



ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 11

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Thought for the Week

*Grandparents strengthen you with prayer,
bless you with love and encourage you with hope.*

GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY

What a wonderful day we had on Tuesday celebrating Grandparents Day. Our Year 6 leaders were fantastic welcoming all our visitors to the school. This really did set the tone for the rest of the day. After everyone enjoyed morning tea, **Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams and Will Spora**, accompanied by the whole school, formally greeted everyone beautifully singing 'We Welcome You'. Then it was time for the Joey's version of 'The Tony Awards'. We were treated to Broadway hits, 'Sister Act', 'Footloose', 'Grease' and 'Mamma Mia'. It was sensational! **Harry Mudford, Grace Winter and Nick Tancred** then led us in a lovely rendition of the 'Irish Blessing'. To conclude the day everyone joined the children for a tour of our school. Congratulations to the students who ensured we all had a most enjoyable morning. You were amazing! Thank you to Mrs Schier and all the staff for preparing the concert items so professionally ensuring great entertainment. Also thank you to those who provided a plate for morning tea. It was a delightful way to celebrate Grandparents Day.

RUGBY CHAMPS!

Congratulations to our two Rugby 7's teams that competed in the Western Region Tournament held in Nyngan last Thursday. Both sides played super rugby and they were a joy to watch. The senior side, consisting of **Nick Tancred, Darcy Neeves, Isaac Grimshaw, Dylon Murray, Oscar Spora, Jack Oehm, Elten Walker, Aiden Walker, Will Spora, Bailey Wykes and Ben Standing**, were extremely unlucky not to make the final only losing one game all day. Well done boys! The junior side included **Mitchell Fuller, Grace Tancred, William O'Connor, Jonas Naden, Jordan Wighton, Eva Bonnington, Will Younghusband, Brody Heffer, Lilla Oehm and Beatie Davis** and they were the winners on the day defeating a gallant Gular Central School side in a nail biting final. Well done to all our players. Congratulations to super coaches Scott Oehm, David Bonnington, JB Tancred and Far West Rugby Development Officer, Mark Pitts, for preparing our sides so well.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Our school cross country for the primary students was staged on the school oval today. Congratulations to all our runners for their tremendous training and efforts today. From our school trials a team will be selected to compete at the Diocesan Cross Country which will be held in Coolah on Tuesday, 8 May. These students were given a note today. It is expected that the children will continue training for this event during the holidays.

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 included on last week's About, or write a note, and return it to school, together with the \$9.00 entry fee, by tomorrow, Friday, 13 April.

PORTFOLIOS

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

SCHOOL ZONES REMINDER FOR END OF TERM 1

A reminder to all our parents ahead of the break at the end of Term 1 that school zones remain in place for the safety of our children and families. School zones operate on all gazetted school days, which are all days the school is open, even pupil free days. School zones operate as normal until (and include) Friday, 13 April and resume on Monday, 30 April. Note: even though Monday, 30 April is a pupil free day, school zones will be in operation on the Monday, whether students are present or not.

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.

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 Tuesday, 1 May.

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.

POLDING WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

We wish **Darcy Neeves and Will Spora** the best of luck when they play in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Winter Sports Trials for rugby league to be held in Bathurst in the first week of next term. It is a fantastic achievement to reach this high level of competition. Congratulations Darcy and Will. Congratulations also to Miss Giffin who will manage the diocesan netball team.

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.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

A meeting will be held in the first week of next term on Thursday, 3 May at 6:00 p.m. at school for parents of children in Year 3 to explain the First Communion program and organise the celebration. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, 3 June.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Project Compassion appeal. A total of \$692.85 was collected this year from our school which is an amazing effort. Thanks again for your generosity.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – FRIDAY, 11 MAY

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.

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.

CHAIR COVER WASHING

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

JUNIOR BASKETBALL REGISTRATIONS

Junior basketball registrations will be held this Friday, 13 April at the Youth Club between 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Junior basketball will run on Friday afternoons during terms 2 and 3.

PARKING IN WRIGLEY STREET

The residents of 75 Wrigley Street have asked if people could refrain from parking in their driveway. It is quite a difficult driveway to recognise and your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY LEGO CLUB

School holiday LEGO at the Library will be held from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 17 & 24 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.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 'DESIGN A BOOKMARK' COMPETITION AT THE LIBRARY

The Library is running a 'Design a Bookmark' competition open to everyone under the age of 18. Bookmarks should be designed to fit the theme 'Love to Read'. Entry forms are available from the Library. Three prizes of \$40 Connection Book Vouchers will be divided amongst the various age groups. Completed entries should be returned to the Library by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, 31 May.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Eva Mulligan for great work comparing the areas of various objects, Mitchell Cosier for great sounding out during free writing and Andrew Standing for lovely colouring of his Grandparents Day picture.

YEAR 1: Elsie Mudford for beautiful presentation of work, Ben Mudford for great work in Maths, Bella Brand for trying hard in all areas and Nikola Riley for a super effort in Comprehension.

YEAR 2: Hayden Nichols for excellent work in Maths Plus and Operations, Sophia Peart for thoughtful contributions to class discussions in Religion, Alexia Riley for beautiful, neat work in Art and Religion and Vaughan Zell for using different strategies to solve Maths problems.

