ST JOSEPH’S DAY CELEBRATIONS

As St Joseph’s Day fell on a Saturday this year, we held our celebrations on Monday. The festivities began with a lovely Mass in St Joseph’s Church. Following Mass we went to the pool where we enjoyed class parties in honour of St Joseph. After the parties the Year 6 leaders were superb as they entertained us with their synchronised swimming routine. Finally we all got entertained us with their synchronised swimming routine. Finally we all got

ST JOSEPH’S DAY

We wish everyone a happy and holy Easter break

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

All children are invited to join in the Offertory Procession during Holy Thursday Mass tonight at 7:00 p.m. This Mass is where we will offer our Project Compassion boxes.

ST JOSEPH’S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

‘Winter Wonderland’ was the theme for the 2016 St Joseph’s P & F Debutante Ball. Ten stunning debutantes and their handsome partners came down the red carpet to be presented to Matron of Honour, Mrs Elaine Gilmour and Parish Priest, Fr Martin O’Mahony. The hall was once again brilliantly decorated thanks to the hard work of Ball Secretaries, Merilyn King and Melissa Welsh and their band of workers. A special thanks to Helen Naef for her amazing contributions to the decorations. Mrs Melinda Morris did a wonderful job as compere. The contribution to the night by so many of our school community was superb, from the hard working committee, to those who attended working bees, went to practices, helped decorate the hall and erect the marquee, prepared the food and served, worked on the bars and door, donated food, prepared food, organized light and sound, attended the hall and helped dismantle everything! This was a huge effort by a fantastic lot of helpers and our school appreciates the amount of time and effort that goes into such a successful evening.

CHAIR COVER WASHING

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

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 Rhys O’Neill, Patrick Spora, Mason Fryers, Isaiah Gleadhill (Under 11’s Rugby League), Jacob Wilson and Hamish Beveridge (Under 12’s Rugby League) and Lachlan Riley (Soccer) who were selected in the Possibles vs Probables matches. Congratulations to Patrick, Mason and Lachlan who were then selected in their respective Diocesan teams. They will now represent the Diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Swimming Championships to be held next term.

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A Diocesan Mass was held at St Patrick’s Church Wellington last Saturday, 19 March to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Sisters of St Joseph in Penola, South Australia. School Captains and Vice Captains, James Ferguson, Ashleigh Carlow, Jett Grimshaw and Olivia Ferguson who represented our school and we thank them for giving up their time to be part of this wonderful celebration. We are blessed to be a school founded by the Sisters of St Joseph and we thank all the Sisters for their amazing work.

JUNIOR JOEY’S

With the guidance of the Sisters of St Joseph our school is part of a national program where students from Years 5 and 6 can choose to become junior members of the Josephite Association – Junior Joey! The purpose of this program is to:

- LEARN about Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph.
- PRAY for those in need.
- PRACTISE some form of outreach in the community.

Congratulations to the new members of the Junior Joeys who were presented with their badges at the St Joseph’s Day Mass on Monday. Our new Junior Joey’s are: Tylah Anforth, Anton Davis, Rani Diggs, Marshall Fairey, Laura Farragher, Zac Ferguson, Mason Fryers, William Fuller, William Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Isaiah Gleadhill, Kelsey Hutchison, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Harrison King, Finn Marchant, Olivia McClelland, Tayarna McKenzie, Rhys O’Neill, Jack Purvis, Joshua Purvis, Oli Schier, Jessica Schottle, Patrick Spora, Ella Wykes. We wish Will Spora the best of luck as he competes in the 9 years 50 metres Freestyle at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Swimming Championships to be held at Homebush next Thursday, 31 March. Will not only be representing St Joey’s but also the Diocese of Bathurst. Congratulations Will!

SUPER SPELLERS

Our school Spelling Bee Finals will be held next Tuesday, 29 March for Years 3 and 4 and Wednesday, 30 March for Years 5 and 6 at 11:20 a.m. Congratulations and good luck to these super spellers who have qualified for the school’s finals. The Years 3 and 4 finalists include Kate Woollans, Dylon Murray, Chloe Mudford, Rhys Bonnington, Sarah Temple, Jerome Woodrow, Camilla Beveridge, Bailey Wykes, Layne Godber, Jack Oehm, Molly Wilson, Oscar Spora, Alana Elsom and Hayden Ferguson while the Years 5 and 6 contestants will be Ella McNamally-Elwin, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Heidi Purvis, Amelia Murray, Jett Grimshaw, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Zac Ferguson, Finn Marchant, Harrison King and Will Fuller. Well done to you all.

