMBER P & F MEETING
The November P & F Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 19 November at the Tatts Hotel at 7:30 p.m. As Tuesday night’s P & F Meeting is the last for the year I would like to thank and congratulate all members of the P & F for the wonderful contribution made to the school in 2013. A special thank you to President Andrew Schier, Secretary Wes Morris, Treasurer Carol Alchin and all those who attended meetings during the year. A huge vote of thanks to all those who coordinated fundraising activities, to those who assisted at these activities, canteen helpers, working bee helpers and anyone who has contributed to our hard working P & F. The P & F has contributed over $40 000.00 worth of resources back to the school this year. Amazing!

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Year 5 students prepared a beautiful Remembrance Day Mass which was celebrated in St Joseph’s Church on Monday. Year 6 attended the Remembrance Day Service at the Gilgandra War Memorial as a sign of respect for all those brave men and women who have served our country in all wars. Lest We Forget.

EXCURSION SNIPPET
ANZ Stadium was great! We got to run onto the ground and stand on the Olympic podium with the crowd cheering and roaring. We went into the dressing sheds and saw the recovery pool. They move blocks of grass to change the shape of the ground. ANZ Stadium is not only for sport but they also hold monster jam trucks and concerts. We would go back any time. Jack Evans, Toby Cruickshank and Loki Ryan

YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION
Year 2 has been very busy this term preparing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a special time for us to admit when we have gone wrong in our lives and say sorry to God. It helps deepen our relationship with God and helps us to grow to become better people. Parents of those children making their Reconciliation for the first time can take their child to Reconciliation this afternoon, Thursday, 14 November at 5:00 p.m. or on Saturday, 16 November at 10:00 a.m. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass on Sunday, 24 November at 9:45 a.m. during which the certificates will be presented to the Year 2 class. This is a special time for Year 2 and we keep all these children in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

SUMMER SPORTS TRIALS
Congratulations to all the students who have participated in our Summer sports Trials held over the past week. All the children were so enthusiastic and it made the selection process very difficult. Well Done! The following students will now compete in the Diocesan Summer Sports Trials to be held in Dubbo next Tuesday, 19 November. Best of luck to Isaac Frost (Cricket), Kyle Welsh and James O’Neill (basketball) and Daimon Horne, Noah Ryan, Mitchell Carlow and Darren Doherty (Touch).

FINAL ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS – HELPERS NEEDED
The final Active After Schools session for this year will be held at the Gilgandra Golf Club next Wednesday afternoon. The students will be transported to the golf club by bus and will need to be collected by parents at 4:30 p.m. Family and friends are welcome to join in the fun. IF ANY PARENTS WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE A GROUP OF FOUR AT THE GOLF COURSE, PLEASE LET MRS HODGE KNOW. Also, if any children have golf sticks, they could bring a seven iron and putter. Many thanks to Margie Stewart, Sheryn West and Kate Banks for doing such a wonderful job as our Active After Schools teachers this year.

EXCURSION SNIPPET
We enjoyed visiting Parliament House because we got to meet our local member, Mr Kevin Humphries. We also had the opportunity to see the Premier, the opposition leader and other representatives in the parliament. It was funny to see the arguing that took place during question time. John Raglus, Matthew Ferguson, Kelly Anforth

COOELE CALLING COMPETITION
Last Thursday and Friday we held our Cooce Calling Competition. Each class selected their best boy and girl cooee caller. These champions from each class went through to the final. The stage winners of the Cooce Calling Competition were: Kinder – Bethany Earsman and Nick Gale, Stage 1 – Jennifer Ibe, Stage 2 – Julia Cusack and Stage 3 – Will McEwen. Lions Club representative, Mr Doug Diggs, addressed a school assembly on Wednesday and school captains, Toby Cruickshank and Ruby Schembri presented Mr Diggs with a cheque for $400.00 for the Lions Club Dollar For A Digger Bronze Sculpture Project. The sculpture will commemorate the 100 year Anniversary of the Cooce March and honour all service men and women and our community.

KINDER LITURGY
Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy in St Joseph’s Church next Thursday, 21 November at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

FINAL CHANCE TO PURCHASE A PAVER
Tomorrow, Friday, 15 November will be the closing date to purchase a named paver in our front path. If you haven’t already done so and would like to purchase a paver, the forms are available from the office. The pavers cost $30.00 each.

EXCURSION SNIPPET
We enjoyed the Captain Cook Cruise because of the great views of the harbour including the Sydney Harbour Bridge, Sydney Opera House and Fort Denison. We also liked seeing a seaplane landing on the harbour while it was jam packed with boats and yachts. The houses on the edge of the water were extraordinary. Mitchell Gaff, Isaac Frost, Deklyn Lunnis

GILGANDRA BASKETBALL
Gilgandra Basketball will hold its AGM on Tuesday, 26 November at the Gilgandra Services Club at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Please come along!

CALTEX ‘STAR OF THE WEEK’
We thank Caltex for sponsoring our ‘Star of the Week’ Awards for the next four weeks. Each class will have a ‘Star of the Week’ and these will receive a lunch box and drink bottle from Caltex. The ‘Stars of the Week’ last week were Billie Allan, Chloe Mudford, Skye Bui, Mary Westwood, Alex Beveridge, Isaac Frost and Loki Ryan.

