MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Another fabulous Mother’s Day Stalls was held last Friday. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the stall. Due to the generosity of our families, there were many gifts for the children to choose their special presents. Thank you also to stall coordinator, Toni Fuller and her helpers who were very busy last week wrapping gifts and organising the stall. In conjunction with the Mother’s Day Stall we had a number of marvellous prizes raffled. We would like to thank Shalyn Chandler of Travelling Hair by Shalyn, Cynthia Anderson of Tingles Massage & Beauty, and Mel Ferguson who kindly made donations towards the raffles. There were also free raffles for each class for which every student had the chance to win. This caused much excitement and we thank the families from our school for their generous donations towards these raffles. Results of the raffles were as follows:

Frist Prize – Rydah & Violet Whitehouse
Second Prize – Tom Staggs
Third Prize – Pat & Will Spora
Class Raffles - Kinder – Toby Davis, Year 1 – Jonas Naden, Year 2 – Alison Mudford, Year 3 – Nick Gale, Year 4 – Molly Fairey, Year 5 – Mason Fryers, Year 6 – Charlie Banks

ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION

The ICAS Digital Technologies Competition will be held next Tuesday, 17 May for those children who entered this competition.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday, 17 May from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. all staff will be completing compulsory online training modules in the areas of Child Protection and Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment. This compliance training is important in ensuring that as employees of the Diocese of Bathurst Catholic Education Office, the staff is aware of their legal and other obligations in the workplace. More importantly it guides the staff in interacting responsibly with colleagues, students and families.

PUPIL FREE DAY – Monday, 23 May

On Monday, 23 May the staff will be participating in an ICT professional development day focusing on our schools new reporting system and Diocesan ICT endorsed resources. Teachers will be looking at how to access the new reports as well as sharing and collaborating resources within our school and other schools in the diocese during the day.

LEAGUE & NETBALL IN COONAMBLE

We have seventy-three students playing either rugby league or netball in Coonamble next Thursday, 11 June. The rugby league boys will be participating in the Peachey Shield and the Richardson Cup while the girls will play in the Primary Netball Challenge. We all look forward to a day of fun, friends and fitness. The students competing include:


PRIMARY SPORT

Sport for the Years 3-6 students will be on Thursday next week as many of the children will be travelling to Coonamble. Therefore all primary children should wear their sports uniform on Thursday next week, not Friday.

NEXT WEEK’S ABOUT

Next week’s About will go home on Wednesday instead of Thursday due to so many students participating in the league and netball in Coonamble.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Joseph’s Church - Sunday, 29 May – 9:45 a.m.

The excitement is certainly building for the First Holy Communion class as this special day is quickly approaching. Our school community and parish are warmly invited to celebrate First Holy Communion at St Joseph’s Church on Sunday, 29 May at 9:45 a.m. It would be fabulous to have lots there for this great occasion.

ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING COMPETITIONS

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding both writing and spelling competitions on Tuesday, 14 June and Wednesday, 15 June for children in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to enter either one or both of these competitions please return the tear-off slip that was with last week’s About (or send in a note) to school by tomorrow, Friday, 13 May together with the relevant entry fee ($17.00 for the writing competition and $11.00 for the spelling competition).

CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD

All students from Year 1 to Year 6 will be participating in the verse speaking choirs at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod on Wednesday, 8th and Thursday, 9th June. Children are required to wear full winter uniform. Girls are to wear tunics. Times for the Verse Speaking Choirs are as follows:

- Wednesday, 8 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.
  - Section 5573 – Years 5/6 – Senior Primary (we are competitor no. 3 of 3 competitors), immediately followed by
  - Section 5572 – Years 3/4 – Junior Primary (we are competitor no. 3 of 4 competitors)
- Thursday, 9 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.
  - Section 5575 – Small Schools (3 competitors)
  - Section 5570 – Years 1/2 – Infants (we are competitor no. 5 of 5 competitors)

All families of children from Years 1-6 need to fill in the permission/transport note with today’s About.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2017

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2017. If you have a child ready to start school next year, please call in and pick up an enrolment form. Please note that this year applications close on Friday, 1 July.

