



ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 3

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Thought for the Week

Everything I do and say with anyone makes a difference

TWILIGHT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

This year's twilight swimming carnival will be held tomorrow, **FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY**. The following timetable for the carnival will be in operation:

1. Children come to school on Friday at the usual time for a normal day's school.
2. Children wear their sports uniform and bring their swimming gear to school with them.
3. End of school bell rings at 3:20 p.m. but the children **DO NOT GO HOME**.
4. The canteen is open and the children can buy an afternoon snack or bring it with them. (Cordial and watermelon will be provided).
5. If the children wish, they can change into clothing representing their house colour. This is optional. No crepe paper please.
6. At 3:45 p.m. the children will go to their Sports House Meetings to be held in the classrooms.
7. At 4:00 p.m. the staff and students walk down to the carnival together.
8. The carnival begins at 4:30 p.m.
9. A sausage sizzle tea will operate between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. (cost \$1.50). The canteen at the pool will also be operating where you can purchase pies (\$4.00), sausage rolls (\$3.00), hot dogs (\$3.00), hot chips - small (\$3.00), medium (\$4.00), large (\$6.00), pizzas (\$2.60), munchies (20¢) and fish cocktails (50¢). It would be appreciated if these foods could be ordered at the canteen when you arrive at the pool – but not necessary.
10. The infants' events will cease at 6:30 p.m. At this time the parents of the infants children can either take their child home, or keep them at the pool for the sausage sizzle and the remaining carnival under their own supervision.
11. The carnival will finish by 8:30 p.m.

If, due to weather, the carnival is to be postponed, there will be an announcement over 2DU and WAR FM between 2:00 and 3:00 p.m. tomorrow afternoon. Children who would normally go home on the bus, will be sent on the bus unless advised otherwise. To help with the timing of the carnival the children have already swum the heats of the length of the pool races. Therefore tomorrow night we will be having finals of each event as well as consolation finals for those children who did not make a final. We had a wonderful response to our request for helpers and thank you to all those who have offered to help at the carnival. Attached to today's About is the roster for helpers.

STAFF/PARENT/EX-STUDENTS RELAY

The staff team is again in solid training and we'd appreciate some opposition. So come on, get your team organised and get into the water. We encourage our kids to have a go at lots of different things, let's lead by example. The teachers promise to go easy on you!

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The staff will be participating in the second professional development activity on Monday, 16th February from 3:45 – 6:15 p.m. The staff will continue to analyse the 2014 NAPLAN results identifying what is being taught well at St Joseph's in Literacy and Numeracy and more importantly where we may be able to improve our teaching and learning practices. All staff members agree that these professional development activities will further enhance the fine educational opportunities already present here at St Joseph's.

BALL WORKING BEE – Saturday, 14 February

There will be another working bee for the ball this Saturday, 14 February at 9:00 a.m. in the old library. There are lots of jobs to be done and any help would be greatly appreciated. Even if you can only spare an hour or so it would be greatly appreciated, so please try and be a part of this wonderful fundraiser.

PANCAKE TUESDAY - Tuesday, 17 February

Next Tuesday, 17 February is Pancake Tuesday (or Shrove Tuesday) which is the day before Lent begins. People ate up the butter, eggs and meat in their houses before beginning the Lenten fast. In England the day is called Pancake Tuesday because people prepare for Lent by eating a feast of pancakes. Therefore next Tuesday we too are going to cook up a storm. For 20¢ your child can buy a pancake with a choice of yummy toppings. For catering reasons and time, children can only purchase one pancake each. All money raised will go to our foster child.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, 18 February is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is the special time of the year when we prepare for Easter by trying to be better people. We encourage the children to take on extra responsibilities at home like doing the dishes, making their beds, taking out the garbage etc. It would be wonderful if we all took time out before next Wednesday to discuss with our children what we all could do at home to make us all better people like Jesus. There will be an Ash Wednesday Mass which all students from Kinder to Year 6 will attend next Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Because Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence there will be no morning tea after Mass.

CANTEEN – ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be no meat products available on Ash Wednesday.

