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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 Tuesday, 21 February:

Will O'Connor, Darcy Morris, Jonas Naden, Alex Gaff, Isabelle Mudford, Amity Chapman, Sam Dunn, Will Younghusband, Rhyon Hutchison, Millie Spora, Grace Tancred, Jordan Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Darcy Neeves, Luke O'Neill, Chloe Mudford, Mattea Purvis, Billie Allan, Jack Oehm, Ry Heffer, Isaac Grimshaw, Sarah Temple, Laura Younghusband, Emma Durrant, Patrick Spora, Bradley Kildey, Rhys O'Neill, Olivia McClelland, Kelsey Hutchison, Rani Diggs, Bailey Wykes, Will Fuller, Kate Woollams, Jessica Scholte, Olivia Schier, Jett Tarrant, Jacob Harland, Jade Elsom, Will Spora, Samantha Naden, Zac Ferguson, Camilla Beveridge, Will Gaff. Our school is hosting the Western Region Carnival this year and we look forward to the help and support from our parents to ensure a great carnival.

SPORT FOR PRIMARY STUDENTS NEXT TUESDAY

As the Western Region Swimming Carnival will be held in Coonamble next Tuesday, we will have sport for those primary students at school on Tuesday instead of Thursday. All primary students who are coming to school next Tuesday need to wear their sports uniform and bring their swimmers. Sport for the infants children will remain on Thursday.

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our P & F AGM will be held at school next Tuesday, 21 February at 7:30 p.m. We look forward to your support and attendance at this meeting.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The staff will continue their professional development activities next Thursday, 23 February when they will begin to analyse the 2016 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. This session will be held from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

YEARS 1 AND 4 MASS

Our Year 1 and Year 4 classes are preparing the Mass to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church on Sunday, 26 February at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS RHYS

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

NO BALL WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY

There will be *no working bee* for the Ball this *Saturday, 18 February*. *The next working bee will be held on Saturday, 25 February at 9:00 a.m.* There are always lots of jobs in the lead up to the ball and any help that you can give would be greatly appreciated, even if you can only spare an hour or so. As with all our P & F fundraisers, the money raised gets donated back to the school for much needed resources.

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY

Thursday, 2 March

St Joseph's Church

We can't wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2017 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy to be held on Thursday, 2 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.

2017 SCHOOL FEES

School Fee Statements were either emailed or sent home with the eldest child on Monday. If you didn't receive your Fees Statement, please contact Mrs Hodge. Term 1 fees are due on Friday, 3 March.

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, 17 February.

USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Just a reminder to parents regarding the use of social media, particularly Facebook, by students. Facebook requires its users to be at least 13 years old for them to create an account. Creating an account with fake information is a violation of Facebook terms. This includes accounts registered on behalf of someone under 13. The school encourages all families to carefully monitor their children's use of social media. Online behaviour should at all times demonstrate a Christ Centred respect for the dignity of each person. It is never acceptable to use digital devices to harass, bully or act inappropriately towards others.

ROAD CLOSURE

You will have noticed this week the closure of part of Wrigley Street, including the block in front of the school and church, by the Shire for the purpose of road and footpath maintenance. We remind you that there will be no access to the school or church via Wrigley Street during this upgrade. Access to the school can be made via Noreen or Wamboin Streets. Council is encouraging the use of the Noreen Street gates to avoid congestion in Wamboin Street. This work is expected to be ongoing all term. If you have any questions regarding the road closure and entry to school, please contact the school office.

THE DANCE ACADEMY

Just a reminder that the Dance Academy will hold an enrolment day this Saturday, 18 February at the Gilgandra Shire Hall from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Classes for ballet, tap and jazz for girls and boys aged 3-10 years will be offered. Phone 68451998 or 0447230079 or email danceacademywellington@outlook.com for an information pack. Classes will only go ahead if there are sufficient enrolments.

FAR WEST ACADEMY OF SPORT TENNIS SQUAD

The Far West Academy of Sport is looking for athletes aged between 10-17 years to be part of their 2017 Tennis Program. Program information and nomination forms are available from Mrs Hodge.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Georgia Allan** for always producing her best work, **Chloe Harris** for great work recognizing words that begin with 'a', **Max Fiddes** for demonstrating great acting skills as 'Jack' from 'Jack and Jill', **Jacob Fordham** for beautiful handwriting, **Mia Mudford** for outstanding illustrations and **Cooper Lummis** for a great effort learning to write his name.

YEAR 1: **Toby Davis** for participating enthusiastically in Maths Warm-Up, **Ava Lacey** for great work finding proper nouns in Grammar, **Sailor Ryan** for beautiful, neat handwriting and **Lara Younghusband** for great expression in Reading.

YEAR 2: **Amity Chapman** and **Hudson Duffy** for writing great holiday recounts, **Jessica Ibe** for using great descriptions in her holiday recount, **Brody Heffer** for trying hard in Maths and **Jaida Tarrant** for trying hard to sound out tricky words.

YEAR 3: **Michael Ibe** for a wonderful recount of his holiday, **Lilla Oehm** for conscientious work in all areas, **Beatie Davis** for great participation in class lessons, **Lochlan Henry** for excellent skills in adding two digit numbers and **Abigail Davis** for giving super examples of proper nouns in writing.

YEAR 4: **Billie Allan** for having a positive attitude towards all tasks, **Alana Elsom** for showing kindness and courtesy towards others, **Lucas Gleadhill** for showing determination during spelling groups and **Harry Mudford** for always answering questions with great enthusiasm.