STRICTLY NO PARKING ON THE BASKETBALL COURT

The resurfacing of our basketball court will be completed this weekend. It’s looking fabulous and we ask that no one parks on the court for any reason. It would be a shame if our new court had tyre or oil marks on it!

SCHOOL CLOTHING AVAILABLE AT ST JOSEPH’S

Just a reminder to all our parents that the following new clothing is available for purchase from our clothing pool: maroon tunics - $50.00, maroon shorts - $40.00, maroon jumpers - $40.00, maroon skirts - $35.00, maroon shirts - $25.00, maroon ties - $10.00, maroon PE tracksuit – $65.00, maroon PE shorts – $20.00, maroon PE joggers – $30.00, maroon PE tights – $5.00, maroon PE coat – $80.00, maroon PE jersey – $30.00.
ROLL MARKING – UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school it is important that you let us know either by phone, in writing or via our school app, the reason for the absence. We are required by law to report any child who has more than 10 unexplained absences. The children have been reminded to bring in notes for absences and we would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

**KAUCA CLUB**

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest, Kauca Club at the Uniting Church will be discontinued for the time being. Apologies for any inconvenience.

**MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** Brooke Beaton for giving of her best in reading, Alex Cosier for great expression in reading, Mia Ferguson for being a helpful member of Kindergarten, Jack Gibson for his knowledge of 3D shapes, Dimity Wykes for beautiful handwriting in Sentence A Day and Makayli Hazelton for her knowledge about staying alive in our Science topic.

**YEAR 1:** Riley Fiddes for writing a great imaginary recount about the Circus, Jessica Ibe for thoughtfull responses about the Ascension of Jesus, Orlando Ryan for beautiful reading at our Liturgy and Lauren Thurlow for trying hard in Maths.

**YEAR 2:** Blake Fairey for taking a mature approach to his learning, Ryder Ryan for fantastic work with adjectives in Grammar, Alex Gaff for using terrific adjectives in her recount, Alison Mudford for terrific work in Sentence A Day and Grammar, Rydah Whitehouse for being a more settled and mature worker in Term 2 and Brooke Woollans for careful setting out and neat bookwork.

**YEAR 3:** Ben Harland for fabulous work in Operations, Lucy McIsaac for being a kind and considerate member of Year 3, Samantha Naden for great work in Comprehension and Nick Tancred for great contributions to class discussions.

**YEAR 4:** Camilla Beveridge for great work completing number patterns, Emily Zell for asking interesting questions, Kate Woollams for writing a lovely prayer for courage and Isaac Grimshaw for reading with great fluency.

**YEAR 5:** Tylah Anforth for outstanding improvement in the use of challenging words in writing, Anton Davis for asking intelligent questions to clarify understanding in History, Bradley Gibson for working hard to improve results in Maths Operations and Jennifer Ibe for working diligently during our reading group activities.

**YEAR 6:** Olivia Ferguson for accurate work when multiplying fractions, Ashleigh Carlow for a consistent effort in Maths Operations, Amber Tarrant for an improved effort in handwriting and Billie Buckland for being an excellent classroom helper.

**WHAT’S ON**

**Week 3**

**Year 3 Reconciliation**

Friday, 13 May

- Principals’ Meeting

**Week 4 - Year 4 Reconciliation**

Tuesday, 17 May

- ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
- Staff Online Compliance Training 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 19 May

- Peachey/Richardson Football/ Primary Netball Challenge – Coonamble
- Principals’ Retreat

Friday, 20 May

- Principals’ Retreat
- Walk Safely to School Day

**Week 5**

Monday 23 May

- Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, 24 May

- Our Lady Help of Christians Mass (Year 4) K-6 – 10:30 a.m.
- Diocesan Spelling Bee – Wellington
- Working Bee for Year 3 Parents to Clean
- Church for First Holy Communion – 4:00 pm

Wednesday, 25 May

- McNamee – Years 5 & 6 - Coonamble

Sunday, 29 May

- First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ

**Week 6**

Tuesday, 31 May

- ICAS Science Competition

Thursday, 2 June

- Priests and Principals Meeting
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 3 June

- Kinder Nursery Rhymes - Eisteddfod