YEAR 3: Adison Thomas for sensational work in Spelling, Tom Staggs for excellent contributions to our class discussions, Amity Henry for keeping a high standard of bookwork at all times and Hudson Duffy for being an enthusiastic reader.

YEAR 4: Rani Diamond for working hard at maintaining a high standard of handwriting, Charlotte Ferguson and Jordan Neeves for creating fabulous silhouette artworks, Lochie Henry for showing great initiative in helping others during art activities and Brooke Woollams for always displaying a polite and courteous attitude in Year 4.

YEAR 5: Paige Gilmour, Ben Harland, Will Spora, Elten Walker and Ava Meyers for excellent work in improving their typing skills.

YEAR 6: Bailey Wykes for trying hard to improve his typing skills, Luke O'Neill for excellent work with grid references, Breanna Foster for being a kind and caring member of Year 6 and Jade Elsom for a top effort in Maths Operations.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 11

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 - Year 3 Reconciliation

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.

- Year 6 Reconciliation – 11:30 a.m.

- First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 3 May - Polding Winter Sports Trials – Tamworth – Darcy Neeves, Will Spora, Miss Giffin

WEEK 2

Tuesday, 8 May - Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah

Wednesday, 9 May - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition

Friday, 11 May - Polding Winter Sports Trials back-up date

- Mother's Day Stall

Sunday, 13 May - Ascension Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Kindergarten was very excited to have so many grandparents and friends come to celebrate Grandparents Day on Tuesday. It was a wonderful morning and a big thank you to all our visitors who helped to make us all feel so special. Congratulations to Eva Mulligan who received her Kinder badge at our Annunciation Mass this week. Our portfolios are all completed and we will take them home on Friday to show off all our hard work. In Maths we have completed some revision activities and focused on the numeral 10 and position. We loved reading the funny story 'Polly Possum and Charlie Sparkles' and completing activities related to the text. We hope everyone has a restful and happy holiday. *Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 What a fabulous day we had on Tuesday as we celebrated Grandparents Day. Thank you to all our family and friends who came along. I hope you all enjoyed the entertainment and visiting our classroom. In Maths we investigated quarters and hexagons and Mr Musgrave spoke to the class about ANZAC Day. We hope many students can join us on this special day in the holidays. To complete our Literature unit for this term the children wrote about their favourite Mem Fox book. Thank you for your support during the term and I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 2 Wow, what a celebration it was on Tuesday for Grandparents Day. St Joseph's was packed with lots of visitors who enjoyed some entertaining songs and then a look around the classrooms. Well done everyone, it was fantastic! In the classroom we have been busy finishing up loose ends as the term draws to a close. Our artwork will now be used for the show display in the holidays. Well done Year 2 on a wonderful but very busy term. I hope you enjoy your next 2 weeks away on holidays. Rest up and have fun. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 What a fabulous Grandparents Day celebration we had on Tuesday! It was wonderful to meet so many grandparents and special friends who came to visit our school. We also enjoyed a lovely Mass to celebrate the Annunciation on Monday. Congratulations to all Year 3 students on your reverent participation. This week we have written an exposition about 'The City/Country Is The Best Place To Live'. The students came up with some very convincing arguments to persuade the reader. We also sequenced an exposition titled 'All Children Should Play Sport' and looked at some strong persuasive vocabulary. In Art we have drawn some great pictures of the Lorax and we will watch 'The Lorax' movie to complete our Dr Seuss Literature Unit. We wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

YEAR 4 The end of the term is upon us already. Thank you to all of our special guests who came and visited our bright, colourful classroom during Grandparents Day. We really enjoyed showing you all our work. In Maths we have been revising our key concepts from this term as well as challenging ourselves during some Mathematics activities. During History we have spent time researching famous explorers and identifying the challenges they faced during their expeditions. Year 4 have all had a wonderful start to the year and are to be congratulated on what they have achieved over the past 11 weeks. We hope you have a safe and restful holiday and cannot wait to see you all back ready for what will be a busy Term 2.

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 What a wonderful last week of school! We thoroughly enjoyed entertaining grandparents and friends on Tuesday! Year 5 enthusiastically joined in the singing at our concert and was very proud showing our visitors our classroom! During History we learnt about the three levels of government in Australia and the different responsibilities they manage, to keep Australia safe, happy and fair. Our Religion focus has been the Annunciation and we thank Year 3 for organising a beautiful Mass on Monday. We have also remembered the significance of Anzac Day and we encourage everyone to come along to the march and pay our respects. We hope everyone has a terrific holiday and we look forward to seeing you all fresh and ready for another busy term!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 What a great performance from all the children here at Joey's on Grandparents Day! The school sang beautifully and Year 6 certainly entertained everyone with their groovy dance moves. In Maths we have been learning about the properties of triangles and using 360 degree protractors. In Writing we have written a book review on our class novel 'Stormbreaker'. In Grammar we have learnt about and identified synonyms and antonyms in sentences. What a busy term we have had. I hope everyone has a peaceful and restful holiday! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 13 April – Helen McIsaac & John McIsaac

Monday, 30 April – Pupil free day

Wednesday, 2 May – Rachel Kirsop & Janine Ferguson

Friday, 4 May – Sheree Staggs & Simon Fordham

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 15 April – Isaac Grimshaw & Jacob Harland