

# St Johns Primary School Newsletter



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## Upcoming Events

- ✚ 11<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 at Eisteddford.
- ✚ 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 at St Lawrences for Mass.
- ✚ 12<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Religious Education Test.
- ✚ 13<sup>th</sup> June - Athletics Carnival
- ✚ 18<sup>th</sup> June - P&F meeting 7pm.
- ✚ 18<sup>th</sup> June - Confirmation info evening 7pm.
- ✚ 20<sup>th</sup> June - Mufti Day.
- ✚ 26<sup>th</sup> June - NAIDOC day.
- ✚ 26<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 at St Lawrences for Mass.
- ✚ 27<sup>th</sup> June - Clothing Pool.
- ✚ 29<sup>th</sup> June - Last day of Term 2. Happy Holidays!

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Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June 2013

## Principal's News

Welcome to Week 7.

I hope everyone enjoyed the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend. This week is one that I always enjoy as we will be holding our Athletics Carnival this Thursday. I enjoy watching the students participate on the day and also how teachers and parents work together to run all of the events. Let's hope we have lovely sunshine for the day. I would like to thank in advance all of the parents and friends who have volunteered their time to assist at the carnival. Your help is very much appreciated.

Thank you – I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to Margo Russell and her team for all of their time and energy into conducting the KK Donut Drive. Through their dedicated work the P&F were able to raise additional funds that assist our entire school community. Work such as this is often undervalued, which shouldn't happen. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated P&F and I am sure you join me in acknowledging their fine work. HOWEVER, like any volunteer organization it is only as strong as the members in it. I would like to encourage anyone who has not attended or taken part in a P&F event to come along to the next meeting. You will find a very friendly smile meeting you.



It is Flu/Gastro season again and we hope to keep our staff and students as healthy as possible. A reminder that students who are unwell should not be sent to school and cannot stay at school if they are not able to remain in class. We will remind students about sneezing and coughing away from others and washing hands regularly.



Commencing last week and continuing this week I will be meeting more of our new Kindergarten 2014 students. These wonderful young people certainly bring positive energy to our school.



End of Semester Reports - Your child will bring their School report home at the end of this term. The teachers have spent a great deal of time to give you an accurate summary of the social and educational progress of your child during the first two terms of the year. Teacher comments will again be provided for English and Mathematics. Please be aware, that the 'days absent' listed for each child is for all of Semester One (Terms 1 & 2) - up to and including Friday 7th June. Our reports will once again let teachers report student academic achievements at a point in time using clear standards. Teachers make a professional on-balance judgment to decide which grade best matches the standards your students have achieved, based on assessment information they have collected. Reports will be going home on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> of June.

UNIFORM - All students should now be wearing their full winter uniform. Please ensure that your child's clothes are clearly labeled, especially hats, jumpers and jackets.

Have a wonderful week.  
God Bless, Anthony

# Religious Education News



## For Your Diary:

Year 6 Religious Education Test: Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 attending Mass at St Laurence's Church: 9.30am Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

Confirmation- Welcome to the Sacrament Evening: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 7pm at St Brigid's Church.

Mufti-Day (Non-Uniform Day): Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June for St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal- Gold Coin Donation.

## Year 6 Religious Education Test

On Wednesday all Year 6 students in Catholic schools throughout NSW will sit the Religious Education Test. This 50 question, multiple-choice test is designed to assess students understanding of the knowledge content of the RE curriculum. Traditionally, our school has done very well in this assessment, and we wish this year's Year 6 similar success.



## Confirmation Information Night

This 'Welcome to the Sacrament' Evening will be held at 7pm in St Brigid's Church Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. It is an Information Night for parents about Confirmation and the Parish Program. Confirmation candidates are not required to attend.



## St Vinnies Winter Appeal Mufti-Day

To support the annual St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, St John's Primary will be holding a Mufti-Day (Non-Uniform Day), on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Participation is a gold coin donation which our school captains will collect from the classrooms on the day.

## St Anthony of Padua: Some fun facts!

This Thursday is the Feast Day of St Anthony of Padua- a popular and well-known saint. Born on Portugal in 1195, Saint Anthony was known to have a marvelous memory! When he was very young, he began to study the Bible, and because of his excellent retentive memory, he gained a great knowledge of the Scriptures. Anthony wanted to be a missionary, so he left his home in Portugal to go to Morocco, but he got very sick and had to head back home. On the way home, a fierce storm blew his ship off course and Anthony ended up in Italy instead! One day while he was there, he went to a big gathering of Dominican and Franciscan priests. Someone was supposed to preach, but there had been a mix-up and no one came prepared for the occasion, so Anthony was asked if he would just get up and say whatever the Holy Spirit put into his mind! Anthony did as he was asked and began very slowly, but once he got going, he gave such a terrific talk that everyone knew he should become a preacher. And that's what he did! Wherever Anthony spoke, crowds came to listen, and he convinced many people to become Christians. Today, people still pray to Saint Anthony, often to help them remember where they have mislaid something!

