



ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 3

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Thought for the Week

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind.

And always remember to love your neighbour as yourself.

WESTERN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent St Joey's at the Western Region Swimming Carnival to be held at Coonamble next Thursday, 22nd February:

Sailor Ryan, Alyssa Ferguson, Jemima Harrison, Georgia Tancred, Will O'Connor, Brody Heffer, Mitchell Fuller, Isabelle Mudford, Molly Temple, Eliza Mudford, Will Younghusband, Rhyon Hutchison, Charlie Zell, Grace Tancred, Alana Elsom, Jordan Neeves, Darcy Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Bailey Wykes, Mattea Purvis, Lucy McIsaac, Billie Allan, Jack Oehm, Isaac Grimshaw, Ry Heffer, Emma Durrant, Sarah Temple, Jade Elsom, Blake Fairey, Sam Dunn, Alex Gaff, Luke O'Neill, Hayden Ferguson, Chloe Mudford, Tom Dunn, Kate Woollams, Camilla Beveridge, Will Spora, Jacob Harland, Oscar Spora and Millie Spora. Our school is hosting the Western Region Carnival this year and we look forward to help and support from our parents to ensure a great carnival.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The staff will be participating in a professional development activity on Monday, 19th February and Friday, 2nd March from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. The staff will analyse the 2017 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.

SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

As of this Sunday, Mass at St Joseph's will be at **9:00 a.m.**

YEAR 1 AND 4 MASS

Our Year 1 and 4 classes are preparing the Mass to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church on Sunday, 4 March at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS LUKE

Congratulations to **Luke O'Neill** who represented the Diocese of Bathurst at the Catholic Primary Schools Polding Basketball trials on Friday in Newcastle. Luke was selected for the Possibles v Probables game. Well done Luke on a great performance.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES USER AGREEMENT

A Digital Technologies Student User Agreement was sent home for each student in Years 3-6 last Friday. If you haven't already done so, could you please take the time to read through this agreement and sign it with your child so they are aware of the rules and expectations at our school regarding the safe use of technology. All completed agreements need to be returned to Mrs Hodge by tomorrow, Friday, 16 February.

PROJECT COMPASSION

This is a Lenten Programme that Caritas Australia focuses on each year. Caritas Australia is a Catholic agency for overseas aid and development. Project Compassion boxes are going home to each family with today's About. Whenever you are emptying your pockets perhaps you could drop

a few coins into your Project Compassion box. Your donations could go towards improving health and education or aiding an emergency crisis somewhere in the world. Send your Project Compassion box back to school by Monday, 26th March so all our donations can be presented during the Holy Thursday Mass on 29th March. Please encourage your child to give to this worthy cause as it is a wonderful opportunity for children to share what they have with those less fortunate.

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our P & F AGM will be held at school on Tuesday, 20 February at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY

Thursday, 8 March

St Joseph's Church – 10:30 a.m.

We can't wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2018 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy which will be held on Thursday, 8 March in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend especially the family and friends of the Kinder children and their Year 6 buddies. It is a fantastic celebration where we get to learn a little more about the newest members of the Joey's family. Morning tea will follow the liturgy and we ask Year 6 parents to please bring a plate.

SEVERE ALLERGIES

Some of our students have severe allergies to nuts, nut products and eggs. Please try to avoid packing these items for school snacks and lunches as some students may be put at risk.

BALL WORKING BEE

St Joseph's P&F Debutante Ball is one of our major fundraisers for the year. There are always lots of jobs in the lead up to the ball and **working bees will commence on Saturday, 24th February from 9:00 a.m.** 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.

KITCHEN CO-ORDINATOR FOR BALL

We are in need of a Kitchen Co-ordinator for this year's ball. If you are able to assist please contact Marilyn King or Mrs Hodge in the school office.

GILGANDRA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE & NETBALL

Information packs with registration details for Gilgandra Junior Rugby League and Netball are available from the office.

KIDS FANCY DRESS EASTER PARTY

Sporties Gilgandra will hold a Kids Fancy Dress Easter Party for children aged 3 – 12 years on Friday, 16 March commencing at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Best Easter hat competition, red carpet parade, massive Easter egg hunt and more. Call Sporties at Gilgandra on 68472105 to register your child for catering purposes.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Joe O'Brien** for writing a great story about being an astronaut, **Bill Ryan** for super work comparing the length of objects, **Andrew Standing** for beautiful colouring of his astronaut and **Lottie Duffy** for top work sequencing the events of 'Jack and Jill'.

YEAR 1: **Georgia Allan** for super work in Maths, **Chloe Harris** for wonderful participation in class discussions, **Ben Mudford** for great word attack and fluent reading and **Ruby Ryan** for good work in all areas.

YEAR 2: **Jacqueline Hutchison** and **Alex Cosier** for careful setting out in S.A.D., **Kenedi Hazelton** for being an attentive listener, **Dimity Wykes** for taking great pride in her work, **Evie Peart** for being an organised and focused worker and **Georgia Tancred** for trying hard in recount writing.

YEAR 3: **Mitchell Fuller** for being an organised member of Year 3, **Amity Chapman** for being a happy and helpful class member, **Hudson Duffy** for having a settled approach to all tasks and **Riley Fiddes** for fabulous work during Maths.

