



ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 10

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Thought for the Week

A mind is like a parachute... it does not work if it is not open!

RUGBY UNION GALA DAY IN NYNGAN

Two teams are representing our school today at the Rugby Union Gala Day in Nyngan. Our Under 12's team consists of **Nick Tancred, Darcy Neeves, Isaac Grimshaw, Dylen Murray, Oscar Spora, Jack Oehm, Elten Walker, Aiden Walker, Will Spora, Bailey Wykes and Ben Standing**, while our Under 10's team consists of **Mitchell Fuller, Grace Tancred, William O'Connor, Jonas Naden, Jordan Wighton, Eva Bonnington, Will Youngusband, Brody Heffer, Lilla Oehm and Beatie Davis**. Congratulations to all the players on the fabulous way they have trained and all the best in Nyngan.

CONGRATULATIONS JEREMIAH - COLOURING CHAMP!

Congratulations to Year 1 student, Jeremiah Woodrow who won the Infants section of the Newspower Newsagents Easter Colouring Competition. Paula Purvis presented Jeremiah with his prize at Assembly last Thursday. Well done Jeremiah.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD MASS

The Annunciation of the Lord Mass will be celebrated this Monday, 9 April at 10:30 a.m. Year 3 is preparing the Mass and all are most welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Mass.

GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY

One of our most anticipated and exciting days of the year is almost here and that is when we host Grandparents Day on Tuesday, 10 April. Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old to celebrate Grandparents Day with us. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. with morning tea in the weather shed. Following morning tea the students of St Joseph's will entertain you with a mini concert. To conclude the activities everyone is invited to inspect the classrooms. So, if you have a grandma, grandpa, nan, pop, an elderly next door neighbour or in fact know any person, young or old, please invite them to our Grandparents Day. *We will be needing cakes and slices etc. for morning tea, so please bring a plate.*

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Training for the school cross country has commenced. Cross country is for any students in Years 3-6. Nine and ten year olds run 2 kilometres while eleven and twelve year olds run 3 kilometres. The Joey's trial will be held on Thursday, 12 April at 11:20 a.m. The Diocesan Cross Country will be held in Coolah on Tuesday, 8 May.

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

The ICAS Science Competition is open to all students from Years 3-6 and will be held on Tuesday, 29 May. If you would like your child/ren to enter this competition please complete the tear-off slip with today's About and return it to school, together with the \$9.00 entry fee, by Friday, 13 April.

PORTFOLIOS

All children will take home their Term 1 Portfolios next Friday, 13 April. We encourage all families to take the time to look at the children's work. All portfolios need to be returned to school early next term so the Term 2 work can be placed in them.

PUPIL FREE DAY - Monday, 30 April **First Day Term 2**

The first day of next term, Monday, 30 April, will be a pupil free day. During the day teachers will be developing Mathematics Assessment and Programming Strategies to be implemented across all the grades. Therefore school will resume for all students in Term 2 on Tuesday, 1 May.

ANZAC DAY

Our school has once again been invited to participate in the annual ANZAC Day March and an invitation is extended to all students from Years 2-6 to represent our school on ANZAC Day. St Joseph's has traditionally had a fantastic representation at this march and hopefully as many students as possible will give up an hour or so of their time to represent their school on such an important occasion and show respect for those who served our country. **Children need to assemble in Bridge Street at 10:30 a.m. or they could come to Mass at 9:00 a.m. after which I will walk them down to Bridge Street.** The march will proceed down Bridge and Miller Streets to the War Memorial for the service at 11:00 a.m. Students are required to wear full summer uniform. If any parents have a special request for any Kinder or Year 1 children to march, please contact the office and I'm sure there will be no problems.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL - FRIDAY, 11 MAY

Thank you to Rachel Lacey who has again offered to take on the role of coordinator for the Mother's Day Stall this year. Each year parents are asked to donate gifts which the children can then purchase at the Mother's Day Stall. The stall will be held on Friday, 11 May. This may seem a long way off at the moment, but with the school holidays in between, it will come around very quickly! Your contributions can be sent in at any time and left at the school office. *If the gifts could be wrapped in clear cellophane, that would be greatly appreciated.* The Mother's Day Stall is a fundraiser for the P & F Association but most importantly it gives the children the opportunity to bring in their own money to purchase a gift for their mothers and grandmothers that they have selected themselves. Prices at the stall range from \$1.00 to \$5.00 and we aim to have enough gifts for each child to purchase at least two gifts.