### A Prayer to saint Anthony!

*O Holy St. Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for His creatures, made you worthy, when on earth, to possess miraculous powers.*

*Encouraged by this thought, I implore you to obtain for me (request).*

*O gentle and loving St. Anthony, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ears of the sweet Infant Jesus, who loved to be followed by the arms; and the gratitude of my heart will ever be yours.*

*Amen.*



Wishing you a good week,  
David Schwager

## **4 Blue and 4 Gold Class News**

Junior Primary Verse Speaking - **Third Place**



### **Year 4 Eisteddfod**

Written by Brianna and Harry:

Yesterday we performed in the Dubbo City Eisteddfod saying our poems that we had been practising for 6 weeks. We were very excited to perform. Year 4 said poems called, 'Forgiven' and 'All My Great Excuses'. First we got on the bus at 10:00am and travelled down to the City Centre. The performers before and after us were equal. All of them were saying poetry and they did two poems each.

We loved saying our two poems and we are very proud of ourselves. It would be fantastic to do it again next year.

When we were finished we were happy with what we did. The lady announced that we came THIRD!!! We were thrilled and so were our teachers!!! Since our teachers were so proud of us we got some free time when we arrived back to school.

### **Assembly Merit Awards: Week 6 Assembly**

Amelia Tink	Bridey Graham	Annabelle Whitely	Brydee Morrow
Aspen Moore	Connor Sutherland	Jada O'Keefe	Peter Duncan
Louis Russel	Eva Lordan	Lila Bourke	Elizabeth Meadows
Jack Cowper	Henry Minney	Noah Smith	Milla Birchall
Holly Low	Hayden Campbell	Matthew Riley	Hannah Smith
James Debus	Tiarna Adams	Claire Waddell	Charlie Lawler
Madison Davis	Georgia Faichney	Rebecca Pengilley	Mia Webber
Makayla Tink	Daniel O'Sullivan	Zac Carrol	Amoya Quigley
Owen Blake	Paige Isbester	Ashleigh Young	Hamish Burton

### **Principal Award: Week 6 Assembly**

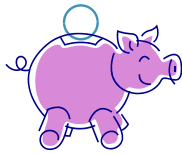
Jessica McCarthy	Holly Low
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# **Congratulations**



## P&F News

\* Thanks to the KK Donut Drive our piggy bank is getting fatter!



We will be discussing projects to spend money on at the P&F meeting next Tuesday night. If you would like to vote please come along, we would welcome you warmly.



\*Thank you to Margo Russell for coordinating this fundraiser. A job well done Margo and team, your hard work is much appreciated. Profit on the donuts was \$1600...



ALL NEW CLASSES FOR MAY

Martial Arts Beginners Wednesday 5pm

Little Tigers Beginners Tuesday 5pm

Women's only self defence class Wednesday 6pm



Fully accredited and qualified instructors  
Subak incorporates a wide range of Martial Arts Styles  
- Taekwondo, BJJ Grappling and the dynamic iKiFiT program

Opportunities to participate in Tournaments  
Special programs for young children and women  
**NO LOCK IN CONTRACTS**

St Johns Primary School Hall  
Phone: 0419 629 528  
[www.subak-martialarts.com](http://www.subak-martialarts.com)  
Come and experience Subak Martial Arts

## The St Johns Primary Concert Band and Strings Ensemble

**Invite you to their Show Case Concert.**

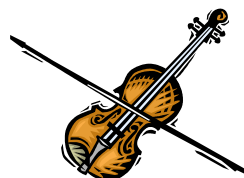


When: Monday evening June 17

Where: St Johns Primary School Hall

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm Start

Cost: Nil



## DUBBO CITY EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to all of the St John's Primary Students who have participated in the Eisteddfod so far. We are very proud of the number of our students involved in Eisteddfod sessions.

### KINDERGARTEN NURSERY RHYMES



Kindergarten sang their nursery rhymes beautifully. A big congratulations to them all on their fantastic costumes and props. Great job Kindergarten.

