Our school has once again been invited to participate in the annual Ryley and his family. Doors open 6:30 p.m. Dinner served at 7:00 p.m. Lucky door prize valued at $500.00. So come along for a great family night out and at the same time supporting Ryley and his family.

**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. 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 I 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.

**APRIL P & F MEETING**

The April P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 26 April at 7:30 p.m. in the staffroom at school. This will be the first day back at school next term. So pop the date in your diary and come along, everyone is always most welcome.

**POLDING WINTER SPORTS TRIALS**

We wish Patrick Spora, Mason Fryers and Lachlan Riley (rugby league) the best of luck when they play in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Winter Sports Trials to be held in Bathurst in the first week of next term. It is a fantastic achievement to reach this high level of competition. Congratulations Pat, Mason and Lachlan.

**CHAIR COVER WASHING**

We need some volunteers to help wash the chair covers that we used at the Ball. There are 300 to wash and many hands make light work! So come and get a dozen or grab 100! It all helps.

**SCIENCE COMPETITION**

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding its Science Competition on Tuesday, 31 May for children in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to enter this competition please complete the tear-off slip attached to this week’s About (or send in a note to school) together with the $8.00 entry fee by Friday, 29 April.

**MOTHER’S DAY STALL**

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**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Our school cross country for the primary students was held at school 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, 3 May. These students were given a note today. It is expected that the children will continue training for this event.

**YEAR 3 VISIT GILGANDRA WASTE FACILITY**

Our Year 3 class enjoyed an excursion to the Gilgandra Waste Facility this afternoon where they were given a tour and learnt about the importance of recycling. We thank the Gilgandra Shire Council for the invitation to their Open Day.

**CONGRATULATIONS MIKE**

Congratulations to Mike Raglus who won the bronze medal in the Under 14 Traks Division at the Australian National Barefoot Water Skiing Championships held on the Georges River, Liverpool last week. A fabulous achievement. Well done Mike!

**PORTFOLIOS**

All children will take home their Term 1 Portfolios tomorrow, Friday, 8 April. 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.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. School resumes for staff and students on Tuesday, 26 April.

**RAISING MONEY FOR RYLEY**

Gilgandra Sporting Club invites you to a Prawn, Chicken & Pasta Night on Saturday, 16 April to raise money to support Ryley and his family. Buy a ticket or book a table. $40.00 per adult/$20.00 per child. Bookings can be made at the club phone 68472105. RSVP by Wednesday, 13 April.

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**GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY**

**AUSSIE ROCK LEGENDS**

What a wonderful day it was yesterday as we celebrated our Grandparents/Open Day. We were amazing and grateful for the huge number of visitors who came to celebrate with us. On arrival everyone was greeted by our Year 6 leaders who received many compliments on their helpfulness and politeness. Well done Year 6! All enjoyed a cuppa and morning tea before the children performed a spectacular concert. First the children welcomed our guests with the song, “We Welcome You To This Place”. Following this we were thrilled to be entertained by great Aussie performers, Dame Edna Everage, The Seekers, Peter Allen, Johnny O’Keefe, Kylie Minogue and finally the legend who came out of retirement for the 24th time, John Farnham. To conclude the concert the children sang the Irish Blessing. A spectacular morning! Mrs Beryl Elwin thanked the children on behalf of the senior citizens before the children escorted their family and friends to the classrooms. Many thanks to the students on their sensational efforts and to the staff, whose efforts ensured an amazing morning.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Our school uniform for the primary students will be held on Fridays in Terms 2 and 3. If you would like your child to enter this competition please note to school (or send in a note to school) together with the $8.00 entry fee by Friday, 29 April.

**PRIMARY SPORT – TERMS 2 AND 3**

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, 6 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. _If the gifts could be wrapped in clear cellophane, that would be greatly appreciated._ The Mother’s Day Stall is a fundraiser for the P & F Association but most importantly it gives the children the opportunity to bring in their own money to purchase a gift for their mothers and grandmothers that they have selected themselves. 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.
A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days. For most NSW Catholic schools, school zones operate as normal until (and include) Friday, 8 April 2016 and resume on Tuesday 26 April 2016, whether students are present or not.

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**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:

**KINDER**
- Alex Cosier for contributing to class discussions about seasons,
- Ava Lacey, Poppy-Grace Newton and Georgia Tancered for giving of their best in Creative Writing, Angular Journeys and being a considerate person during work, 
- Archie Riley for being a considerate member of Kindergarten and 
- Violet Whitehouse, Layla Wykes and Lara Younghusband for their enthusiastic singing during our preparations for Grandparents Day.

**YEAR 1**
- Abbie Skinner for a super effort in reading groups, 
- Alicia Fordham for writing thoughtful reasons for loving her grandparents, 
- Mitchell Fuller for being a polite and helpful class member and 
- Darcy Morris for his great knowledge of the Easter story.

**YEAR 2**
- Abigail Davis for fantastic preparation and presentation of News,
- Sam Dunn for a great result in our Grammar test, 
- Jessie Riley, Brooke Woollams and Michael Ibe for super spelling results in Term 1 and 
- Charlie Zell for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations.

**YEAR 3**
- Ava Meyers for a terrific effort in Writing, 
- Ben Standing for great singing at the Annunciation Mass, 
- Alana Elsom for being a considerate member of Year 3 and 
- Ryan Ferguson for excellent reading at the Annunciation Mass.

**YEAR 4**
- Jerome Woodrow for a fantastic attitude towards home reading,
- Jack Oehm for taking great care with all work, 
- Thomas Dunn for great work in your Maths portfolio task and 
- Emma Durrant for great contributions to all class discussions.

