WELCOME BACK
We welcome everyone back to a new school term. Hopefully everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break and we now look forward to another exciting term at St Joey’s.

McNAMEE TROPHY
Unfortunately due to the very wet condition of the school oval the McNamee Trophy has been postponed to Friday 31 July. This is the Western Region Athletic Carnival back up date but hopefully this carnival will go ahead next week. Therefore tomorrow will be a normal school day. The McNamee lunch orders will be used in a fortnight’s time.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING
Monday 20 July – 6:00 p.m.
A Confirmation parent meeting will be held at school in the computer room on Monday 20 July at 6:00 p.m. During this meeting we will be outlining the significance of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the program being covered at school and organising the celebration. A note regarding Confirmation has been given to all those children who will be receiving the Sacrament.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR
Next Tuesday the 21st July, our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held from 3:20 - 4.15pm in the School Hall. If your child is unable to attend the fair at this time they will have the opportunity to purchase a book at lunchtime. The children must have their money on the day as no books can be kept for them without payment. During library this week the children were able to look at all the books, posters, pens, erasers and pencils which are for sale. For each purchase your child will receive a free bookmark. I hope that you can come along, as your support will help to purchase books for our library. Mrs Kilby

WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Joey’s will send a strong squad to the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Thursday 23 July. Participating schools include St Joseph’s Gilgandra, St Brigid’s Coonamble, St John’s Baradine, St Lawrence’s Coonabarabran, St Mary’s Dubbo and St Pius X Dubbo. Best of luck to all our athletes: Grace Alchin, Billie Allan, Tylah Anforth, Ashleigh Carlow, Jye Day, Rani Diggs, Thomas Durrant, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Tarah Foran, Breanna Foster, Martin Fryers, Mason Fryers, William Fuller, Rebecca Gaff, Isaiah Gleadhill, Isaac Grimshaw, Sophie Hassall, Madison Hourigan, Kelsey Hutchison, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Stuart Larsen, Sienna Marchant, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Tayarna McKenzie, Lily Naden, Jack Oehm, Luke O’Neill, Rhys O’Neill, Mattea Purvis, Mike Raglus, Lachlan Riley, Mackaylah Ross, Aiden Ryan, Marshall Ryan, William Sandford, Harry Spora, Patrick Spora, Amber Tarrant, Aiden Walker, Jacob Wilson, Bailey Wykes, Emily Skinner.

PRIMARY SPORT
As so many students will be participating in the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Thursday 23 July, all primary students should wear their sports uniform on Thursday next week.

WHAT’S ON

FUNDRAISING FOR RILEY
Our Year 2 student, Riley Smith, is continuing his treatment for his brain tumour. Currently the tumour is inoperable so he is going to undergo radiation therapy in Sydney. To help alleviate the expenses some of our families have organised the following fundraising activities.

What we can do.
1. Holding a sheep drive and asking producers who are willing to donate one or more sheep to contact us on the below details. We will collect the sheep and organise transport.
2. Holding a wood raffle and all of the money will go directly to helping Riley receive the help he needs.
3. Making a donation directly to the school.
If you can help us with any of the above please contact.
Shal Chandler - 0427 748 523
Kristy Gale - 0429 780 323
Teresa Standing - 0407 670 023

‘Are You Joking’ YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL
Thursday 30 July – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Our Year 6 students have decided that ‘Are You Joking’ will be our theme for this year’s fancy dress social for all students from Years 3-6. Year 6 want you to use your sense of humour and imagination as you prepare for the Primary Social. Some suggestions for our fancy dress social might include: favourite TV or movie characters, country and western, someone from the future or from the past, superheroes, fairies or footballers, pyjamas, sporting stars, the amazing 80’s, crazy colours or a change of character – a boy Cinderella or a girl Bob the Builder. The social will be held in our school hall on Thursday 30 July from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself! So start thinking ‘Are You Joking’?

FOOTY JUMPER WASHING
Many thanks to Mrs Amanda Shalhoub-Purvis for washing our lunch time footy jumpers. It is greatly appreciated.