### YEAR 4 VERSE SPEAKING



Congratulations to year 4 on your excellent behavior and the outstanding quality of your performance. Well done for achieving 3<sup>rd</sup> place, go year 4!

### YEAR 5/6 CHOIR



1<sup>st</sup> Place went to our Senior Choir, what an achievement children. Well done for practicing so hard with Mrs Dunn, your efforts were rewarded!

### Claiming the Date

St. Pius X School celebrates its Ruby Anniversary (40 years).

We commence with an open day on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August is Dinner at the Civic Centre with entertainment - \$40.00 a head for 3 course meal.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Mass at St. Brigid's Church followed by B.B.Q at St. Pius X School.

We would love to see all the past and present students, staff and parents at our celebrations.

Contact Heather Irwin on 02 68823808 or email: [stpiusdubbo@bth.catholic.edu.au](mailto:stpiusdubbo@bth.catholic.edu.au) if you would like to purchase tickets for the Saturday night dinner.



New date for School Photo's

**Term 3**

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>  
July 2013

# ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Athletics Carnival – Important Information.

Dear Parents and Caregivers,



**Date** – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, week 7 term 2.

**Time** – *Drop Off 8:30 – 8:50am.* Carnival begins **9am** with the running of the 800m races. ***Carnival concludes 2:30pm.***

**Venue** – Barden Park, Opposite North Dubbo Primary School on Fitzroy St.

The carnival is part of the PDHPE program and attendance for students in year 3 – 6 is compulsory on this day. If for any reason the carnival needed to be postponed please listen to Radio 2DU, 1251 AM, on the morning of 13<sup>th</sup> June. *If the carnival was to be postponed it would be a normal school day at St John's Primary.*

On the day of the carnival students will need to be dropped off at Barden Park between 8:30 – 8:50am in the morning and can be collected when the carnival concludes at **2:30pm.** ***Please note: Buses do not run to or from Barden Park for our students on this day.*** Mrs Dries will operate a canteen on the day. Lunch order forms will be going home this Wednesday and will need to be returned to school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June for students who wish to order lunch on the day.

All students will compete in their age 100m running race. Students who wish, can enter the 200m & 800m running races as well in the following age groupings, Juniors 8,9,10 years old, 11year olds, or seniors 12/13 years old. Field event eliminations in Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump & High Jump have been taking place at school with the top 6 students in each event competing in the final on carnival day. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> from the running races and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> from the field events will progress on to represent St John's Primary at the Northern Region Athletics Carnival at Barden Park on 25<sup>th</sup> July.

To help with the smooth running of the carnival it would be great to get parent helpers to facilitate with timekeeping and the running of field events. Lunch and refreshments will be provided on the day. If you are able to give some time on the day please fill in the information below and send it back to school with your child's permission note.

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I \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/caregiver of \_\_\_\_\_  
will be able to assist on the day of the athletics carnival at the following times.

8:50am – 2:30pm.

Or at these times \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number \_\_\_\_\_



Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre's Zoo Adventures is a school holiday program for students attending primary school aged 5-12 years, to be held during the July 2013 school holidays. This education program is designed for school-aged students and all activities are run by qualified staff.

**Dates:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2013

**Age:** 5-12 years

**Time:** 8:30am to 3:30pm

**Cost: WINTER SPECIAL** - \$40.00 per child per day Bookings close on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013.

**How to Book:**

All information including booking form and daily activities can be found on our website

<http://www.taronga.org.au/ZooAdventuresDubbo>

Contact the Zoo on: 6881 1433.

Tidbits of information for Parents!



1. Orana School Uniforms have 50 ties still in stock selling at ½ price.
2. Lowes Menswear currently have all St Johns Primary uniform items in stock.
3. If children have a Vomiting/Gastro virus they need to remain at home for 24 hours after the Vomiting/Gastro ceases.
4. School photos will now be on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2013.
5. Lice can live for 24 hours when not on a human head!  
Head lice cannot jump! There you go...
6. Do extended families or friends pick up your children from school?

Please remind them of our afternoon pick up system; drive around, wait for a park along the pickup zone, wait for children to come to you. Please do not wave children over to hop into the vehicle anywhere other than the pickup zone.

Save the Date

- Jackaroo Ranch - Winter School Holiday Riding Camp. 1<sup>st</sup> Week: Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June - Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July. 2<sup>nd</sup> Week: Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July - Sun 14<sup>th</sup> July. Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked. Enquiries: Mrs. Pattie Hudson, Phone: 63 377173 (nights are best).
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