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Term 1 Week 11

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Thought for the Week

Let us be with Jesus in our thoughts, prayers and actions as we remember His triumphant procession into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, His journey to Calvary during Holy Week and His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday!



EASTER MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Holy Thursday, 18 April
Good Friday, 19 April

Holy Saturday, 20 April
Easter Sunday, 21 April

- Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross – 11:00 a.m.
- Celebration of the Passion – 3:00 p.m.
- Mass Tooraweenah – 5:00 p.m.
- Mass – 9:30 a.m. – Gilgandra



HOLY & HAPPY EASTER

We wish everyone a holy and happy Easter. Easter Mass times are above and it would be wonderful if as many families as possible could attend the Masses as Holy Week is the most important week in the church year.

RUGBY UNION GALA DAY IN WARREN

Two teams are representing our school today at the Rugby Union Gala Day in Warren. Our Under 12's team consists of **Nick Tancred, Hayden Ferguson, Ben Standing, Ryder Ryan, Sam Dunn, Henry Purvis, Will Youngusband, Blake Fairey, Grace Tancred, Eva Bonnington, Elten Walker**, while our Under 10's team consists of **Mitch Fuller, Will O'Connor, Jonas Naden, Brody Heffer, Hudson Duffy, Stuart Wheatley, Sailor Ryan, Xanthe Gale**. Congratulations to all the players on the fabulous way they have trained and all the best in Warren.

FAREWELL MRS COOPER

We farewelled Mrs Dawn Cooper at a special morning tea and assembly on Monday. Dawn has been the cleaner at St Joseph's for the past 25 years. However, her association with the school began when her first child started in Kindergarten in 1978. During these 40 years, Dawn has been a loving and caring mother and grandmother and an active member of our school community assisting with fetes, canteen, excursions, fund raising activities, housie coordinator and much more. Dawn's contribution to our school has been remarkable and we feel blessed that Dawn has been part of our school family. We wish Dawn and her husband, Neil, many years of happiness in retirement.

KINDER COOEE VISIT

Our Kinder class had a wonderful time visiting the residents of Cooee Lodge on Tuesday. The children sang songs, gave gifts and wished all a very happy Easter. Well done to all the children. Many thanks to Mrs Newstead and Mrs Alchin for organising the visit and to the helpers, Lib Walker, Jade Zell, Zeny Manks, Sarah Adams, Rachel Lacey and Monica Mudford.

YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO CACTUS WORLD

Our Year 5 students had a fascinating trip to Cactus World yesterday. During the term they have been learning about deserts and how cacti and other plants survive and thrive in extreme conditions. Mr Lester Meyers guided the children around the plants explaining the different cacti and sharing his vast knowledge with the pupils. All the students found it to be very interesting and we thank Mr Meyers for his expertise.

MOORAMBILLA VOICES

Congratulations to **Paige Gilmour, Grace Winter, Lucy Kilpatrick and Brooke Woollams** who have been invited to attend the Moorambilla Voices Girls Choral Intensive Weekend. Over 3,600 primary and secondary students from over 126 schools participated and Paige, Grace, Lucy and Brooke were identified in the top 50 primary voices. Wow! Well done girls!

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

We held our St Joey's Cross Country Trials last Thursday, 4 April at school. Congratulations to the following students who will now represent St Joey's at the Diocesan Cross Country to be held at Coolah on Tuesday, 7 May: **Toby Davis, Sailor Ryan, Hayden Nichols, Will O'Connor, Jonas Naden, Mitchell Fuller, Darcy Morris, Tilla Chandler, Alyssa Ferguson, Georgia Tancred, Sophia Peart, Alicia Fordham, Isabelle Mudford, Molly Nichols, Eliza Mudford, Nick Kirsop, Henry Purvis, Blake Fairey, Cameron Davis, Nick Tancred, Grace Tancred, Emmie Peart, Lucy McIsaac, Billie Allan**. The nine and ten

year old competitors run two kilometres while the eleven and twelve year olds run three kilometres. Good luck to all our runners.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Primary students will attend Stations of the Cross in the Church tomorrow. This is a liturgy that helps us reflect on the journey that Jesus made with the cross to Calvary. In most Catholic churches you will find a set of pictures depicting the last few hours of Jesus' life. We pause at each Station or picture and remember what Jesus went through. This is an opportunity for the children to consider the true message of Holy Week and Easter.

