Isaac Frost, Mitchell Gaff, Tobey Creenaune, Deklyn Lummis asked all the children for a gold coin donation and to come dressed in their favourite footy colours on Friday, 15 August. So come on, get those Tigers back some day.

ST MARY MACKILLOP MASS
Tomorrow, Friday, 8 August is St Mary MacKillop’s feast day and Year 6 is preparing a Mass to celebrate. This will be held at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph’s Church and everyone is most welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow Mass. St Mary is our very special saint as she co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph, the order that started our school back in 1909 and we look forward to celebrating this special day together.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
Thank you to those who generously donated to the Jeans for Genes charity by wearing their jeans to school last Friday. We raised $360.00 which we hope will help in the prevention of childhood diseases.

YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL
“What’s Your Idol?” was the theme for this year’s fancy dress social which was held on Friday night in the school hall. Fantastic school spirit was shown by all the students and teachers as everyone came dressed in costume and counted down St Joey’s very own top 20! Thank you to the primary teachers for their organisation and for providing the music and lights and to our Year 6 leaders for their excellent enthusiasm. It was a great night!

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Best of luck to the Joey’s students who will represent the Western Region at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival to be held in Bathurst tomorrow, Friday, 8 August. Our competitors include: Grace Alchin, Hamish Beveridge, Harriet Beveridge, Ashleigh Carlow, Mitchell Carlow, Olivia Ferguson, Martin Fryers, Will Fuller, Deklyn Lumnis, Michael Ruglans, Lachlan Riley, Noah Ryan, Sinead Sutton, Amber Tarrant.

ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION
The ICAS Mathematics Competition will be held next Tuesday, 12 August for all students in Years 3-6. Thank you to our P & F who generously pay the entry fee for each child for this competition.

AUGUST P & F MEETING - GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL
Gulgandah High School has developed a program which reinforces our belief that each child be given every opportunity to succeed. The Respectful Achievers Program (RAP) will commence in 2015, and is a class for motivated and self-directed learners. Students may apply to be in the Respectful Achievers class – they do not have to be high academic achievers, but they must value their education and contribute positively to a focussed, supportive classroom and school culture. Mr Neal Reid, Assistant Principal of Gulgandra High School will address our August P & F Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, 19 August at 7:30 p.m. An invitation is extended to all parents, particularly those of children in Years 5 and 6, to attend this meeting.

FOOTY COLOURS FOR CANCER
To help raise funds for Ovarian Cancer Research our Year 6 leaders have asked all the children for a gold coin donation and to come dressed in their favourite footy colours on Friday, 15 August. So come on, get those Tigers colours organised and help raise funds for this very worthwhile cause. (I guess if you really want, you could come dressed in some other colours).

ELECTRONICS AFTER SCHOOL
During Term 1 Year 6 participated in a Science unit about ‘Electronics’ guided by Mr James Hallass. Due to popular demand he has offered to run an ‘Electronics After School Program’ to develop their skills and knowledge. This will be held on Monday afternoons, starting on 11th August from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 students who have an interest in electronics and micro controllers and we thank Mr Hallass for giving his time and expertise and look forward to seeing the budding computer programmers of the future!

MOORAMBILLA VOICES PROGRAM
Congratulations to Heidi Purvis who will participate, along with other talented singers from across the North West region of NSW, in the Moorambilla Voices program. Heidi was selected from a rigorous workshop and audition process to be an active part of this talent development program. Under the artistic direction of Michelle Leonard they will participate in a series of workshops led by internationally renowned artists in composition, movement and dance, percussion and music skills development and visual art with indigenous artists. These workshops will be held during the next two weeks.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Our Father’s Day Stall will be held this year on Friday, 5 September. Mrs Danielle Diggs has again kindly offered to coordinate the stall. This stall is run along the same lines as the Mother’s Day Stall. Donations of gifts to sell can be dropped in at the office at any time. If the gifts could be wrapped in clear cellophane, that would be greatly appreciated. There will be a raffle run in conjunction with the stall and tickets will go home in the next couple of weeks.