CHAIR COVER WASHING

We need volunteers to help wash the chair covers that we used at the Ball. There are nearly 300 to wash and many hands make light work! So come and get a dozen or grab 100! It all helps.

PET SHOW AT GILGANDRA SHOW

A Pet Show will form part of this year's Gilgandra Show to be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, 21 April. Prizes will be awarded for most unusual pet, best trick, best dressed pet, cutest pet and the pet that looks most like it's owner! For more information, please phone Amiee on 0408 108 929.

CANTEEN WORKSHOP

A NSW Healthy School Canteen Workshop will be held at the Dubbo Golf Club on Monday, 18 June from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a FREE workshop and has been designed to provide information on the new NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy as well as provide an opportunity for those attending to review their school canteen menu. If anyone is interested in attending, would they please see Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the office. RSVP is required by 14 May 2018. Lunch will be provided.

SOCCER

As the Gilgandra Soccer Club has folded, any child aged 5-17 who would like to continue playing soccer with players from Gilgandra can do so by joining Dubbo RSL Club's team. Registrations are to be done online at www.playfootball.com.au or contact Dannielle Howarth on 0405 127 331 for further information.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Tuesday:

KINDER: **Bella Ferguson** for creating a lovely Easter rabbit, **Connor Jones-Copelin** for terrific taking away in Maths and **Thomas McIsaac** for great singing at Cooee Lodge.

YEAR 1: **Mia Mudford** for wonderful accuracy and fluency when reading, **Chloe Harris** for working well in Grammar, **Anna Walker** for fabulous work in Comprehension and **Joe Staggs** for great participation in Personal Development and Health activities.

YEAR 2: **Brooke Beaton** for super setting out in Problem A Day and Operations, **Te Mana Diamond** for working hard to solve tricky Maths problems, **Sophie Gilmour** for making thoughtful contributions to Easter discussions, **Evie Peart** for beautiful, neat book work, **Angus Johnson** and **Jack Gibson** for trying hard when work gets tricky and **Layla Wykes** for beautiful book work in Religion.

YEAR 3: **Stuart Wheatley** for contributing to our text types brainstorm, **Abbie Skinner**, **Emma Mills** and **Jordan Wighton** for creating a funky Easter egg artwork.

YEAR 4: **Eva Bonnington**, **Ella Mudford** and **Lilla Oehm** for outstanding effort in 'Typing Tournament', **Shane Estens** for working hard to develop a wider vocabulary when writing, **Michael Ibe** for displaying accuracy during Maths activities and **Emilia Peart** for being able to explain Maths working during our group activities.

YEAR 5: **Mattea Purvis** for beautiful manners and a lovely smile, **Jett Tarrant** for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations, **Casey Gaff** for researching new gardening techniques with Mrs Kilby, **Hayden Ferguson** for showing enthusiasm and dedication to all set tasks, **Billie Allan** and **Samantha Naden** for fantastic research into a desert plant.

YEAR 6: **Dylen Murray** for working carefully with apostrophes in Grammar, **Rhys Bonnington** for excellent contribution during our class discussion about expositions, **Jerome Woodrow** for keeping a high standard of book work at all times and **Daniel Kirsop** for great work with dot plots in Maths.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 11

- Monday, 9 April - The Annunciation of the Lord Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 10 April - Grandparents Day – 10.30 a.m.
Thursday, 12 April - School Cross Country Trials – 11:20 a.m.
Friday, 13 April - Last Day Term 1

HOLIDAYS

- Friday, 20 and Saturday, 21 April - Gilgandra Show
Wednesday, 25 April - ANZAC Day

TERM 2

WEEK 1

- Monday, 30 April - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, 1 May - School resumes for students
- Whole school Mass – 9:00 a.m.
- P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 3 May - Year 6 Reconciliation – 11:30 a.m.
- First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, 4 May - Polding Winter Sports Trials – Bathurst – Darcy Neeves, Will Spora