GARDENING
Thank you also to Nathan and Leesa Gilmour and family for weeding the Dudley Street garden. It looks great!

YOGA TEACHER TRAINING
commit to your wellbeing and share your love of yoga with others. Training begins 1 August for one weekend a month in Dubbo. Phone Madi Simmons on 6847 6220.

KINDER/YEAR 5 SUNDAY MASS
RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION
Our Kinder and Year 5 classes are preparing the Mass for Sunday 26 July in St Joseph’s Church at 9.55am. All students and their families from Kinder and Year 5 are warmly invited to this Mass. Also during this Mass the Year 6 Confirmation candidates will be participating in a Rite of Commitment for Confirmation. During the Mass they will be stating their commitment to prepare themselves for Confirmation. Their families and the parish are asked to support and pray for the Confirmation candidates.

YEAR 1 Welcome back everyone to a chilly start to Term 3. Judging by
**TERM 3**

**WEEK 2**

- **Monday, 20 July** - Confirmation Parent Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, 21 July** - Book Fair
- **Thursday, 23 July** - Western Region Athletics
- **Sunday, 26 July** - Kindergarten Year 5 Mass – 9:45 a.m.
- **Year 6 Rite of Commitment for Confirmation**

**WEEK 3 Year 4 Reconciliation**

- **Tuesday, 28 July** - ICAS English Competition
- **Friday, 31 July** - McNamee (Years 5 & 6)
- **Friday, 14 August** - Principals’ Meeting
- **Friday, 28 August** - Catholic Schools Sports Day – Gilgandra
- **Friday, 18 September** - Whole School Communion Service – 9:00 a.m.

**WEEK 4**

- **Wednesday, 5 August** - Morrambilla Boys Camp – Jack Oehm
- **Thursday, 6 August** - Morrambilla Boys Camp – Jack Oehm
- **Monday, 10 August** - Morrambilla Girls Camp – Olivia McClelland, Mackaylah Ross, Heidi Purvis
- **Friday, 7 August** - Morrambilla Boys Camp – Jack Oehm
- **Friday, 15 August** - Jeans for Genes Day

**WEEK 5 Year 6 Reconciliation**

- **Monday, 10 August** - Morrambilla Girls Camp – Olivia McClelland, Mackaylah Ross, Heidi Purvis
- **Tuesday, 11 August** - ICAS Maths Competition
- **Friday, 14 August** - Principals’ Meeting
- **Friday, 21 August** - Diocesan Athletics back-up date

**WEEK 6 Year 3 Reconciliation**

- **Monday, 17 August** - Pupil Free Day
- **Tuesday, 18 August** - P & F Meeting
- **Friday, 21 August** - Diocesan Athletics back-up date
- **Sunday, 23 August** - Confirmation

**WEEK 7**

- **Friday, 28 August** - Catholic Schools Sports Day - Gilgandra

**WEEK 8**

- **Thursday, 3 September** - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- **Friday, 4 September** - Folding Athletics
- **Saturday, 6 September** - Father’s Day Stall

**WEEK 9**

- **Wednesday, 9 September** - Principals’ Retreat
- **Friday, 11 September** - Principals’ Retreat

**WEEK 10**

- **Tuesday 15 September** - Concert
- **Wednesday, 16 September** - Morrambilla
- **Friday, 18 September** - Whole School Communion Service – 9:00 a.m.

