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CONGRATULATIONS AMELIA – COLOURING CHAMP!
Congratulations to Amelia Murray in Year 5 who was the store winner of the 2015 Newspower Easter Colouring Competition. Well done Amelia.

Chairs, please return to school early next term so the Term 2 work can be placed in our Project Compassion boxes.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS
Tonight, Thursday, 2 April – 7:00 p.m.
All children are invited to join in the Offertory Procession during Holy Thursday Mass this evening at 7:00 p.m. This Mass is where we will offer our Project Compassion boxes.

DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS
Congratulations to those Years 5 and 6 children who represented the school at the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials held in Bathurst last Friday. Special mention to Martin Fryers, Hamish Beveridge, Jacob Wilson (Under 11’s Rugby League), Jye Day and Marshall Ryan (Under 12’s Rugby League) and Olivia Ferguson, Mary Westwood and Nash Marchant (Soccer) who were selected in the Possibles vs Probables matches. Congratulations to Martin, Jye and Marshall who were then selected in their respective Diocesan teams. They will now represent the Diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Championships to be held next term.

APRIL P & F MEETING
The April P & F Meeting will be held at school on Tuesday, 21 April (first week after the holidays) at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

KINDER COOEE VISIT
Our Kinder class had a wonderful time visiting the residents of Cooee Lodge on Tuesday. The children sang songs, gave gifts and wished all a very happy Easter. Well done to all the children. Many thanks to Miss Bourke for organising the visit and to the helpers, Katrina Skinner, Sarah Hickey, Sally Temple, Kirstie McKenzie, Danelle Jones, Sheree Staggs, Toni Fuller and Rhonda Madgwick.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Our school cross country for the primary students was staged on the school oval today. Congratulations to all our runners for their tremendous training and efforts today. From our school trials a team will be selected to compete at the Diocesan Cross Country which will be held in Coolah on Tuesday, 28 April. These students were given a note today. It is expected that the children will continue training for this event.

PORTFOLIOS
All children took home their Term 1 Portfolios today. We encourage all families to take the time to look at the children’s work. All portfolios need to be returned to school early next term so the Term 2 work can be placed in them.

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HOLY, HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAYS
We wish everyone a holy, happy and safe holiday break. Term 1 has been full of a variety of activities and we look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for Term 2 on Monday, 20 April.

OUR SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY
Sport for the primary students will be held on Fridays in Terms 2 and 3. Therefore all Years 3-6 students will need to wear their sports uniforms on a Friday. Infants sport will remain on a Thursday.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL – FRIDAY, 8 MAY
Each year parents are asked to donate gifts which the children can then purchase at the Mother’s Day Stall. The stall will be soon after the school holidays this year, so why not start buying and creating now! Your contributions can be sent in at any time and left at the school office. Prices at the stall range from 50¢ to $5.00 and we aim to have enough gifts for each child to purchase at least two gifts. Thank you to Mrs Toni Fuller who has again agreed to organise the stall.

KID’S DISCO
A disco for children aged 12 years and under will be held at the Curban Oval today. Conditions are:

1. Children need to assemble in Bridge Street at 10:30 a.m. or they could come to Mass at 9:00 a.m. after which we will walk them down to Bridge Street. The march will proceed down Bridge and Miller Streets to the War Memorial for the service at 11:00 a.m. Students are required to wear full summer uniform. If any parents have a special request for any Kinder or Year 1 children to march, please contact the office and I’m sure there will be no problems.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Children may wear either summer or winter school uniform when they return to school next term. It is a personal choice, depending on the weather.

PRIMARY SPORT – TERMS 2 AND 3
ANZAC DAY
Our school has once again been invited to participate in the annual ANZAC Day March and an invitation is extended to all students from Years 2-6 to represent our school on ANZAC Day. St Joseph’s has traditionally had a fantastic representation at this march and hopefully as many students as possible will give up an hour or so of their time to represent their school on such an important occasion and show respect for those who served our country.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
Let us be with Jesus on His journey to Calvary in our thoughts, prayers and actions so that we are ready to celebrate His glorious resurrection.
COMMUNITY HALL on Saturday, 18 April at 5.00 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is $8.00 per person which includes supper for children and adults. RSVP to pat Coxedge by 13 April on 68485032 or 0457485032 or email coxedge@activ8.net.au.