PROJECT COMPASSION

At the beginning of Lent a Project Compassion box was sent home to each family. Project Compassion is a Lenten program that Caritas Australia focuses on each year. Caritas Australia is a Catholic agency for overseas aid and development. Your donations could go towards improving health and education or aiding an emergency crisis somewhere in the world. *If you haven't already done so, please send your boxes back to school tomorrow so that we can present all our donations during the Holy Thursday Mass.*

PORTFOLIOS

All children will take home their Term 1 Portfolios tomorrow, Friday, 12 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.

HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAYS

Tomorrow is the last day of Term 1. We hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday and return refreshed and ready for Term 2 on Monday, 29 April.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

All children are invited to join in the Offertory Procession during Holy Thursday Mass on **Thursday, 18 April** at 7:00 p.m. This Mass is where we will offer our Project Compassion boxes.

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 K-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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children may wear either summer or winter school uniform when they return to school next term. It is a personal choice, depending on the weather.

PRIMARY SPORT – TERMS 2 AND 3

Sport for the primary students will be held on Fridays in Terms 2 and 3. Therefore all Years 3-6 students will need to wear their sports uniforms on a Friday. Infants sport will remain on a Thursday.

P & F MEETING

The April P & F Meeting will be held at school on Tuesday, 30 April at 7:30 p.m. This is the first Tuesday of next term. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – FRIDAY, 10 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, 10 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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY LEGO CLUB

School holiday LEGO at the Library will be held from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 16, Thursday, 18 and Tuesday, 23 April for children aged 5-12 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. This activity is free but there can only be a maximum of 12 children. To book please phone Gilgandra Shire Library on 6817 8877.

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL – HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Gilgandra Shire Council have organised two FREE activities during the school holidays. On Monday, 15 April there will be a "Totem Tour" Skateboarding Workshop at Hunter Park from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a BBQ lunch, then on Wednesday, 17 April there will be a Disco at the Youth Club from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., including a BBQ dinner. For further information, please contact Helen Naef on 6817 8798

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Tuesday: **KINDER:** **Chloe Heffer** for great improvement writing her sounds, **Mack Hutchison** for trying hard to sound out words in his home reader, **Francis Ibe** for writing a super story about a dog, **Oscar Medd** for thoughtful responses about the Easter story and **Clancy Larkin** for participating enthusiastically in our 'Peter Cottontail' song. **YEAR 1:** **Oliver Peart** for always giving of his best, **Ben O'Brien** for trying hard to sound words in Story Writing, **Harry Thurlow** for listening and following instructions during Art and **Peregrine Volkofsky** for always doing as he is asked in class. **YEAR 2:** **Ashley Gilmour** for beautiful work in Religion, **Brodie Nichols** for super effort with home reading, **Joe Staggs** for thoughtful contributions to class discussions about Holy Week and **Jeremiah Woodrow** for great work in Sentence A Day and Grammar. **YEAR 3:** **Georgia Tancred** for a fantastic paper plate 'Cat In The Hat', **Ava Lacey** for creating a sizzling start to a narrative, **Poppy-Grace Newton** for fabulous expression when reading and **Riley Hutchison** for an outstanding effort in our Literacy Pro reading challenge. **YEAR 4:** **Hope Jones-Copelin** and **Emma Mills** for writing a well structured description, **Tom Staggs** for thinking creatively to design an eye catching Easter artwork and **Stuart Wheatley** for bringing a positive attitude to our class every day. **YEAR 5:** **Eva Bonnington**, **Michael Ibe**, **Ethan Morris**, **Lilla Oehm** and **Brooke Woollams** for enthusiasm and engagement in the Writing Workshop. **YEAR 6:** **Ben Standing**, **Will Spora**, **Alana Elsom**, **Harry Mudford** and **Hayden Ferguson** for active participation and contributions at the Nathan Luff workshop for GREAT Day.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 11

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| Friday, 12 April | - Last Day Term 1 |
| | - Stations of the Cross (Years 3-6) – 12:30 p.m. |
| | - Infants Easter Egg hunt |
| | - Portfolios home |
| Sunday, 14 April | - Palm Sunday |

HOLIDAYS

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| Thursday, 18 April | - Holy Thursday |
| Friday, 19 April | - Good Friday |
| Saturday, 20 April | - Easter Saturday |
| Sunday, 21 April | - Easter Sunday |
| Thursday, 25 April | - ANZAC Day |
| Friday, 26 and
Saturday, 27 April | - Gilgandra Show |

TERM 2

WEEK 1

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| Monday, 29 April | - First Day Term 2 |
| Tuesday, 30 April | - P & F Meeting – 7.30 p.m. |
| Friday, 3 May | - Polding Winter Sports Trials – Will Spora |

