FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tomorrow, Friday, 15 August the whole school will be attending Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This is a holy day which celebrates Mary being taken into heaven body and soul. Year 5 is preparing this special Mass and we ask if you could please bring a plate for morning tea which will follow Mass.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our athletes who competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held in Bathurst on Friday. Noah Ryan was the Senior Boy Champion coming first in the Senior Long Jump, 2nd in the 12 years 100 m and 3rd in the Senior 200 m. Well done Noah! Others to excel included Ashleigh Carlo – 2nd Junior Long Jump, Mitchell Carlow – 2nd 11 years 100 m and 2nd 11 years High Jump and Will Fuller – 3rd 8 years 100 m. Congratulations to all these athletes. Noah, Ashley, Mitchell and Will will now compete at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Newcastle on Friday, 5 September. A fabulous achievement!

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 tomorrow, 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).

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY

The Catholic Schools Sports Day is held each year with the participating schools including St Joseph’s, Gilgandra, St Lawrence’s Coonabarabran, St John’s Baradine and St Brigid’s Coonamble. This year the sports will be held in Coonabarabran on Monday, 25 August. The sports day is for ALL STUDENTS from Kinder to Year 6 and includes a march, games and tug-o’-wars. THE CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FULL SPORTS UNIFORM. For the march, the children MUST WEAR JOEY’S SPORTS SOCKS OR ALL WHITE SOCKS AND ALL WHITE JOGGERS. 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.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

Watching the movie at the Electoral Education Centre taught us a lot about Australian Democracy. The holograms were so realistic. It was the best place we went to. Martin Fryers, James Kildey, Jye Day

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“From Mary we learn to surrender to God’s will in all things. From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone. From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!”

Pope John Paul II

EXCURSION SNIPPET

The Children are required to wear full sports uniform. 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.

KINDER LITURGY

Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 21 August at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

The Life Education Van will be at our school next week. We thank our P & F Association for paying for the children’s entry to the van. It is greatly appreciated. The timetable for the Life Education Van is as follows together with a brief outline of the program that will be seen by the children:

On Monday, 18 August the staff will be participating in a professional development session to introduce them to the National Mathematics and Science & Technology Curriculums. Activities include programming, implementation statements, scope and sequences, mapping grids and assessment planning sheets. This inservice will be held between 3:30 and 6:00 p.m. and will be facilitated by Rose Marie van Raad, consultant with the CEO and Mrs Dominica Banks.

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.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

The view of Cowra’s countryside was marvellous. It was very nice that St Raphael’s let us use their hall for recess. Cowra is a lovely little place and we can’t wait to visit again.

Lachlan Fairley, William Sandford, Aiden Ryan

AUGUST P & F MEETING - GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL

Gilgandra 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 Paul Alchin, Assistant Principal of Gilgandra High School will address our August P & F Meeting which will be held on Tuesday, 19 August at 7:30 p.m. Mr Reid will be accompanied by Mrs Michelle Banks, President of the Gilgandra High School P & C Association and Mrs Nikki Henry, year advisor. An invitation is extended to all parents, particularly those of children in Years 5 and 6, to attend this meeting.
10:00 – 11:00 Kinder – Harold’s Surprise – Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety.
11:30 – 1:00 Year 6 – Think Twice – Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.
1:50 – 3:20 Year 3 – Harold’s Diary – Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles.

Thursday, 21 August
10:00 – 11:00 Year 1 – Harold’s Mystery Tour – Body workings, safe use and storage, medicines, consequences of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication.
Friday, 22 August
10:00 – 11:00 Year 2 – Harold’s Heroes – Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.

The children will be given the opportunity to buy merchandise from the Life Education Van on Thursday at lunch time. Items range in price from 50¢ to $15.00.

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

KINDER – Emmie Peart for consistent effort in Story Writing. Alison Mudford for listening and contributing in reading. Alex Gaff for knowing her address and Brooke Woolams for beautiful illustrations in Story Writing. YEAR 1: Chelsea Brand for writing a great exposition on why Gigantosaurus is a good place to live, Hayden Ferguson for adding speech marks appropriately to sentences, Casey Gaff for completing addition number sentences expressing odd or even numbers, Ryley Smith for writing a super exposition on why Gigantosaurus is a good place to live and Jett Tarrant for adding speech marks appropriately to sentences.
YEAR 2: Bailey Wykes for great contributions to class brainstorming. Daniel Kirso for consistent effort in Spelling, Isaiah McKenzie for taking pride in the presentation of all work, Madison Riley for wonderful work with direct speech and Sarah Temple for working hard in Maths Operations. YEAR 3: Patrick Spor for working well with his peers, Mackayla Ross for trying hard in Maths, Jack Purvis for always ‘Giving Of His Best’, Tayarina McKenzie and Olivia McClelland for working carefully in Art and Sky Bui for writing creative sentences in our spelling activities. YEAR 4: Charlie Banks for taking more care with Maths work, Billie Buckland for a consistent effort in Religion and Gospel Challenges, Tom Eason for careful working out in problem solving tasks and Ella McAnally-Elwin and Olivia Ferguson for writing great explanations about how milk is processed. YEAR 5: Grace Atchin, Rebecca Gaff, James Kildey and Kate Gilmour for outstanding work in extension Math activities and Sinead Sutton and Zoe Welsh for brilliant poetry writing. YEAR 6: John Raglus for contributing interesting ideas and suggestions, Caitlin Spor for being an enthusiastic member of Year 6, John Spor for excellent reading at Mass and Noah Ryan for being a diligent and focused student.