GOOD LUCK WILL

We wish Will Spora the best of luck as he competes in the 9 years 50 metres Freestyle at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Swimming Championships to be held at Homebush next Thursday, 31 March. Will not only be representing St Joey’s but also the Diocese of Bathurst. Congratulations Will!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday, 4 April. Each child has been given an envelope with full details regarding price and products available. They have also sent us the following information for online school photo ordering.

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter our school code: 7Q9 5JT KQZ.
Step 2: Enter your child’s details
Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs.
Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

You do not need to return your child’s envelope if ordering online. You can also make payments by cash or cheque and must be returned in the envelopes provided. A separate envelope must be used for each child. ALL PHOTOS NEED TO BE PAID FOR PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY. The money for photos may be returned to school at any time. If you have more than one child at school and would like a family photo taken, special envelopes are available from the office.

KINDER COOEE VISIT

Our Kinder class had a wonderful time visiting the residents of Cooce 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, Amanda Chandler, Alisa Eason, Jessica Whitehouse and Rachel Lacy.
STIG WEMYSS VISIT - YEARS 3 - 6

Stig Wemyss is Australia’s most loved narrator of audiobooks for children and young adults. He is particularly well known as the narrator of the wonderful Andy Griffiths and Paul Jennings books. His shows are wildly entertaining, cleverly irreverent and chocked full of fun. In keeping with the theme of the Andy Griffiths books, Stig explores the themes presented in many of the books through humour, acting and improvisation skills. He engages his audience and creates an excitement around literature, reading and listening. Underpinning everything Stig does is a desire to instill a love of reading and books. Stig will be entertaining our Years 3 – 6 students at Gilgandra Public School Hall at 12.45pm next Thursday 31st March.

GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY

Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old on Wednesday, 6 April to celebrate Grandparents Day. The day begins at 10.30 a.m. with morning tea in the weather shed. Following morning tea the students of St Joseph’s will entertain you with a mini concert. To conclude the activities everyone is invited to inspect the classrooms. So, if you have a grandma, grandpa, nan, pop, an elderly next door neighbour or in fact know any person, young or old, please invite them to our Grandparents Day.

We will be needing cakes and slices etc. for morning tea, so please bring a plate.

ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION (formerly Computer Skills Competition)

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding its Digital Technologies Competition on Tuesday, 17 March for children in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to enter this competition please complete the tear-off slip attached to today’s About and return it to school together with the $8.00 entry fee. Entries must be received at school by Monday, 4 April.

ROAD CLOSURE – ENTRANCE TO ST JOSEPH’S

Gilgandra Shire Council has advised us that the Wrigley Street, between Wamboin and Dudley Streets (which is right at our school entrance) will be closed in the last week of term (4 April – 8 April) for the purpose of laying new pipes. During this week we would ask everyone to use either the Dudley Street gate, the Norence Street gate or the driveway on the Wrigley Street entrance to enter the school.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: KINDER Scarlett Chandler for beautiful writing in Sentence A Day, Mason Evans and Riley Hutchinson for giving of their best when learning their sight words, Mukhni Greenton for contributing to discussion during shared reading, Sophia Peart and Toby Davis for giving of their best with their handwriting and Vaughan Zell for his confidence during News. YEAR 1: Tom Staggs for answering tricky questions in Library, Stuart Wheatley for trying hard to complete his work, Ryan Cox for trying hard in Spelling and Darron Mulligan for writing a great response about ‘Hunwick’s egg’. YEAR 2: Jessie Riley for a super effort in Grammar, Ryder Ryan for the writing of a recount about ‘Tie Dye’. During Maths we have been learning about adverbs in Grammar this week. We have been busy learning about adverbs in Maths. Year 3 is very excited as we are preparing for our delicious and colourful cupcakes! Year 3 has been busy learning about the purpose and structure of expositions and we wrote a class exposition titled: “Homework Should Not Be Banned!” During Maths we have been practising our 3x and 4x tables and looking at interpreting data on picture graphs. During Religion we have begun preparations for our class Mass and reflected on the events of Holy Week. We wish everyone a happy and holy Easter.

YEAR 3 has been busy learning about adverbs in Grammar this week. We have written a recount of St Joseph’s Day and a procedure titled “How to Tie Dye”. During Maths we revised our seven times tables along with fifths and tenths. We have also spent time reflecting on the Stations of the Cross with the other primary classes. Have a safe and enjoyable Easter weekend.

