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Term 1 Week 10

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Thought for the Week

You look best when you wear your smile.

There is no beauty like the one that comes from inside you.

As we near the end of Week 10, we continue to be inspired by the amazing positivity shown by so many during these difficult times. To those of you at school, congratulations for all of your hard work and for taking such good care of one another. To those at home we hope all is going well and remember, please contact us at school if we can be of any assistance. Try not to stress or worry about the work. Do what you can do! As of today, school will remain open next week. The children are being taught in two groups for the rest of the term, Years K, 1 and 2 are together and Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have joined.

Stay strong, stay positive, take care and give of your best!

CEDB PARENT ENGAGEMENT NEWSLETTER

We have today emailed all of our Joey's families a Parent Engagement Newsletter issued by the Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst. This Newsletter contains some valuable resources to assist with home schooling. Please have a read through the Newsletter and click on any of the links that you think may be of assistance to you or your child. The resources contained in this Newsletter are for your guidance and support only and is in no way an expectation of how your child should be home schooled.

INTERNET ACCESS FOR FAMILIES

The Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst ("CEDB") has received an offer from Mathew Dickerson, Director of Axxis (a Telstra partner) to assist families that are having 'problem' areas around their internet connectivity – typically the types of problems that no shop wants to touch because they are difficult and time consuming. Mr Dickerson is offering this for free as he *"believes we have significant expertise in this important area and I believe the way that we will come out the other side of COVID-19 in better shape is if everyone helps out in some small way if they can. If I need to suggest additional connections for parents I can't secure those for free but I can access temporary solutions so parents may put something in place just while their children may be home. As an example with a parent today, one parent said that for many years the children used her mobile phone as a hotspot when they were home together after school and after work but with the children at home while she is at work, her phone is not available. I recommended a specific temporary data plan that had a large data amount but was on a casual plan that allowed disconnection once the children could return to school."* This offer is made in the event that you are unable to get solutions from your normal or local internet provider. The CEDB believes other Telcos are also in the process of working on solutions for teachers and students and details will be provided once to hand. Mr Dickerson's contact details are: mobile – 0418 628 439 or email – mathew@axxis.digital.

MASS ONLINE

There have been some enquiries regarding Mass Online. Here is a link for viewing of daily Masses as well as a Sunday, 10:00 a.m. Mass live streamed <https://www.bathurst.catholic.org.au/> and then click on the maroon coloured 'Mass for you' tab in the middle of the home page.

CARELINE

Centacare Bathurst has set up a new service to assist the elderly, called 'Careline' which is now available to all parishes across the diocese. If you know of someone who is elderly or in a vulnerable position, who may live alone, those who are self isolated without any support, or anyone who may just need a chat, or if you are in this position yourself, please contact

Careline on 1800 231 118 and reach out for help. The Careline team will then arrange for the right support person to contact the caller to make the necessary arrangements to meet the person's needs. It may be as simple as picking up some groceries or a prescription for someone who is house bound, or it may be that the person needs assistance to connect with other agencies such as St Vincent de Paul.

SCHOOL CANTEN CHANGES

Just a reminder that the school canteen will be operated by our school support staff and will **ONLY BE PREPARING LUNCH ORDERS**. This means that the front canteen windows will not be open and will therefore not be serving morning tea or other items during lunchtime. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE DUBBO YEAR 7 2021 ENROLMENTS

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, staff from St John's College Dubbo are unable to visit our school next term to provide information relating to Year 7 2021 enrolments. The College has today posted a letter to each of our Year 6 parents asking whether an enrolment pack is required for your child. If you intend to send your child to St John's College next year, please email the College and an enrolment pack will be posted to you. Enrolments need to be returned to the College by Friday, 29 May 2020.

Email: stjohnscollegedubbo@bth.catholic.edu.au

WASTE 2 ART COMPETITION

In the Week 2 About we provided details about the Waste 2 Art Competition. This competition is still happening, but it will just be a little different. The regional exhibition is now cancelled, however Council is still keen to see the unique creations from our local community. Please submit photos and a short description of your artwork so that it can be shared with the community. The project remains focused on the importance of waste reuse, with the key theme of aluminium and steel cans. Please email entries to enjoy@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au by 30 April.

TARONGA TV

Since the temporary closure of the Taronga Zoos last week, the zoo has been working hard to find a way to still bring their zoos to the public. They are excited to announce that they are going virtual, with the launch of Taronga TV. The two zoos will be brought directly to your living room! Tune in daily to immerse yourself in fascinating content, including shows, keeper talks and 24/7 live streams of the Sumatran Tigers, Asian Elephants and Great Southern Ocean precinct, plus much more! Over the coming weeks, the zoo will also be delivering a range of exciting educational resources for parents who are looking to educate and entertain their children at home. You can stay tuned by following Taronga Zoo on Facebook, Instagram or YouTube and visiting the Taronga TV hub where new videos are being added daily.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 10

Sunday, 5 April - Palm Sunday

WEEK 11

Thursday, 9 April - Last Day Term 1

- Easter Egg hunt

Friday, 10 April

- Good Friday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMSAND AT HOME!!