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 5
Thursday, 14 August – Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 pm
Friday, 15 August – Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 5, 10:30 a.m. (K-6)
Saturday, 16 August – Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 am

WEEK 6 – Year 3 Reconciliation
Monday, 18 & Tuesday 19 August – Moorabilla – Heidi Purvis
Monday, 18 August – Staff Professional Development – 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 19 August – P & F Meeting -7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 20 August – CWA Morning Tea – Yrs 5 & 6
Wednesday, 20 – Friday, 22 August – Life Education Van
Thursday, 21 August – Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 7
Monday, 25 August – Catholic School Sports Day – Coonabarabran
Tuesday, 26 August – Solid State Circus Performance
Wednesday, 27 August – Preschool Visit – 10:45 a.m.
Thursday, 28 August – Year 3 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday 29 August – St John’s Orientation Day
Sunday, 31 August – Year 2 Reconciliation Mass – 9:45 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS
KINDER This week Kinder had lots of laughs reading our big book, “The Kick-a-Lot Shoes”. We practised using different voices for each of the characters and focused on our expression and how varying the pitch of our voices makes reading fun! We are very proud of ourselves in Kinder because we know our sounds so well. We had lots of different activities to complete from naming beginning sounds to identifying pictures and matching them to their sound. In Maths we tried really hard to take away numbers. In Science we classified foods into their original source – plant or animal. Keep practising your readings for our special Liturgy next week Kinder and don’t forget to bring in your family photo. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 1 This week we have begun reviewing adjectives and have identified the adjectives in “Mr McGee and the Perfect Nest”. Year 1 has also planned and begun writing an exposition titled “All Families Should Have Pets”. They have come up with a range of very convincing arguments for this topic. In Maths the children have demonstrated fantastic addition and subtraction skills. They have also described 2D shapes and created and interpreted column graphs. The children have also taken home their readings to practise for our Liturgy in Week 8 and have begun preparing for the concert in Week 10. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Smith

YEAR 2 This week we began extra marching practice as the Catholic Schools Sports Day is not very far away. Thank you to Year 2 for being such great leaders in the infants marching with your good attitude and proper imitation. We are working hard on our work you by working on identifying odd and even numbers, Victorine for beautiful sentences that are questions. We have really enjoyed reading the story, “Gigantosaurus” by Jonny Duddle, with the theme of the story leading us to the traditional tale of “The Boy Who Cried Wolf”. In Maths we investigated repeated subtraction with everyone having great success. In Art we began work on a paper bag dinosaur and have decorated our window with some very colourful dinosaurs.

Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

YEAR 3 This week has had another busy week. Your children have also described 2D shapes and created and interpreted column graphs. The children have finished their homophones on ‘how things are made’. In Maths we have been learning about multiplication facts and rounding money to the nearest 5 cents. We have learnt about Australia’s native flora and fauna in Science. We have continued to ‘give our best’ during our marching practices, well done everyone! Year 3 is very excited about our performance for the school concert. We are looking forward to performing our version of ‘Alice in Wonderland’.

Mr Soares

YEAR 5 Congratulations to all the Reading, writing and Math students we have presented St Joseph’s last Friday at the Diocesan Athletics in Bathurst. Well done to these champions! Congratulations also to Heidi who was selected for the Moorabilla music camp. Year 4 has been working hard to improve their neatness in all subjects and five lucky people now officially have a pen licence! Well done! I’m sure there are a few more licences to hand out in the near future. In Religion we began our new unit marvelling at God’s creation and we discussed understanding that we are the caretakers of this world we’re a part of. Reconciliation was today and tomorrow we look forward to the Feast of the Assumption. During Maths we focused on extended multiplication, division and tricky picture problem solving tasks. Keep up the terrific marching effort everyone.

Miss Harvey

YEAR 6 What a great week we have had in Year 5. In Maths we have been looking closely at adding fractions as well as using this knowledge to further understand how to manipulate mixed fractions. This week we discussed a range of ideas for the upcoming speeches that we will deliver to the class at the end of Week 6. It has been an outstanding effort by all of the class this week with their maturity and engagement as we prepared for our Mass tomorrow celebrating the Assumption of Mary. It would be great to see as many friends and family as possible come along to help us celebrate and if the children could please bring a plate to share for morning tea that would be greatly appreciated. We are also preparing a poem for the children which we will be discussing and reading next week.

Mr Ready

YEAR 6 Our creative skills are being put to the test this week as we work on our artworks for the Christmas Art Competition. Our pictures are based on the Annunciation story or the visit of the wise men. As part of the competition we are also writing descriptions of our artworks explaining the symbolism of the images and colours we have used. Discussions have been our focus in English as we are writing speeches, which are due to be presented in Week 8. During Maths we have investigated multiplying decimals, adding and subtracting mixed numerals fractions and interpreting two way tables.

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

CANTEEN ROSTER
Friday, 15 August – Tegan Foster & Alicia Heffer
Monday, 18 August – Toni Fuller
Wednesday, 20 August – Sophia Ibe & Belinda Murray
Friday, 22 August – Toni Tarrant & Paula Purvis

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Sunday, 17 August – Georgia Horan, Kate Gilmour, James O’Neill, Lachlan Fairey