YEAR 5: **Luke O'Neill** and **Jerome Woodrow** for fantastic involvement in class activities and **Molly Wilson** and **Sarah Temple** for beautiful bookwork.

YEAR 6: **Jennifer Ibe** and **Harrison King** for publishing their buddy profiles with accuracy, **Mason Fryers** for using his artistic skills and **William Fuller** for showing enthusiasm during our house meetings.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3

Friday, 17 February - Principals' Meeting – Compliance

WEEK 4

Tuesday, 21 February - Western Region Swimming Carnival – Coonamble – St Joey's to host
- P & F AGM – 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, 23 February - Staff Professional Development 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, 25 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, 26 February - Years 1 & 4 Sunday Mass – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 5 - Catholic Schools Week

- Year 4 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 28 February - Pancake Tuesday

Wednesday, 1 March - Ash Wednesday Mass (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, 2 March - Kinder Welcome Liturgy – (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 3 March - Clean Up Australia Day

Saturday, 4 March - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

WEEK 6

Monday, 6 March - NAPLAN Analysis PD – 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 8 March - Diocesan Swimming

- Support Teachers Meeting

Thursday, 9 March - Grandparents Day

- Support Teachers Meeting

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER The family photos are coming in thick and fast and are being photocopied and displayed with the family trees in the classroom. The Kinder children have thoroughly enjoyed using their photo to prompt them when sharing information about their family. Our nursery rhyme this week, 'Humpty Dumpty' has been a hit and the children have read and identified the characters and events of the rhyme. We have a very healthy looking sound table this week with many children bringing in objects that begin with the 'm' sound. Our sound focus for next week will be 's' so be on the lookout for different items around the house to bring in and place on our sound table. During Maths we've explored the number 2, made a variety of patterns using different objects and identified objects that can roll. With the Kinder Welcome Liturgy coming up in Week 5 Kinder has started to prepare and those with readings are encouraged to practise them at home. I will send home the remaining books to be covered this weekend. Have a spectacular weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 1 has been busily preparing for our Liturgy that we will celebrate with Year 4 next Sunday. We hope to see lots of our friends and family there. Everyone enjoyed reading "Hattie And The Fox", especially the surprise ending! We completed our own foxes in Art and they look wonderful. In Maths we have focused on features of 3D shapes, place value and comparing areas of shapes. During Maths Warm-Up we also practised how to skip count forwards and backwards by 2's, 5's and 10's. We have been discussing the past in History and brainstormed some words to help us understand what 'a long time ago' means. Have a lovely weekend! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 Congratulations Year 2 on a beautiful Liturgy this morning. It was lovely to see lots of parents, family and friends at the church to help us celebrate. During the week Year 2 has focused on long vowels in Grammar, 'wh', 'w' in Spelling and we have been practising using the correct punctuation in sentence work. Some great recounts about the swimming carnival were written as we remembered the events of last week's twilight carnival. In Religion we discussed how Jesus is like a shepherd, a mother and father to us, looking after each and everyone in His family. We coloured in the History title page for Term 1's unit, 'The Past In The Present' and talked about how things have changed in recent years. Have a great weekend everyone. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 We are certainly enjoying the cooler weather this week out on the playground with our friends. In class we have written a narrative with a partner and continued our work on plurals in Spelling. In Science we are investigating the three elements of matter – liquids, gases and solids and looked at area in Maths. We were very entertained on Wednesday with wonderful magical tricks as part of the 'STAMP' show as well as learning some great tips about dealing with bullies. In Art we completed work on our truffla trees and used square coloured paper tiles to decorate the first initial of our name. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier, Miss Belinda Bourke & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 It has been another busy week in Year 4. At the beginning of this week we began our PAT testing for Maths which will be followed by Comprehension next week. In English we have finished writing a recount about our super swimming carnival while in Grammar our focus has been on nouns and noun groups. During our Religion time we have begun preparing for our upcoming Mass with Year 1 – thank you to all those people who have returned their notes for this. Art this week has had us creating a very unique handprint which is looking spectacular. Have a great weekend and best of luck to those traveling to Coonamble on Tuesday. *Mr Tim Keady*

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. This theme was reinforced during our performance tour yesterday where we were reminded of the need to treat others with respect. During Maths we have been looking at place value and long multiplication and Year 5 students are to be congratulated on their determination to succeed. We have continued to work on our narrative texts and during Power Writing we are concentrating on using complex sentences. In Geography we have discussed the concept of globalisation and discovered we are connected to the rest of the world in a variety of ways. 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 This week in Maths we have learnt about square centimetres and square metres, subtracting 4-digit numbers and 3-digit division. Grammar activities have focused on identifying and using common nouns and proper nouns. In Religion we completed our title page 'The Reign of God: Breaking Down the Barriers' and we have been over to the church to practise reading our Kinder buddy profiles. They are sounding great with excellent fluency and lots of expression. Our Comprehension lesson this week has focused on a text called 'Laura's Diary' where we discussed and answered questions about the text. Have a great weekend! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 17 February – Kristy Gale & Toni Tarrant

Monday, 20 February – Anna Mudford & Lib Walker

Wednesday, 22 February – Helen McIsaac & Jacinta Ferguson

Friday, 24 February – Penny Zell & Janine Ferguson

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 19 February – Laura Smith, Jessica Scholte, Martin Fryers, Mason Fryers