GILGANDRA JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Aussie Hoops for learners will commence on Tuesday 28 April from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Youth Club. Coaching clinics for primary and secondary students will commence on Wednesday, 29 April with Mr Morganlowe from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

NRL SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC IN GILGANDRA

A rugby league clinic will be held at McGrane Oval on Wednesday, 15 April from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for participants aged 5 to 16 years. Cost is $40.00 with all participants receiving a ball, kicking tee, carry bag, water bottle, trucks cap and footy pump. A sausage sizzle will be held at the completion of the clinic. To register go to http://bit.ly/GilgandraNRLHolidayClinic.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards on Monday: KINDER: Amity Chapman for a great effort learning her sight words, Jessica Ibe for writing descriptive stories on interesting topics, Darron Mulligan for a super effort with his handwriting and Davey Morris for a great effort in Story Writing. YEAR 1: Charlie Zell for a very interesting News items about Thailand, Eva Bonnington for excellent results in Comprehension, Carter Chapman for making great progress in reading, Blake Fairley and Sam Dunn for an excellent effort in Story Writing, Henry Purvis for great counting to 20 and Grace Jones-Copelin for a wonderful effort in Reading. YEAR 2: Ava Meyers for a fantastic effort in Maths, Ben Standing for wonderful presentation of facts about Ned Kelly, Hayden Ferguson for sensational work with quarters, Mattea Purvis for great work in Grammar, Alana Elsom for a perfect pirate’s treasure chest, YEAR 3: Isaiah McKenzie for always having a high standard of bookwork, Jade Elsom for being kind and caring towards all classmates, Laynay Godfer for excellent work in Operations, Kyzack Corcoran for a great effort to finish all set tasks and Daniel Kirspol for an improved effort in Maths. YEAR 4: Oli Schier for a great effort and wonderful imagination in writing tasks, Joshua Purvis for improvement in Comprehension, Skye Burrows for a well written narrative about ‘The Dreamgiver’ and William Gaff for creating a lovely artwork for his portfolio. YEAR 5: Mike Ragus for always trying hard to read with expression, Abby Tate for improved self-editing in writing and Jett Grimshaw for working hard to solve complex Maths problems. YEAR 6: Tarah Foran, Alex Beveridge, Olivia Newstead and Lucy Davis for excellent elaborations in their Expositions.

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 1

Monday, 20 April - First Day – Term 2
Tuesday, 21 April - Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, 23 April - P & F Meeting
Friday, 24 April - Polding Winter Sports Trials
Saturday, 25 April - ANZAC Day

WEEK 2

Monday, 27 April - First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 28 April - Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah
Wednesday, 29 April - Staff CPR/First Aide Skills Update
Thursday, 30 April - Polding Winter Sports Trials back-up date
Friday, 1 May - Polding Winter Sports Trials back-up date

WEEK 3 - Year 6 Reconciliation

Monday, 4 May - School Performance – ‘Lah Lah’ – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, 7 May - REC Assembly
- Kerrie Morris (St John’s College) – Visit Year 6 – 11:30 a.m.
- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 8 May - REC Assembly
- Mother’s Day Stall

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER: This week Kindergarten revisited all sounds and revisited sight words from list 4, 5 and 6. During reading we read “Baa Baa Black Sheep” and discussed what happens at the beginning, the middle and at the end of the story. In Story Writing we wrote about the Easter Rabbit and described what he was doing or how he may look. We finished our portfolio tasks and summarised what we had learnt in our Science and Technology unit, ‘Weather In My World’. As part of our HSIE unit ‘School Days’, we discussed and drew pictures of what we liked and disliked about school.