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Welcome back to another busy term in Kindergarten. This week we have been revising words in List 15 and are concentrating on the sound ‘Ee’. In story writing, we are beginning to learn how to write between the lines. Our book this week is ‘Wishy Washy Day’ and we enjoyed making predictions about the book by looking at the cover. In HSIE we have started our new topic ‘Places We Know’ and we discussed places we know in Gilgandra such as St Joseph’s, the chemist and IGA. In Science and Technology we talked about things that are man made and things created by God, as part of our new unit ‘What’s It Made From’. Take care. **Miss Bowke**

our fabulous holiday recounts, we all had an enjoyable holiday. We have started our Religion Unit “Stories Of God’s People” and have had some interesting and thoughtful discussion about the Bible. In Science we are looking forward to discovering ‘Places And Spaces In Our Community’. Quadrilaterals, comparing capacity and missing numbers in patterns has been the Maths focus. This term we will be reading some wonderful picture books by author Nick Bland and this week we began with ‘The Very Cranky Bear’. Remember to bring in all completed homework this Friday. Looking forward to another fantastic term in Year 1. **Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead**

**WEEK 9**

- **Monday, 20 July** - Sally Temple & Emma Meyers
- **Wednesday, 22 July** - Sophia Ibe & Belinda Murray
- **Friday, 24 July** - Leanne Gilmour & Kerrie Altus

**WEEK 10**

- **Wednesday, 29 July** - Mr Keady

**YEAR 2**

Welcome back to Term 3. A chilly start to the term but everyone was happy to see each other and share their holiday ‘adventures’. Rexy, a new class member, has joined us this term as part of our new literature unit ‘Dinosaurs’. Rexy is a T–Rex and he will be keeping a sharp eye on everyone – we hope no one gets eaten!! In Grammar we are learning about conjunctions and in Spelling we are revising how to add the suffix “ing” to the end of words. In Maths we used arrays in division and flipped, slid and turned 2D shapes. We are all looking forward to an action packed term. Have a warm weekend. **Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris**

**WEEK 3**

- **Friday, 28 August**
- **Monday, 20 July** - Confirmation Parent Meeting  - 6:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday, 21 July** - Book Fair
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- **Sunday, 26 July** - Year 6 Rite of Commitment for Confirmation

**WEEK 4**

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**WEEK 5 Year 6 Reconciliation**

- **Monday, 10 August** - Morrambilla Girls Camp – Olivia McClelland, Mackaylah Ross, Heidi Purvis
- **Tuesday, 11 August** - ICAS Maths Competition
- **Friday, 14 August** - Feast of the Assumption – Year 3 Mass (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

**WEEK 6 Year 3 Reconciliation**

- **Monday, 17 August** - Pupil Free Day
- **Tuesday, 18 August** - P & F Meeting
- **Friday, 21 August** - Diocesan Athletics back-up date
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**YEAR 5**

Welcome back to another action packed term in Year 5. This week in class we have been spending some time identifying the areas of Maths that we want to improve our skills in and using these to create a ‘Maths Dictionary’ during operations. In English we have been revising our knowledge of discussions as well as looking closely at poetry in comprehension. During Religion we have started looking at our school’s history as part of our new unit. Today we enjoyed a visit from the CWA telling us all about a campaign raising funds and awareness for soldiers affected by war called the Walking Wounded. Have a great weekend. **Mr Keady**

**YEAR 6**

A big welcome back to Term 3. It is great to see everyone back, smiling and ready to fulfill the challenges of another term. We have written our holiday recounts and have included complex sentences and more sophisticated vocabulary. In Maths we have been revising our long division skills and finding the area and circumference of a circle. Confirmation, is of course, our highlight this term and this week we have been writing our petitions to the Bishop as well as looking at the Nicene Creed and the Sacraments of Initiation. Our Saint Projects are underway and we have been discussing the importance of our Service Projects. We have also shared the class what we did in our holidays and have written a recount about them. In Maths this term we are focusing on two-step questions in Problem A Day and we have learnt about rounding to the nearest 1000, and factors and factoring. Have a safe weekend. **Miss Smith**

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- **Friday, 17 July** – Carol Alchin
- **Monday, 20 July** – Sally Temple & Emma Meyers
- **Wednesday, 22 July** – Sophia Ibe & Belinda Murray
- **Friday, 24 July** – Leanne Gilmour & Kerrie Alius

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

- **Sunday 19 July**- Amber Tarrant, Charlie Banks, Olivia Newstead, Laura Smith