MERIT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: KINDER: Alana Elsom for being a kind and considerate class member. Hayden Ferguson for working number, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions and
efficiently in class, Nick Gale for working really hard to finish his work and Paige Gilmour for making a great effort in her artwork. **YEAR 1:** Kate Wooliams for being a valuable member of Year 1, Aiden Walker for taking care to form letters correctly, Rhys Bonnington for working diligently to complete quality work and Molly Fairley for her positive attitude to all classwork. **YEAR 2:** Breanna Foster for writing a wonderful description, Ella Wykes for beautiful illustrations of our HSIE topic, Jack Purvis for trying hard to speed up and finish set tasks and Jessica Scholte for super work in Comprehension. **YEAR 3:** Ella McNally-Elwin and Olivia Ferguson for writing terrific sensory poems and Charlie Banks for asking intelligent questions. **YEAR 4:** Jye Day and William Sandford for designing fantastic ‘Bound for Burrendong’ title pages, Lauchlan Bash for always asking for help and never giving up in Maths and Tarah Foran and Olivia Newstead for kindness and courtesy to other classmates. **YEAR 5:** Matilda Cruickshank for being a Maths whiz who achieves commendable results, Mitchell Carlow for a fantastic effort in his public speaking and Grace Lummis for always having a positive attitude in all she does.

**YEAR 6:** Henry Johnson for great work in Problem A Day, Ruby Schembri for always producing outstanding work and Mikaela Sandford for working hard in Spelling.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 6** - GHS Work Experience

Thursday, 14 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 15 November - Knowledge Exploision – 2:00 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.
Friday, 22 November - Knowledge Exploision – 2:00 p.m.
Sunday, 24 November - Christ the King – Year 2 Reconciliation Mass – 9:45 a.m.

**WEEK 8**

Monday, 25 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
- Year 6 PD Evening – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 26 November - Summer Sports Trials back-up date
- Year 5 Policy Speeches
Wednesday, 27 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches
Thursday, 28 and Friday, 29 November - Year 4 Burrendong Excursion

**WEEK 9** - Year 6 Reconciliation

Monday, 2 December - Patrick Foran – Work Experience
Tuesday, 3 December - Infants Swimming Starts
Thursday, 5 December - Kinder singing Christmas songs at Gilgandra MPS

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week in Kindergarten we have been learning about the blending sound ‘st’. Together the children came up with a lot of words beginning with ‘st’ and writing them in Sentence A Day. Also this week there was a lot of brainstorming about words associated with a farmer. As a result there were some great stories written about farming. In handwriting we continue to improve our writing with lots of practice where to start and finish our letters. During our PDHEP lesson we discussed people who we trust and who we feel safe with in our school and in our community. The children listened to some scenarios and believed that the phrase ‘No, Go and Tell’ was a safe way to get help from someone they trusted. During Science and Technology we have been discussing what is in a community and what the difference is from someone they trusted. During Science and Technology we have been looking at homographs and homophones as our Grammar focus and practising our netball skills. It was great to see everyone involved and enthusiastic.

**YEAR 1** has been working very hard this week. We have learnt about the ‘oo’ as in ‘moon’ sound and have focused on rhyming words in Grammar. For text types we have continued with our work on narratives and have completed various assessments for comprehension. Maths this week has been all about revision and we have completed assessments for chance. We must congratulate Year 1 on their efforts in these assessments which show how much they have learnt over the semester. We have also been learning about Remembrance Day in Religion and we celebrated a lovely Remembrance Day Mass on Monday with Year 5. Have a fabulous weekend.

**YEAR 2** We have been busily preparing for our ‘First Reconciliation’ as we discussed the choices we make and how we can try to live by following Jesus’ ways. During HSIE we began to look at the characteristics of a dry environment and used atlases to identify the many Australian deserts. We also created wonderful desert scenes. Our writing focus was an information report on a camel! In Maths we tried to become ‘speedy’ mathematicians as we timed ourselves to complete 20 questions on addition, subtraction and multiplication with 2. We look forward to joining the children either tonight or Saturday morning as they make their first Reconciliation. God bless you.

**YEAR 3** It was appropriate to start this week with the Remembrance Day Mass which was followed by learning more about the significance of this day in the classroom. In Maths Year 3 has been progressing with their quick recall of the six and seven times tables. It’s evident that we have been practising at home. We have also examined the Year 3 children’s height and arm span in Maths which led us to collect and compare data. We were entertained by the ‘Deadly Australians’ performance on Tuesday where we learnt about dangerous creatures of Australia. On Wednesday we had lots of fun practising our netball skills. It was great to see everyone involved and enthusiastic.

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**Mrs Banks & Mrs Schier**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**YEAR 3**

Friday, 15 November – Katherine Gaff & Roslyn Zell
Monday, 18 November – Kerry Gale & Daniille Diggs
Wednesday, 20 November – Lorna Doran-Spora & Anna Mudford
Friday, 22 November – Sally Beveridge & Penny Hassall

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

**Sunday, 17 November** – Mollie Banks, Anastasia Newstead, Tobey Creenunane, Jacob Lummis