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 9

Friday, 25 March - Good Friday

WEEK 10 - Year 3 Reconciliation

Monday, 28 March - Easter Monday
Tuesday, 29 March - Spelling Bee (Years 3/4) 11:20
Wednesday, 30 March - Junior Yearies to Cooee Lodge
Thursday, 31 March - Polding Swimming – Will Spora

WEEK 11

Monday, 4 April - School Photos
Tuesday, 5 April - The Annunciation Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 6 April - Grandparents Day
Thursday, 7 April - School Cross Country Trials
Friday, 8 April - Last Day Term 1

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten visited the residents of Coocoo Lodge, delivering Easter cards and entertaining them with songs the children have learnt this year including ‘Little Peter Rabbit, ‘This Is Our School’ and ‘Down in the Jungle’. We also had a great day on St Joseph’s Day and a big thank you to Mrs Gale for our delicious cakes. Our sound next week is ‘R’. During Maths Warm Up we have been learning the months of the year and the names of the seasons. We also revised the concept of halves. In History we learnt what D’reamtime stories are and what we can learn from these stories. In Science we brainstormed what we wear on our feet when it is raining. We also drew pictures of what we could use if it is raining. Just a reminder to students to please bring in a paint smock for our paint activities during Art. I’d like to wish everyone a happy Easter and long weekend. Take care. Miss Belinda Bourke

YEAR 1 What a wonderful start to our week celebrating St Joseph’s Day. A big thank you to Amanda Duffy for making and decorating our delicious cupcakes! In Religion we have been recalling the events of Holy Week and completed our portfolio task. We brainstormed lots of Easter words and used them to write a story. Our focus in Maths this week is odd and even numbers, 3D shapes and halving a collection of objects. Mrs Clarke took us for a walk around the playground to investigate objects that were natural to our environment and those that were man made. We have enjoyed discussing what families in the past used in their daily lives and how the roles and responsibilities of family members has changed over time. Some of us are very grateful we don’t have to milk the cow, chop the wood and walk miles to school each day! Happy Easter everyone! Mrs Alison Neavestad

YEAR 2 It was a wonderful celebration on Monday for St Joseph’s Day. We all enjoyed a lovely Mass and then we had a great afternoon at the pool. Thank you to Kristy Gale, Leesa Gilmour, Amy Spora and Paula Purvis for our great turn out! The Year 2 students were treated to their first ever dancing performance! Thank you Year 6 and Mr Mus for helping us ‘ride the wild seas’ on the ski biscuit! It’s been a lovely week learning about Holy Week and Easter. We’ve also made great Easter craft bits and pieces. Have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all refreshed next week. Mrs Michellie Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 What a wonderful day we had for our St Joseph’s Day celebrations! A very special thank you to Mrs Gale for all our delicious and colourful cupcakes! Year 3 has been busy learning about the purpose and structure of expositions and we wrote a class exposition titled: “Homework Should Not Be Banned!” During Maths we have been practising our 3x and 4x tables and looking at interpreting data on picture graphs. During Religion we have begun preparations for our class Mass and reflected on the events of Holy Week. We wish everyone a happy and holy Easter.

YEAR 4 What a great lead up to Easter we have had this week. To start the week we celebrated a fantastic St Joseph’s Day Mass where we received our Junior Joeys’ badges. Thanks to the Schier and Anforth families for providing us with our yummy cakes for our celebrations at the pool. In Maths we have been looking at picture graphs and even created our own, while in Writing we have been polishing off our discussion writing and trying to produce a completed piece within a time frame. In Religion we have also spent time reflecting on the Stations of the Cross with the other primary classes. Have a safe and enjoyable Easter. See you next week.

Mr Tim Kealy

YEAR 6 What a wonderful day we had celebrating St Joseph’s Day! Well done Year 6 for such a great synchronised swimming performance! A big thank you to Jane Westwood for cooking the cupcakes for our celebration. In the classroom we have been learning about 3 dimensional shapes and addition and subtraction strategies. Our Grammar focus has been on contractions. Year 6 is very excited as we are preparing for our Grandparents Day performance, it’s all looking magnificent so far. I hope everyone has a safe and restful Easter weekend.

Mr Damien SQUIRES

CANGEON ROSTER

Friday, 25 March – Good Friday
Monday, 28 March – Easter Monday
Wednesday, 30 March – Julie Marchant
Friday, 2 April – Mrs Beaman & Kathleen Gaff

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 27 March – Pat Spora, Zac Ferguson, Olivia Neavestad, Amber Tarrant