WEEK 2

- Tuesday, 8 May - Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah
Wednesday, 9 May - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
Thursday, 10 May - Year 6 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 11 May - Polding Winter Sports Trials back-up date
- Mother's Day Stall
Sunday, 13 May - Ascension Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER In Kindergarten this week everybody shared their exciting Easter adventures. I think we all enjoyed spending time with our families and friends and eating lots of chocolate. We were also reminded of how important the season of Easter is in our church. We are revising all of the sounds we have learnt this term along with our sight words. There will be no homework next week as we prepare for the end of the term. In Maths we have been exploring the numeral 9, combining

groups, describing and naming familiar 2D shapes and comparing the area of different objects. We have almost completed our portfolios and can't wait to send them home so everybody can see all our hard work. Kindergarten is also very excited about celebrating Grandparents Day next Tuesday so please come along and enjoy the fun! Have a great weekend.

Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 I hope everyone enjoyed their Easter break. This week we have been completing portfolio tasks and have drawn pictures of our grandparents as we prepare for Grandparents Day next Tuesday. Wilfred Gordon McDonald Partridge is our Literature unit focus book and we have enjoyed sharing our special memories with our classmates. In Religion we completed our 'Events of Holy Week' by colouring a picture of Easter Sunday and in Grammar we expanded our knowledge of sentences by using a question mark. In Art we made a paper plate possum which we will hang in our classroom. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 It was a lovely morning in our Church as we celebrated a happy and beautiful Liturgy 'He Is Risen'. Well done Year 2 for reading, singing and participating reverently. It sounds like everyone had a relaxing Easter holiday and it is going to be a busy end to Term 1 as we prepare for Grandparents Day next Tuesday. We look forward to sharing our book work and art displays with lots of visitors to our school next week. In Maths we have revised multiplication, number patterns and digital time. During Religion we looked at Good Friday and Easter Sunday and discussed the importance of Holy Week. Have a great weekend everyone.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Wow, Week 10 already! Hasn't the term just flown by so quickly? We hope everyone had a lovely Easter and the Easter bunny spoiled you. This week we have been busy practising for Grandparents Day next Tuesday. We love singing our songs and can't wait to share them with all of our family and friends next week. We have also been busy preparing for our Mass next Monday for 'The Annunciation'. It would be wonderful if you could come along and share in this special day with Year 3. During Maths we have completed our term's diagnostic review and there has been some fantastic results. While in History we have looked at Anzac Day and why we celebrate and remember this special day. Looking forward to seeing you next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell

YEAR 4 We hope you all had a great Easter over the weekend and now we are back to work in Year 4. This week we have been revising recounts with a focus on the importance of tense and sentence structure to make our work more detailed. In Maths we have created a picture graph of cars around our school as well as revised addition facts. During our Religion time we have begun to revise this term's topics as well as finishing off our Holy Week activities. Our Art time has been spent creating a fabulous silhouette artwork ready to take home in our portfolios. Our Grandparents Day practices are well under way and we can't wait for you all to come to visit us next Tuesday. Have a great weekend!

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 had a wonderful excursion to Cactus World yesterday. It was really interesting learning about the different varieties of cacti. Thank you to Mr Meyers for showing us around his extensive collection. During Maths we have practised drawing 3D shapes, investigated properties of graphs and learnt how to reduce fractions to their simplest form. Our focus this week in Religion has been the Easter story, especially the message of hope for all people. We are all looking forward to celebrating Grandparents Day next week and can't wait to welcome our special visitors. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 It sounds like everyone is looking forward to Grandparents Day next Tuesday! Year 6 has been practising their performances and they look magnificent. In Maths we have been learning about grid references, decimals and 2 dimensional shapes. We revised the different grammar topics that we have covered so far this year. In Writing we have started an exposition titled 'Should Petrol Prices Be Lowered?'. Year 6 has been putting their final touches on their portfolio tasks so that they are ready to go home next Friday. Keep up the great work Year 6!

Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 6 April – Toni Tarrant & Rhonda Madgwick
Monday, 9 April – Justin Fuller & Toni Fuller
Wednesday, 11 April – Lesley Riley & Kirstie Bugmy
Friday, 13 April – Helen McIsaac & John McIsaac

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 8 April – Oscar Spora and Nick Gale

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

My child/ren would like to participate in the ICAS Science Competition to be held on Tuesday, 29 May. Enclosed is the \$9.00 per child entry fee.

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