WEEK 2

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| Monday, 6 May | - Macquarie Conservatorium Primary Band Workshop, Dubbo Christian School – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 7 May | - Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah |
| Friday, 10 May | - Polding Winter Sports Trials back-up date |
| | - Mother's Day Stall |

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Kindergarten has had the most wonderful final week of Term 1! We were so excited to visit the residents at Cooe Lodge on Tuesday to wish them Happy Easter and deliver our handmade cards and chocolate eggs. It was so special to see the smiles on the residents' faces as we sang 'Here Comes Peter Cottontail'. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came along to join us for this wonderful occasion. In our classroom we have made some very cute Easter rabbits and written some great stories about the Easter Bunny. Our portfolios are completed and we can't wait to show everyone our hard work. In Maths this week we have been identifying 3D objects and discussing the things we do in the morning, afternoon and night. Our counting is coming along very well and we are becoming very clever at organising the numbers in order from 1 to 10. We hope you all have a safe and happy holiday and a big thank you to all the children in Kinder for their hard work and gorgeous smiles. You certainly make our job an absolute joy!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 This term has been busy and productive. This week we have written a description of the Easter Bunny along with learning about the 'le' sound as in 'kettle'. We continued the Easter theme by reading 'The Easter Bunny comes to New South Wales' and completed multiple choice questions and a close passage on the text. Last week a note went home regarding the Reading Eggs account that has been set up here at school for your child. We encourage Year 1 to download the App and log in during the holidays to complete reading lessons and phonics games. During Maths we counted back to subtract small numbers. Year 1 has also been introduced to the concept of quarters. We hope everyone has an excellent Easter and a restful break and we will see you next term.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 2 We are very excited about our Pirate Party tomorrow – it should be a lot of fun and a great way to end the term. We sadly say goodbye to Ivy Murphy tomorrow as she moves with her family to Bowral. We hope you enjoy your new school, Ivy – we will miss you. During the week we retraced the steps of Jesus during Holy Week and discussed the real meaning of Easter. In History we have been looking at stones from the past and how life has changed whilst reading Nadia Wheatley's "My Place". We have learnt a lot about different families from different cultures. I would like to wish everyone a well deserved break and a Happy Easter!

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Holidays already? Hasn't this term just gone by so quickly. Year 3 has had another busy week. In Religion we have carefully looked at Holy Week and the significance of these days. During text types we have written another exposition on whether or not animals should be kept in cages. We have also completed some timed writing of a narrative titled 'The Box' and yesterday we used our creative imaginations to write, pretending to be the Easter Bunny. Year 3 has also completed a variety of tests in Grammar, Comprehension, Science and Religion, with some fantastic results. We hope everyone has a safe, relaxing and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing you next term.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 What a term it has been in Year 4! Time flies when you're having fun! This week we have learnt about ANZAC day and created some beautiful poppy artworks. We have learnt about life on the First Fleet in History and about Holy Week in Religion. Students have excitedly chosen artworks to display at the show and we are creating some fun Easter artworks as well. Year 4 has been writing a description of a storm using the chromebooks. Best of luck to the boys participating in Rugby 7's today. Thanks for a wonderful term everyone, have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term!

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 What a wonderful last week of school! Year 5 had a fascinating 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 enjoyed our 10 question quizzes with Mr Langes as well as looking at 2-digit division and ordering numbers to two decimal places. Our focus in Religion has been on the events of Holy Week. We have also remembered the significance of Anzac Day and we encourage everyone to come along to the march to pay our respects. Sadly this week we say farewell to Indi Murphy – we wish her all the best as she moves to Bowral. We hope everyone has a terrific holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone fresh and ready for another busy term!

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 The final week of term has been fabulous! In Maths, Year 6 has enjoyed the introduction of multiplication sprints, which is strengthening our quick recall skills of multiplication facts. We have also enjoyed further analysing our novel 'Stormbreaker', exploring the language used and learning more about the specific characters and plot within the story. With Easter fast approaching, our Lenten focus continues, with the centre of our learning being about Holy Week and the Stations of the Cross. Term 1 has absolutely flown, I wish you all a safe and wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you all back here *as fresh as a daisy*, for Term 2. P.S. Remember to enter your footy tips! *Miss Jess Seaman*

CANTEEN ROSTER

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| Friday, 12 April | – JB & Ali Tancred |
| Monday, 29 April | – Grant & Penny Zell |
| Wednesday, 1 May | – Ashleigh Mudford & Jill O'Connor |
| Friday, 3 May | – Jo Lummis & Danelle Jones |

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

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| Sunday, 14 April | – Cameron Davis, Abigail Davis, Will Spora |
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