**YEAR 5**
- Tylah Anforth for being a mature member of the Year 5 class, 
- Kelsey Hutchison for always including difficult and challenging words in her writing, 
- Rhys O’Neill for always having neat bookwork in every subject and 
- Ella Wykes for always working hard to improve her writing.

**YEAR 6**
- Charlie Banks for excellent work with improper fractions, 
- Aliza Purvis for showing enthusiasm during Grandparents Day practices, 
- Thomas Durrant for great work with his warm and cool colours artwork and 
- Amelia Murray for having a positive attitude and focused effort in class.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 11**
- Friday, 8 April - Last Day Term 1
- Saturday, 16 April - Fundraiser for Ryley Smith

**WEEK 1**
- Monday, 25 April - ANZAC Day
- Tuesday, 26 April - Staff and students resume for Term 2
- Thursday, 28 April - Polding Winter Sports Trials – Bathurst - Pat Spora, Mason Fryers, Lachlan Riley
- Friday, 29 April - Polding Winter Sports Trials – Bathurst

**WEEK 2**
- Tuesday, 3 May - Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah
- Thursday, 5 May - School Learning Review & Development
- Friday, 6 May - School Learning Review & Development
- Monday, 9 May - Mother’s Day Stall

**WEEK 3**
- Tuesday, 10 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Thursday, 12 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Thursday, 12 May - Kerry Morris – Principal St John’s College – Visit Year 6 for 2:15 p.m.
- Friday, 13 May - Principals’ Meeting

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER**
- has had a very busy week, participating in the Grandparents Day concert and completing tasks for their portfolios. We have been
- revising all the sounds we have learnt so far and brainstorming words that begin with our sounds. We have been reading “Baa Baa Black Sheep” and discussing what wool can be used for. We also learnt what a question mark looks like and why it is used. In Mathematics we learnt about the number 6 and how it is written. We also discussed numbers that make 6. During History we discussed different cultures in our society and in Religion we learnt what happened when an angel came to visit Mary. As we draw to the end of a busy term, I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to another successful term together. Take care. Miss Belinda Bourke

**YEAR 1**
- Our final week of Term 1 has arrived. What a fabulous term we have had in Year 1. Grandparent’s Day was a huge success and we were all so excited to see our school and classroom filled to the brim with people who love us! Thank you to everyone who came along.
- We were very grateful to our Year 3 friends who prepared a beautiful Mass to celebrate The Annunciation of Mary who was a truly special lady to be chosen by God to be the mother of Jesus. We have been very interested in learning about ANZAC Day and the bravery shown by the soldiers from Australia and New Zealand. In Art we completed some very colourful flowers and enjoyed looking at pictures of household items from the past to the present day. If anybody has some olden day household objects that we could display in our classroom next term it would be greatly appreciated.
- Have a happy and safe holiday. Mrs Alison No Newstead

**YEAR 2**
- Happy Grandparents Day – what a wonderful day it was yesterday. Congratulations to everyone for your school spirit, great dancing and singing. It was a pleasure to have so many visitors looking at our artwork and books in the classroom. We wish everyone a fantastic and well deserved holiday. See you next term! Mrs Michelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey

**YEAR 3**
- What a wonderful day we had yesterday entertaining all the grandparents and visitors. It was lovely to meet everyone and show them our classroom. We have also been busy this week in Maths revising addition and subtraction with trading and converting digital and analogue time. During Spelling we have reviewed the list words, sounds and rules we have learnt this term. Today we enjoyed our excursion to the Gilgandra Waste Facility where we were given a tour and learnt about the importance of recycling. We thank the Gilgandra Shire Council for the invitation to the Open Day. We wish everyone a very happy and restful holiday and we look forward to an action packed Term 2! Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris

**YEAR 4**
- This week we celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation with a Mass on Monday. Yesterday we also celebrated a lovely Grandparents Day. A huge thank you to all those who attended and brought a plate to share for morning tea. In class we have revised Grammam concepts covered this term in our assessment task. We have also revised spelling sounds and rules covered this term. In Maths we have practised subtraction with trading, learnt about equivalent fractions and measured length in millimetres. For History we drew the Endeavour and this morning we cheered on our friends in the Cross Country. Have a wonderful holiday! Miss Phillipa Smith

**YEAR 5**
- Wow – we have nearly finished Term 1 already, who would have thought? Thank you to all the wonderful grandparents, parents and friends who came along to help us celebrate Grandparent’s Day yesterday. This week we have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions as well as completing assessments in all our focus areas. In English we have been doing timed writing once again and we are now able to easily write an exposition in a timed situation. Have a restful and relaxing break and I look forward to seeing you all for a busy Term 2.

**YEAR 6**
- Well done Year 6! You all certainly gave of your best yesterday during our Grandparents Day performance! We have been learning about grid references, chance and column graphs in Maths. In Grammar we revised synonyms and antonyms. During our Art activity we completed a painting of an abstract starry night and they look great!
- In Spelling we revised previous spelling lists, sounds and rules, I hope everyone has a restful and relaxing holiday. Mr Damien Soares

**CANTER ROSTER**
- Miss Phillipa Smith

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Friday, 8 April – Kristy Gale & Phillipa Saunders
- Monday, 25 April – ANZAC Day
- Wednesday, 27 April – Belinda Murray & Simone Beaton
- Friday, 29 April – Jodie Johnson & Alicia Heffer

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 10 April – Laura Smith, Jess Scholte, Martin Fryers, Mason Fryers