KINDER Wow Kinder what a week! We have all been working hard both at home and here at school! We have sequenced “Hey Diddle Diddle”, completed a cloze passage and made a sentence. In Maths we counted, learnt how to write the numeral 8, discussed events that would occur in the morning and night and sorted objects that didn’t belong. We are trying hard to write our stories independently using our knowledge of sounds and sight words. Our sound this week was ‘r’ and we made a rocket and completed the activities in our Sound Book. We say the Angelus everyday at 12pm “Thank you Mary for saying yes”. This reminds us that Mary agreed to be the mother of Jesus. We also discussed how important it is to say ‘Yes’ at home when our parents ask us to do something! Keep smiling everyone and take care of one another.
Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 We have continued to adjust to the changes happening in our class, school and community this week. The children who are at school are enjoying being in a classroom with some of their Kinder and Year 2 friends. Those of you who are schooling at home I hope everything is going well and please remember to just do what you can. Reading everyday is the most beneficial learning activity for children at this age. Children also learn from conversations with you, playing games and helping you with daily chores. I will email next week’s schedule out tomorrow. Again, please reply so I know who has received it. We have continued with “Wombat Divine” this week. We have written stories about wombats and also read information about the bilby. In Maths we have completed addition, position and modelling numbers activities. Have a great weekend.
Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 are to be congratulated on the fantastic work they have been doing on Google Classroom this week. Everyone has been trying so hard to get the set tasks done and we have seen some wonderful work being produced. Please remember to contact us if you need any help with work at home. Students have been learning how to write a description and have written some good ones about their favourite toys. In Maths we have been learning about counting patterns, estimating and multiplication. We have also been learning about adjectives. Keep up the terrific work everyone. Stay safe and keep smiling!
Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 appears to have been transitioning into their online learning activities really well. Thank you to those students who have returned lots of their completed tasks. Hopefully this hasn’t been too hard for everyone. Our Spelling City activities have been lots of fun. It has been a wonderful, interactive way of learning our spelling words. Our Problem A Day and Operations, which we are now completing on Google Classroom, seem to be working well on the chromebooks. We’ve also been learning about connecting addition and subtraction, comparing and ordering fractions, angles and the metre in Maths Plus. Our weekly writing task has been on an exposition titled ‘Children Should Do Chores Around The House.’ There have been some great arguments both for and against on the topic. In Grammar we have looked at identifying nouns, adjectives and verbs as revision. Stay safe and have a nice weekend.
Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 Wow what a week! I am so impressed with all Year 4 students, be they at school or at home. Together we are navigating our way around Google Classroom and even though we have had a few interesting moments, I believe we are all doing a fantastic job. I am really enjoying reading all of the tasks that are being completed online. Your diary entries have been brilliant. Thank you for sharing your day’s activities with me. A big congratulations to all students, parents and caregivers for your engagement with the online learning tasks. Students have been signed up with a fantastic spelling program called Spelling City. Students should have received their login details via Gmail. ‘Cars and Stars’ is a Comprehension program the students have also been enrolled in. Login details have been sent to each student via their Gmail. Please keep asking questions when you are unsure of how to do a task. I will reply as soon as I am able. Remember to continue having breaks during the day. Have a great weekend everyone.
Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 Everyone seems more confident in using their chromebooks to complete and hand in tasks in the Google Classroom. I’m so proud of how hard Year 5 is working both at school and home being responsible, independent learners. Any parents wishing to see the completed tasks and feedback can access your child’s Google Classroom – go to ‘Classwork’ and at the top is an icon ‘View Your Work’. In Maths this week we investigated Prime and Composite numbers, 4-digit subtraction and triangles. In Grammar we identified adverbial phrases and completed a narrative about an ‘Egg’. This week many of the students completed a ‘Block’ picture with some fabulous results. Once again, a big thankyou to all the Year 5 parents and carers for everything you are doing to support me, the school and the education of your child. Have a great weekend and stay healthy!
Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 What a journey we’ve had this week. Our Google Classroom is up and running and we are all learning to navigate our way around. Year 6 seems to be enjoying the ‘Just For Fun’ morning activities which have included songs, dances and even yoga! In Maths we have been focusing on chance and data, improper fractions and grid references! During our Literacy activities we’ve been looking at contractions and our Comprehension task was all about spidery facts. We have been enjoying reading the journal entries as they come in. April Fool’s Day yesterday really showed that Year 6 are a talented group of comedians. We hope everyone enjoyed the jokes compilation! Keep smiling and remember if you have any questions please ask!
Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Via van der Walt

*During this time we
read books and listened and rested
and exercised and made art
and played games and
learned new ways of being.
And were still.
We listened more deeply,
some meditated,
some prayed and some danced.
We learnt from yesterday,
we lived for today
and we hoped for tomorrow.*



