Our sympathy is extended to the Arndell family on the loss of their grandfather, Allan “Morgan” Purdy.

**Band Workshop**

The Band Workshop was fun. We played “Power Rock” and “Fiesta Grande” with the St John’s College Band. Abin, Artemis, Jesse and Halle also played “Happy”. We made new friends, they helped us with our music and it was a great experience. Ashanti Riya and two girls from the Central School also performed a dance with the Dubbo St John’s Students.

Erin and Abin

**Melbourne Cup Fundraiser**

Last week the children asked if they could do some fundraising on Melbourne Cup Day. Each year we organize a “no pay small win” sweep where all children get a horse. This year for a gold coin donation the children may come dressed in something that says “Melbourne Cup” eg dressed for the races, or as a jockey, a horse or steward, or a bookmaker or . . . Those children not wishing to dress “Melbourne Cup” are to wear their uniform as normal.

**First Reconciliation**

On Friday 14th November we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with six children from Yr 2. We will be having a 2nd Rite of Reconciliation with the whole school at 2.00pm and a celebration at the 6.30pm Mass with the Parish. Following Mass there will be a party in the Art room. Please come and join the children and bring a plate to share.

**St Lawrence’s Horse Sports Day**

We have Holly, Anna, Erin, Halle, Zali, Ashanti Chloe, Jesse and Cameron competing in Coonabarabran this Friday 7th November. All children must have an adult with them for the whole day. Kylie Hyde will act as Troop Leader and Mrs Tym will also be present to help supervise.

**Sport - Swimming Permission Notes**

This Friday 7th November we will be going to the pool for sport. Attached to the newsletter are Swimming Permission Notes. Please ensure these notes are returned by Thursday.

**Swim and Survive Classes**

Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program caters for children from 18 months through to 12 years of age. Lessons provide intensive water familiarization and learn to swim classes, generally held over eight or nine consecutive weekdays. Qualified and friendly instructors will teach basic skills on how to enjoy the water safely and the techniques needed to become a strong and confident swimmer. Children need lots of practice, so our lessons are an excellent opportunity to reinforce the skills they learn through a school-based program. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer. All enrolments for Sport and Recreation’s Swim and Survive program should be directed to www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/swimandsurvive or their client service centre on 13 13 02.
CWA Poster Competition Finals

At the regional competition - Jake Botfield, Peter Barac, Orlando Bunner, Erin Tym, Jesse Younghusband, Thomas Martín and Ted Matthews came first with their posters on Botswana.

Orientation
Tomorrow Tuesday 4th November will be the last of our Orientation days for our 2015 Kindergarten children.
Over the last four Tuesdays the children have made new friends, become familiar with the school buildings and had lots of fun in the K/1/2 room. We look forward to Maddie, Alicia, Artie and Joshua joining us in 2015.