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our P & F AGM will be held at school next Tuesday, 17 February at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

TERM 1 FEES

This term's fees accounts will be sent home with next week's About. Prompt payment of these fees would be appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CANTEEN

Whilst we have plenty of helpers for canteen on a Monday, we are still a little short of canteen helpers on a Wednesday and Friday. If you could give just one day a term to help on the canteen, please let Mrs Hodge know.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE IN SCHOOL ZONES

School zones are extremely busy places (between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 and 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday) with all modes of transport and pedestrians moving within the area at once. Please be aware, alert and think about your actions when in a school zone especially at these times. Ensure all passengers exit or enter your vehicle from the 'safe side', ie, the doors on the kerb side of the vehicle. It is extremely dangerous to allow passengers to exit from the roadside (or driver's side) of the vehicle where buses, trucks, cars etc are travelling. It's a good idea to talk to younger children about the 'safe side' of the car and encourage them to use it every time they exit or enter the car. Some parents like to mark the inside of the door with a smiley sticker or ribbon to remind littlies which is the 'safety door'.

GILGANDRA JUNIOR LEAGUE & NETBALL

Registration packs for Gilgandra Junior League and Netball are available from the office.

GILGANDRA JUNIOR SOCCER

Registration packs for Gilgandra Junior Soccer are also available

from the office.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday.

KINDER: **Ryan Cox** for making an effort to follow our classroom rules, **Riley Fiddes** for trying really hard in writing, **Lauren Thurlow** for beautiful title pages and **Jonas Naden** for wonderful drawings. **YEAR 1:** **Jessie Riley** for trying hard to finish all her work, **Eva Bonnington** for making a creative, colourful clown, **Indi Murphy** for trying to write between the lines and **Blake Fairey, Nick Kirsop** and **Tahleigh Davey** for a super effort in Story Writing. **YEAR 2:** **Elten Walker** for working quietly to complete tasks, **Sienna Marchant** for settling into St Joey's so quickly, **Audrey Carter** for writing neatly and **Alana Elsom** for beautiful drawings in Religion.

YEAR 3: **Molly Wilson** for settling in so well at St Joey's, **Tom Dunn** for careful 'setting out' in his 'Operations' book, **Layne Godber** for excellent work in Sentence A Day, **Madison Riley** for contributing wonderful answers to class discussions, **Kate Woollams** for showing pride in all her bookwork and **Molly Fairey** for great work in Problem A Day. **YEAR 4:** **Olivia Schier** and **Mackaylah Ross** for creating wonderful patterned face artworks, **Ella Wykes** for achieving 100% in last week's Spelling test, **Skye Bui** for always reading with expression in shared reading activities, **Bradley Gibson** for his enthusiastic attitude towards solving Maths Operations, **Will Fuller** for writing a well structured recount of 'The Worst Day Ever' and including great elaborations and **Finn Marchant** for settling into school life at St Joey's so easily. **YEAR 5:** **Jacob Wilson** for settling in well to St Joey's life, **Mikey Raglus** for an outstanding effort reading our class novel, **Tom Eason** for being a mature member of the Year 5 classroom and **Laura Smith** for excellent responses during class discussions. **YEAR 6:** **Stuart Larsen** and **Nash Marchant** for settling into St Joseph's so well, **Sebastian Jackson** for being a dedicated and hard working student and **Sinead Sutton** and **Lucy Davis** for great work in Maths Operations.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3- Year 6 Reconciliation

Friday, 13 February - Principals' Meeting
- Twilight Swimming Carnival
Saturday, 14 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 am.

WEEK 4

Monday, 16 February - Staff NAPLAN Analysis 3:45 – 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 17 February - Pancake Tuesday
- P & F AGM
Wednesday, 18 February - Ash Wednesday Mass – (K-6) 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 19 February - IT Contacts Meeting
Saturday, 21 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 am.

