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Term 1 Week 4

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Thought for the Week

*In the ashes new seeds are sown, from the ashes new life will grow,
leave the past in ashes, start a fresh new life right here today.*

PEPPERS CHAMPIONS

It was another sensational swimming carnival held at the Gilgandra Pool last Friday evening. Congratulations to all our students for their magnificent swimming and school spirit. You were all fantastic. The Peppers were the champion house by the smallest of margins. Many thanks to those parents, family and friends who helped. Without your support these type of activities don't happen. A huge vote of thanks to our staff for preparing the carnival and ensuring that everything ran so smoothly. We'd also like to thank Bill Welsh and the staff at the pool for their assistance leading up to and during the carnival itself.

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Many thanks to those who attended our P & F AGM held at school on Tuesday. Again it was a very positive meeting. I'm sure the P & F will again be a vital member of the St Joey's family this year. Congratulations to our elected office bearers:

President: Peter Gaff Vice Presidents: Chris Riley and Mel Phillips
Secretary: Wes Morris Treasurer: Carol Alchin Clothing Pool Coordinator: Paula Purvis

Just a reminder you are all invited to our P & F Meetings. There are only five more meetings this year. The meetings go for an hour and then everyone is invited for refreshments. The next meeting will be held on 21 April. So come along and have a good time while supporting your P & F Association.

WESTERN REGION SWIMMING

From our swimming carnival last Friday the following students have been selected to represent St Joey's at the Western Region Swimming Carnival to be held at Coonamble next Thursday, 26 February. Congratulations to all these sensational swimmers:

Ryan Ferguson, Bailey Wykes, Dylon Murray, Billie Allan, Jack Oehm, Jacob Harland, Jack Purvis, Sarah Temple, Jade Elsom, Camilla Beveridge, Patrick Spora, Bradley Kildey, Rhys O'Neill, Olivia McClelland, Rani Diggs, Kelsey Hutchison, Hamish Beveridge, Jacob Wilson, Martin Fryers, Ashleigh Carlow, Amelia Murray, Lucy Davis, Olivia Ferguson, James Kildey, Harry Spora, Jye Day, Marshall Ryan, Rebecca Gaff, Kate Gilmour, Grace Alchin, Zoe Welsh, Oli Schier, Sophie Hassall, Mike Raglus, Alex Beveridge, Zac Ferguson, Emily Skinner, James Ferguson, Will Spora, Emilie Hassall.

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. Whenever you are emptying your pockets perhaps you could drop a few coins into your Project Compassion box which is going home with the About today. 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 in the last week of term so we can present all our donations during the Holy Thursday Mass. 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.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

We will once again be participating in the Clean Up Australia Day campaign this year. We will be collecting rubbish in the area bordered by Chelmsford Avenue, the railway line, Warren Road and Wamboin Street next Friday, 27 February. Bags and gloves will be supplied by the Council.

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY

Thursday, 5 March

St Joseph's Church – 10:30 a.m.

We can't wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2015 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy to be held on Thursday, 5 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.

BALL WORKING BEE – Saturday, 21 February

There will be another working bee for the ball this Saturday, 21 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.

TERM 1 FEES

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Term 1 fee accounts will now go home with next week's About.

YEARS 1 AND 4 MASS

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

BALL TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Tickets are now on sale and may be purchased for \$35.00 from Kelly & Astill. This great social night out includes presentation of debts, entertainment and finger food. Bar facilities are available. There will be **NO spectator tickets sold at the door** on the night of the ball. Spectator tickets are only available to immediate family members of the debts and their partners. These tickets are \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per school aged child and also available from Kelly & Astill. All tickets must be purchased by Wednesday, 12 March.

MUSIC TUITION AT SCHOOL

With today's About is a flyer from Macquarie Conservatorium looking for expressions of interest from parents who might like their child to learn a musical instrument. These lessons would be for children in Years 3-6. If you are interested, please return the tear-off slip to school.

HEADLICE

There have been reports of head lice at school. Could you please check your child/ren's hair and if there is any indication of head lice, please treat immediately.

KEEPING KIDS SAFE IN SCHOOL ZONES

More tips for keeping kids safe in school zones.

- Please remember to stay off mobile phones in a school zone. Mobile phones are a distraction to the driver. If you are dropping off or collecting children from school you need to be alert to the busy surroundings and talking on a mobile phone can distract you from overseeing the safe entry or exit of your passengers.
- Ensure all children are correctly seated in the appropriate child restraint and all other seatbelts are worn correctly before moving your vehicle.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Amity Chapman** for always using her beautiful manners, **Jessica Ibe** for making beautiful drawings in Story Writing, **Darron Mulligan** for a great improvement in writing his name and **Darcy Morris** and **Hudson Duffy** for being responsible members of Kindergarten. **YEAR 1:** **Sienna Horne** for great number work, **Trinity Zell** for super sounding out in Story Writing, **Declan Gale** for great counting work in Maths, **Emilia Peart** for recognising and naming 3D shapes, **Lilla Oehm** for beautiful expression when reading and **Rhyan Hutchison** for writing a super recount about the circus. **YEAR 2:** **Jett Tarrant** for a great effort in Maths using subtraction, **Hayden Ferguson** for super work in Grammar when identifying long and short vowels, **Mattea Purvis** for always completing work quickly and quietly and **Chelsea Brand** for a wonderful self portrait in God's image. **YEAR 3:** **Emily Zell** for being a polite and courteous member of Year 3, **Isaac Grimshaw** for working well in Maths, **Camilla Beveridge** for working hard in Comprehension, **Sarah Temple** for reading with great expression, **Richard Glover** for a great effort in Operations and **Kyzack Corcoran** for neat work in your handwriting book. **YEAR 4:** **Patrick Spora** for wonderful participation at the swimming carnival, **Olivia McClelland** for a lovely oil pastel artwork of a sunset, **William Gaff** for 'Giving of His Best' in all tasks and **Zac Ferguson** for using a range of strategies to solve Maths Problems. **YEAR 5:** **Olivia Ferguson** for being a kind and mature member of Year 5, **Abby Tate** for creating an outstanding cartoon artwork, **Madison Hourigan** for giving 100% effort in all classroom activities and **Ashleigh Carlow** for improved self editing skills. **YEAR 6:** **James Kildey** for asking intelligent questions, **Lily Naden** for working hard in Maths, **Rebecca Gaff** for being a dedicated student and **Emilie Hassall** for excellent detail in her Powerwriting.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4