In Religion we heard the story about Jesus coming into Nazareth on a donkey and about the last meal Jesus had with his twelve disciples known as the ‘Last Supper’. I would like to thank and congratulate all the Kindergarten children for singing so well at Cooee Lodge this week. We certainly brought smiles and laughter to the audience. We also wished the Cooee Lodge community a happy Easter with cards and a small bag of chocolate eggs. Thank you to those parents who helped out on the day. I would like to wish all the Kindergarten families a happy and safe Easter.

Miss Bourke

YEAR 1

What an egg-citing end to Term 1!!! Our playground was covered in Easter eggs today delivered by a special visitor! During the week Year 1 has continued using verbs and adjectives and wrote descriptions about animals including the rascally rabbit. In Maths the main focus has been identifying 2D and 3D shapes and addition. During Religion we sequenced the events of Holy Week and discussed the importance of remembering the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Thank you to everyone for bringing in your project compassion boxes. Have a very happy and safe Easter holiday.

Mrs Newshead & Miss Harvey

YEAR 2

What a fabulous excursion to the Rural Museum we had last Friday. The children were very excited and enjoyed looking at exhibits from the past. A huge thank you to the parents who came along. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. Today we enjoyed cheering on our friends in the Cross Country Trials. Congratulations to all who participated. The children were very excited to receive a special visit from the Easter bunny today. We’d like to wish everyone a happy and holy Easter. Have a safe and relaxing holiday and we’ll see you back in Term 2.

Mrs Schier

YEAR 3

The term has flown by but Year 3 has continued to work hard. In Maths we explored column graphs, counting by tens and digital time. In Grammar we have been learning about adverbs and how we can use them in our writing. We completed a comprehension activity about Kaiya’s hunting adventures. It was great to see how hard everyone was trying in the school cross country today, it is always wonderful to see everyone come along to support the school sports. I would like to thank Year 3 for all their hard work this term and wish everyone a happy and holy Easter.

Mr Sources

YEAR 4

It has been a lovely term. Year 4 has settled well in and should be proud of their effort and achievements. In English, this week, we have been busy revising grammar concepts, planning and writing a narrative and learning about the ‘si’ as in ‘division’ sound. In Maths we have completed our portfolio task as an assessment and have revised fractions and time.

Our Religion focus has been Holy Week, particularly the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. I hope you all have a safe and happy holiday.

Miss Smith

YEAR 5

What a way to finish off our first term in Year 5. To start the week we were all looking rather smart as we had our school photos taken and then enjoyed a wonderful performance on ‘Cyber Safety’. On Tuesday we thoroughly enjoyed our trip with Mrs Colwell to Orana Cactus World. We are sure that Mr Lester would like to thank Mr Colwell for showing us his amazing collection. In class this week we have also been working hard at publishing our latest writing piece, a discussion, and they are all very persuasive so far. While in HSIE we have been working really well on finding out lots of information on our country of study, Italy. Thanks for a great first term and happy Easter to all.

Mr Ready

YEAR 6

We’ve really enjoyed our final week of Term 1. In HSIE we’ve continued to research Italy for the CWA Project. We encourage everyone to work hard on these projects over the coming school holidays, as they will be due in Week 3 next term. During Maths we’ve located positions on a grid, revised area of a triangle and our long division skills. It has been fantastic listening to speeches this week and we congratulate everyone on their great efforts. In Religion we’ve looked at the significance of Holy Week as we prepare to celebrate the risen Jesus. We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to a terrific Term 2!

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

CAITEEN ROSTER

Friday, 3 April – Good Friday
Monday, 20 April – Nikki Church & Lexine Mallison
Wednesday, 22 April – Katherine Gaff
Friday, 24 April – Kerrie Altus & Leanne Gilmour

EASTER ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Holy Thursday, 2 April – 7:00 p.m. – Jett Grimshaw, Charlie Banks, Olivia Newshead
Good Friday, 3 April – 3:00 p.m. Martin Fryers, Georgia Horan
Easter Sunday, 5 April – 9:45 a.m. – Laura Smith, Kate Gilmour