WEEK 5

Tuesday, 24 February - REC Meeting
Thursday, 26 February - Principals Meeting
- Western Region Swimming Carnival - Coonamble
Friday, 27 February - Principals Meeting
- Clean Up Australia Day
Saturday, 28 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 am.
Sunday, 1 March - Years 1 and 4 Sunday Mass – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 6- Year 4 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 3 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival – Dubbo
- Support Teachers Meeting
Wednesday, 4 March - Support Teachers Meeting
Thursday, 5 March - Kinder Welcome Liturgy (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- AEW Meeting
Friday, 6 March - Audit
Saturday, 7 March - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten has been learning their first sight word list. Each day we go over the words and have been saying the words in sentences. Next week for homework, the students will have their readers and their sight word list ready to learn. Our sound for next week is 'Ss'. In Religion, students learnt about a special prayer called the 'Hail Mary' and focused on items we have on our prayer focus table. We discussed each item on the table and its meaning. During our Science and Technology unit 'Hot and Cold' we spoke about what clothes would be suitable to wear when it is hot and cold. During our Art lesson we did a collage of a city in the night sky with oil crayons and

pencils. In Maths we have been practising how to count to 10 forwards and backwards. We have also been learning the days of the week. Just a reminder for all students to please bring in a paint shirt with their name on it. I hope to see everyone at the swimming carnival tomorrow. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 This week Year 1 has been busily reading, discussing and writing recounts. We have learnt that all recounts must have an orientation, a sequence of events and an interesting conclusion that contains a personal comment. In Religion we are focusing on the sacrament of Baptism and some of us have brought in our baptismal photos to share. Our Maths focus has been subtraction, place value and identifying the features of 3D shapes. We hope everyone remembers to bring in their Maths Mentals book on Friday with all of Unit 1 completed. Our PDHPE unit is all about food, fun and fitness and what better way to start than with a visit from the mighty Bulldogs, who shared with us what it means to be healthy. One more sleep until the swimming carnival. Go the mighty Kurras!!!! *Mrs Alison Newstead & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 2 This week in Spelling and Grammar we have been investigating and identifying long and short vowels – which can be quite tricky! In Maths we used subtraction to solve word problems and revised the terms 'vertex', 'face' and 'edge' when describing 3D shapes. As a class we wrote a recount about a very smelly pirate called 'Pongo' and decorated pirate hats to use in our window display. We are all very excited about our school swimming carnival tomorrow – may the best team win. Go the mighty Gums!! *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 3 Thank you to everyone for your wonderful behaviour when we had our special visitors from the Bulldogs, it was great to see all the children having lots of fun. In the classroom we have learnt about proper nouns and pronouns. In Comprehension we read an interesting text titled 'The Best Smellers' and we learnt lots of interesting facts about different animals. Our Maths activities led us to learn about symmetry and perimeter. In Religion we have written our own prayers and illustrated them. It sounds like we are all very excited for our swimming carnival on Friday. Go the mighty Peppers! *Mr Damien Soares*

YEAR 4 It has been a lovely week in Year 4 this week. We have been learning about nouns in Grammar and have been making our own noun groups. In Spelling our focus has been the 'air', 'are', 'ear', 'ere' and 'eir' sounds and our rule is 'when adding full, till or fill to the end of a words, drop one 'l'. In Writing we have continued our work on recounts and have written a recount about 'The Worst Day'. In Maths we have completed 2 and 3 digit subtractions and have learnt about place value as well as symmetry. In HSIE we discovered why the British decided to send convicts to Australia and in Art we began an artwork of a sunset. I hope to see you at the Twilight Swimming Carnival tomorrow. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 We are all super excited for tomorrow and our annual swimming carnival – I know we are all hoping that the mighty Cedars win of course! In class this week we have been looking at nouns and have learnt a catchy tune to keep it in our heads. In Maths we have been investigating addition and subtraction skills as well as learning how to convert numbers into roman numerals. HSIE has also seen us begin our investigation into the cold south as we begin our journey to Antarctica. Have a great weekend and we hope to see you at our swimming carnival tomorrow. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 visited Kindergarten on Wednesday to interview our buddies. With the information we collected we have started to write our Buddy Profiles in preparation for the Kinder Welcome Liturgy. We have also written letters to Mr Horan, thanking him for his wonderful speech at our Investiture Mass. During Maths we have been focusing on kilometres, addition strategies and writing remainders as fractions. Our war cries are sounding excellent and we are ready to take on the other houses in the pool and in the cheering! Go the mighty red, hot chili Peppers!!! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 13 February – Paula Purvis & Mel Phillips
Monday, 16 February – Lexine Mallison & Emma Meyers
Wednesday, 18 February – Kylie Carlow & Rosemary Larsen
Friday, 20 February – Jessica Whitehouse & Sarah Hickey
ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Sunday, 15 February - Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Tobey Creenaune, Deklyn Lummis