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 - Western Region Swimming Carnival - Coonamble
Friday, 27 February - 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.

WEEK 7 - Year 5 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 10 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival back-up date
Wednesday, 11 March - Staff Prayer – Phillipa
Thursday, 12 March - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, 14 March - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER In Kindergarten this week we have been learning about the nursery rhyme 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star'. One of the activities we do is to sequence the story in order. We have also been working hard to learn about the letter 'Ss'. The children have been drawing pictures of things beginning with that letter. Our sound next week is 'Tt', so start looking for things at home to put on the sound table next week. Today in our story writing lesson, we had to imagine a falling or shooting star. The children described where they had seen the star falling or shooting and what it looked like. There were some fantastic ideas shared by all. In our HSIE topic 'School Days' we have learnt and drawn rules from what we did before starting school and what we do at school now. During Religion we have been preparing for our 'Welcome Liturgy' and learning our new school song 'This Is Our School'. Just a reminder to please bring in a paint shirt with your child's name on it, as we are doing painting in art and if anyone has any magazines that are no longer needed, these would be appreciated. Take care - *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 Yesterday Year 1 went to the church to participate in the Ash Wednesday Mass, which marks the beginning of Lent. We wrote our Lenten promises in the hope of making a new start and trying to be more like Jesus during the season of Lent. During the week we used the iPads in Maths and we have been working on area, counting patterns and sharing strategies involving groups and rows of objects. In reading and comprehension activities we continued the story of "Roy the Zebra" and in Art we made zany zebras! The Grammar focus has been on common and proper nouns which we've been using in Sentence A Day work. Year 1 and 4 have been practising for the upcoming Mass which we will celebrate on Sunday March 1st. We hope to see lots of family and friends at the church. Please return the note regarding this Mass asap so we can organise readings etc. Well done to everyone who participated in the swimming carnival last Friday. Congratulations to the winning house, Peppers! *Mrs Alison Newstead & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 2 What a fabulous time we had at the swimming carnival last week. Congratulations to all for your enthusiastic participation. This week we've written a recount of the swimming carnival and are trying to write in paragraphs. We've written our Lenten promises in Religion and celebrated the beginning of Lent with a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass. We've started reading "Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge" and are enjoying reading and sharing memories. We've created paper bag pirates in Art and they look great displayed in our room. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 3 Thank you Year 6 for such a lovely Ash Wednesday Mass yesterday. In Maths this week we have learnt a new rhyme to help us with perimeter and we have used inverse operations as a strategy to check our answers. In Comprehension we read about a water slide called 'Geronimo Zero'. Our Grammar focus this week has been on pronouns. In Science we have examined different specimens and provided reasons why we thought they were 'living' or 'non-living'. We also came up with a 'Code of Caring' to look after different invertebrates in our playground. In PDH we have discussed what makes a healthy lifestyle. Keep up the hard work Year 3! *Mr Damien Soares*

YEAR 4 This week has been busy in Year 4. We have worked on the spelling rule 'when adding a suffix beginning with a vowel, drop the e'. Our Grammar focus has been adjectives. We have looked at descriptive adjectives, number adjectives and adjectives of degree. For writing this week we have written a recount of the swimming carnival and have begun exploring the structure and language features of descriptions. In Maths we have learnt about 2 and 3 digit addition, number patterns and describing position. Have a top weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 Is it Week 4 already? We are nearly halfway through Term 1 of Year 5 and we are powering through. In class this week we have been focusing on adjectives in Grammar, learning our chant to help us remember. Yesterday we participated in our school's Ash Wednesday Mass, thank you Year 6 for preparing this Mass for us. In Maths we have been looking at subtraction and multiplication strategies whilst in operations we are continuing to understand two digit by four digit multiplication. Mrs Colwell has had us looking closely at leaves in our playground this week as we investigate the moisture that is held within them - a really interesting topic. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 has been working hard on their buddy profiles this week – the writing has now been completed and we are practising speaking with confidence and expression. Our Grammar focus is adjectives and we are amazed at how many we have come across whilst reading our class novel "Stormbreaker". In Maths we have been focusing on 2D shapes, area and subtraction of 5 digit numbers. During Art we have been designing and creating the badges to give to our buddies at the Welcome Liturgy and we thoroughly enjoyed serving pancakes to everyone on Tuesday! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 20 February – Jessica Whitehouse & Sarah Hickey
Monday, 23 February – Sally Oehm & Anna Mudford
Wednesday, 25 February – Lesley Riley & Kirstie McKenzie
Friday, 27 February – Leanne Stephens & Donna Wheatley

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 22 February - Georgia Horan, Kate Gilmour, Matthew Ferguson, Olivia Newstead