YEAR 2 RECONCILIATION
Year 2 has been very busy this term preparing to make the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a special time for us to admit when we have gone wrong in our lives and say sorry to God. It helps deepen our relationship with God and helps us to grow to become better people. Parents of those children making their Reconciliation for the first time can take their child to Reconciliation on Thursday, 14 August at 5:00 p.m. or Saturday, 16 August at 10:00 a.m. To celebrate this special sacrament, Year 2 will prepare the Mass on Sunday, 31 August at 9:45 a.m. during which the certificates will be presented to the Year 2 class. This is a special time for Year 2 and we keep all these children in our prayers as they continue their faith journey.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
How beautiful a day can be, when kindness touches it!
SPORTS UNIFORM. For the march, the children MUST WEAR JOEY’S SPORTS SOCKS OR ALL WHITE SOCKS AND ALL WHITE JODgers. If your child doesn’t have any of these, then please contact the school and we might be able to borrow some for the day. We have a number of spare white joggers at school. The children will be required to assemble at the Coomaabarabran Town Oval at 9:30 a.m. to get ready for the march and the day’s activities. The day will conclude at 2:00 p.m. A lunch bag was given to all students today. Those who need to be returned Coomaabarabran by the end of next week. Therefore if students wish to order their lunch, please return the lunch bag with the correct money to school by next Tuesday, 12 August. In order for us to arrange transport for the children to Coomaabarabran could you please complete the permission slip attached and return it to school by next Sunday, 13 August.

**MERIT AWARDS**
Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:
- **KINDER**: Ella Mulford for her great effort in handwriting, Tahleigh Davey for trying hard in her reading, Rhyan Hutchison for a huge improvement in story writing, Sienna Horne for painting a colourful elephant and Charlie Zell for trying hard in all areas.
- **YEAR 1**: Billie Allan for approaching every task with a positive attitude, Jasmine Zell for being a caring class member, Fletcher Jackson for a wonderful improvement in writing, Paige Gilmour for a fantastic effort towards her reading and Eleni Walker for top work counting in tens.
- **YEAR 2**: Hayley Statham for working quietly and independently to complete tasks, Zahlia Proctor for a wide use of vocabulary in her writing, Jade Elsom for super work in Sentence A Day, Molly Fairley for working hard in all areas and Jack Ochm for a consistent effort in Maths.
- **YEAR 3**: Ella Wykes and Joshua Purvis for carefully decorating their shells, Laura Smith for enthusiasm in Science, Billie Allan for beautiful art work, **YEAR 4**: Chloe Godber for outstanding work in Spelling, Milla Banks for fantastic responses during class discussions, Lily Naden for continued effort in all homework tasks and James Kiley for ‘Giving Of His Best’ in all aspects of Year 5.
- **YEAR 5**: Liberty Barden for writing a creative and descriptive rhyming poem, Shari Grimshaw for great work in Maths Operations, Daunon Horne for asking intelligent questions in Maths and Deklyn Lummis for being a positive and cheerful member of Year 6.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 4 - Year 5 Reconciliation**
Wednesday, 6 – Friday, 8 August
- Principals’ Conference
- Diocesan Athletics
- St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass – Year 6, 10:30 a.m. (K-6)
- Rite of Commitment for Confirmation – 9:45 a.m.

**WEEK 5**
Monday, 11 August
- Year 6 Electronics
Tuesday, 12 August
- ICAS Maths Competition
Wednesday, 13 – Saturday, 16 August
- Principals’ Meeting
- Moorambil
- Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00
- Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 5, 10:30 a.m. (K-6)
- Footy Colours For Cancer Day
- Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00

**WEEK 6**
Monday, 18 & Tuesday, 19 August
- P & F Meeting
- Moorambil
- Diocesan Athletics back-up date
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER**
This week Kinder enjoyed learning all about St Mary MacKillop and the important roll she played in starting so many schools like ours around Australia. We are certainly very grateful to her and all the Sisters of St Joseph. We have started learning how to write information reports. We facts. Did you know that whales have really tiny eyes? In Maths we investigated and modelled equal groups. We used counters and tried to describe our groups and we also organised and interpreted data about the weather. We put our thinking caps on in HSIE and tried to recognise and name important places around Gilgandra using photos. We could name our school, Hunter Park, Target and the Castlereagh River. Next week we are revising all our sounds and sight words, so keep practising Kinder! Have a great week.