YEAR 4: **Alex Gaff** for working well as part of a group, **Taylor Hayes** for sharing some in-depth thoughts during History discussions, **Jordan Neeves** for participating meaningfully in class discussions, **Emilia Peart** for showing persistence in class activities and **Ryder Ryan** for being a cheerful member of Year 4.

YEAR 5: **Cameron Davis** and **Casey Gaff** for an enthusiastic effort to learn their times tables, **Lucy McIsaac** for interesting sentences in Spelling activities and **Lucas Gleadhill** for trying hard to be organised.

YEAR 6: **Kate Woollams** and **Jerome Woodrow** for writing excellent holiday recounts, **Bailey Wykes** for being an enthusiastic member of Year 6 and **Daniel Kirsop** for being a great role model for his Kinder buddy.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3

Friday, 16 February - Principals' Meeting – Compliance

WEEK 4 - Year 4 Reconciliation

Monday, 19 February - Staff Professional Development – Naplan Analysis 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 20 February - P & F AGM – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, 22 February - Western Region Swimming Carnival – Coonamble – St Joey's to host

WEEK 5

Thursday, 1 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival

- AP Meeting

Friday, 2 March - Clean Up Australia Day

- Staff Professional Development – Naplan Analysis - 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 4 March - Years 1 & 4 Sunday Mass – 9:00 a.m.

WEEK 6 - Catholic Schools Week

- **Year 5 Reconciliation**

Monday, 5 March - Moorambilla Trials

Tuesday, 6 March - School Spelling Bee Trials – written tests (Years 3-6)

Thursday, 8 March - Kinder Welcome Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

- Support Teachers Meeting

Friday, 9 March - Support Teachers Meeting

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER The Kindergarten children made their Lenten promises and received ashes to remind them to follow Jesus during this special time of Lent. In the classroom we learnt about the 'm' sound by brainstorming words that start with 'm' and making monkeys and mice. We've enjoyed reading the nursery rhyme 'Humpty Dumpty' and sequencing the event. During Maths Kinder have learnt all about the number 2, made patterns with a variety of objects and explored the features of 3D objects. The History unit for this term is 'Personal and Family Histories'. We began this unit by talking about different types of families and reading the story 'Who's In My Family?' and drawing a picture of our own family. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 On Tuesday we all enjoyed some yummy pancakes – thanks Year 6. In Religion we wrote lovely Lenten Promises as part of our journey to become better people during Lent. In Science we set up a "garden investigation" and discussed 'natural' and 'made' objects. We have begun our History unit 'Present and Past Family Life' by defining what history is and how we use pictures, objects and books to discover things from the past. On Sunday 4th March, we will be sharing with Year 4 a Parish Mass and I hope many families will be able to join us for this special celebration. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 It was a yummy start to the week when Year 6 cooked up a pancake bonanza on Shrove Tuesday. Yesterday we marked the beginning of Lent at a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass. During the week Mrs McIsaac lead us on a mini school yard safari in search of tiny critters and crawly creatures. Maths tested us on our knowledge of subtraction number sentences, ordering 2 and 3 digit numbers and identifying the properties of 3D shapes. The sound focus in Spelling was 'w, wh' and in Grammar we worked on identifying short and long vowels and punctuation. Have a terrific weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Yesterday we celebrated a lovely Ash Wednesday Mass. The children have written Lenten promises to remind themselves of how they can try to be a better person during Lent. In text types, we've written a class recount about the Swimming Carnival, our focus was to try and vary our sentence beginnings and include elaboration in our paragraphs. Our Art lesson saw us complete a picture of Thing 1 and 2. We added a photo of our face to it and have them on display on our classroom window. Everyone is showing great commitment to our Literacy Pro Reading Program with many students completing quizzes. Thank you to all those who've returned the ICT agreement as this means we will be able to begin using the new chrome books, which the students are very excited about!

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell

YEAR 4 Another busy week it has been for everyone in Year 4. This week we finished off our descriptions in our writing groups while in Grammar we have been focusing on verbs and sentence structure. During Maths we have looked at position and column graphs. During our history time we have investigated dreamtime stories and what they mean to the indigenous culture. On Wednesday we started our Lenten season when we celebrated Ash Wednesday with a Mass. Well done to Year 4 on a super start to the year- keep up the great work. Have a good weekend. *Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 We are having a busy week in Year 5! In Religion we have been discussing the many values we uphold in our daily lives and the ones we consider to be the most important. During Maths we have been looking at fractions and properties of 2D shapes. We have continued to work on our narrative texts using a rubric to guide our areas for development. In History we have been introduced to our new unit where we investigate Federation, levels of Government and the impact of immigration. Year 5 students have been given their reading goals for the term and we look forward to their continued progress.

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 We all celebrated a lovely Ash Wednesday Mass yesterday. It was great to see everyone being so reverent. In Maths we have been learning about shapes, square centimetres and subtracting 4-digit numbers. In History we have been learning about the Australian, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags. This week Year 6 got the opportunity to interview their Kinder buddies in order to write their Kinder buddy profiles. We are now busily drafting them so they are ready to present at our Kinder Welcome Liturgy. In Science we have been investigating shops in Gilgandra and drafting a floor plan of IGA.

Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 16 February – Tanya Hutchison & Lorraine Hutchison

Monday, 19 February – Emma Meyers & Ashleigh Mudford

Wednesday, 21 February – Simone Beaton & Jade Zell

Friday, 23 February – Rees & Susanne Gilmour

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 18 February – Isaac Grimshaw and Jacob Harland