**YEAR 1**
has been learning about the “r” sound in spelling this week and have continued their work on speech marks by identifying and adding them to passages from “Mr McGee and the Perfect Nest”. We have written an exposition about why Gilgandra is a good place to live. In Maths we worked on addition, describing position and using different area units. HSIE this week has been about different workers in our community, what equipment they need and what their responsibilities are. During Art we created an artwork of “Lazy Bird’s” perfect nest. Have a nice weekend.

**YEAR 2**
This week we enjoyed finding number patterns in a 100’s chart and navigated our way around a grid to find a secret shape. In Spelling we have started work on contractions and discovered how the apostrophe works to show the missing letters. In Religion we worked in groups to depict the story of ‘The Prodigal Son’ and will display this as a wall story. Next week we begin our Times Table Challenge starting with our one times table. How many can you say or write in less than a minute? Have a great weekend.

**YEAR 3**
What a fantastic school social we had last Friday! Everyone was looking fantastic in their outfits and we all had lots of fun. In Science this week we looked at the map of Australia and we are doing our best to learn all the States, Territories and capital cities of Australia. In PDH we examined our supplementary exercises and the way we need to move our body in an activity. William Fuller has started to decorate the backgrounds for our underwater seascapes. We have continued to learn about explanations in writing. We wrote our explanations in small groups using a book to guide us. We had to locate the important information and carefully write it in our own words. Our Grammar activity led us to examine similes and we had lots of fun writing our own simile poem. We very much enjoyed the Gilgandra High School Production on Tuesday, thank you everyone for your wonderful behaviour.

**YEAR 4**
It’s been another busy week in Year 4. Fraction, 4 digit subtraction and problem solving with more than one step have been the focus in Maths. Mr Langes helped us to challenge our thinking with different algorithms on Tuesday. We finished our mini unit on the Commonwealth Games and tallied up the final results and then looked at the top five countries who hauled in the most medals. Well done to the awesome Aussies – second place! On Tuesday we enjoyed watching the high school’s production of “The Little Mermaid” and next week we start practising for our Joey’s concert. Year 4 is presenting “The Lion King” – with a twist! Good luck to all the athletes who are competing at Bathurst tomorrow. Have a great weekend.

**YEAR 5**
What a fantastic school social we had last Friday. It was great to see all the cool costumes and some even better dance moves on the night. This week we have been busy preparing our Cooce Poetry competition entries as well as looking at the identification of noun groups in our Grammar work. We were fortunate to see the Gilgandra High School’s Production on Tuesday which was outstanding! In Maths we have continued to explore some new concepts as we create our own Maths dictionary. Best of luck to all those who are travelling to Bathurst tomorrow for Diocesan Athletics. Have a great weekend.

**YEAR 6**
This week we have been putting the finishing touches on our poems for the Cooce Poetry competition. Everyone has done a fabulous job in creating such colourful and descriptive poems! We have begun our Confirmation preparation by looking at the importance of the sacrament of Confirmation and what it means to us in developing our faith as we become older. During Maths we have focused on 2D shapes and how they can be rotated, transcended and reflected. We have also learnt about supplementary and complementary angles and methods to remember the difference. We are looking forward to celebrating the feast of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross tomorrow and we wish our athletes all the very best in Bathurst!

**CANTEEN ROSTER**
Friday, 8 August – Kerrie Allus & Leanne Gilmour
Monday, 11 August – Katherine Giff
Wednesday, 13 August – Lorna Doran-Spiora & Claudina Ryan
Friday, 15 August – Cate Corcoran

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**
Sunday, 10 August – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Tobey Creanenue, Deklyn Lummis