



ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 4

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Thought for the Week

We are the Church! "Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope where everyone is welcomed, loved and forgiven." Pope Francis

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, Grace Winter, Paige Gilmour and Lucy Kilpatrick accompanied the whole school singing "We Welcome You". Then we took everyone on a trip back in time to remember some of the greatest hits through the decades with the Beach Boys from the 60's, Queen from the 70's, Elton John from the 80's and the Spice Girls from the 90's! It was sensational. Alex Gaff, Lilla Oehm, Brooke Woollams and Alana Elsom then led us in a lovely rendition of the "Irish Blessing" accompanied by ukuleles. 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. It was a delightful way to celebrate Grandparents Day!

WESTERN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all the Joey's students who swam at the Western Region Swimming Carnival held at Coonamble today. They all represented our school with pride and great school spirit. A full report of the children's results will be printed in next week's About.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Diocesan Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday, 1 March in Dubbo. Children who gained a first, second or third placing in an individual event, or a team who came first or second in the relays will go on to compete at the Diocesan Carnival. These children will receive a note early next week.

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Many thanks to those who attended our P & F AGM held at school on Tuesday. I am 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 President: Chris Riley Secretary: Bettina Spora Treasurers: Melanie Ferguson & Toni Fuller. 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. So come along and have a good time while supporting your P & F Association.

YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 28 February in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

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 on Friday, 1 March. Bags and gloves will be supplied by the Council.

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY

Friday, 8 March

St Joseph's Church – 10:30 a.m.

We can't wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2019 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy which will be held on **Friday, 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.

MOORAMBILLA VOICES 2019 WORKSHOP TOUR

Moorambilla Voices Artistic Director, Michelle Leonard is currently touring Central and Far Western NSW facilitating free workshops for school students from Years 3-12. In each workshop the children are taught music theory and sight-singing and participate in movement, drumming and percussion. A workshop will be held at our school next Tuesday, 26 February for all students in Years 3-6. From these workshops gifted children

who show outstanding natural capacity are selected to participate in *Moorambilla Voices'* annual program. The program consists of residential camps in August and September where students work alongside professional musicians and composers to create original compositions and culminates in a concert at the Dubbo Regional Theatre.

PARENT & COMMUNITY REFERENCE GROUP

Congratulations to our P & F President, Mr Peter Gaff, who has been invited to be part of the Bathurst Diocese Parent & Community Reference Group. Peter, along with seven other parents from the diocese, and executive director, Mrs Jenny Allen, had their first meeting earlier this month. The purpose of the group is to contribute ideas and feedback to the Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst and to provide advice and strategies designed to enhance family and community engagement in Catholic Schools within the diocese. We thank Peter for accepting this position.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AT ST JOEY'S

We are most fortunate here at St Joseph's to be able to provide all students in Years 3-6 with their own individual Chromebook. Each class has its own charging station. Our infants classes have access to a class set of Chromebooks and iPads. Infants also has its own charging station. This year as part of the new Digital Technologies curriculum, STEM activities will be taught in all classes. Mrs McIsaac has been opening the library each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at lunchtime where the children are able to enjoy a variety of exciting and new challenges. If it wasn't for the generosity of our P & F Association, these initiatives would not be possible. So to all our hardworking P & F members, we thank you!

WHOOPING COUGH (PERTUSSIS)

Whooping cough (also called pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019. School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, however they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies. What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members.
2. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough.
3. Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough.

SCHOOL BANKING – CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT

FUND KOALA CLUB ACCOUNT

Students in Kinder and Year 1 have today received an envelope containing an invitation to open a Catholic Development Fund (CDF) Koala Club account for your child. This is a great way for your child to learn the importance of saving money and to see how just a couple of dollars banked each week can add up to quite a lot of money over time! Please read through the information and if you would like to open a Koala Club account for your child, please attend to the following:-

1. Complete the Application form and Customer Acknowledgement Statement.
2. Place the amount of money you would like to open the account into the Koala Club Savings Envelope.
3. Return the Application forms and Savings Envelope to Mrs Fuller in the school office.

You will then be issued with a Passbook which will keep track of your child's savings. If children from Years 2-6 would like to open up a Koala Club account, please see Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the office.

WRITING COMPETITION

Entries are now open for the 2019 Schools Writing Competition. Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories and poems for the chance to win some great cash prizes. There is no theme and entrants are

encouraged to let their imaginations run wild on any topic and in any style. Students from all grades from Kinder to Year 12 are welcome to enter. Enter online at www.write4fun.net, or email enter@write4fun.net, or fax entries to (07) 5574 3644, or post entries with official entry form (available from school office) to Write4fun, PO Box 2734, Nerang DC, QLD, 4211. Entry is free and all entries must be received by 31 March 2019.

GILGANDRA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE & NETBALL

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

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Darcy Adams** for pointing carefully to each word when reading his home reader, **Regan Johnson** for trying hard to listen and follow instructions, **Clancy Larkin** for writing sound words quickly and neatly and **Layla Walker** for great work in Maths using patterns.

YEAR 1: **Ben O'Brien** for a fabulous description of the beach, **Bill Ryan** for working conscientiously to complete tasks, **Mackenzie Skinner** for following instructions well to complete a great artwork of a duckling and **Claudia Harrison** for writing a lovely memory of a time she spent with Gran.

YEAR 2: **Jacob Fordham** for beautiful handwriting, **Max Fiddes** for trying hard in Maths activities, **Ryder Larkin** for taking care with his bookwork, **Cooper Lummis** for being a great listener and **Elsie Mudford** for beautiful bookwork and careful colouring in.

YEAR 3: **Brooke Beaton** for having an enthusiastic approach to our Literacy Pro Lexile quizzes, **Evie Peart** for being a quiet and conscientious classroom worker, **Alexia Riley** for being a kind and helpful class member and **Vaughan Zell** for great work in Grammar.

YEAR 4: **Lucas Fong** for completing Problem A Day and Operations tasks with speed and accuracy, **Alicia Fordham** for creating a beautiful artwork for Grandparents Day, **Jessica Ibe** for contributing thoughtful insights to class discussions and **Orlando Ryan** for being a kind and considerate member of Year 4.

YEAR 5: **Eva Bonnington** for providing quality feedback during writing discussions, **Tahleigh Davey** for having neat handwriting in Geography, **Sam Dunn** for asking intelligent questions during Maths groups and **Indi Murphy** for working hard in all areas of Year 5.

YEAR 6: **Will Spora** for his consistent effort and contribution in Maths, **Alana Elsom** for working independently in Geography and plotting countries all around the world, **Nick Tancred** for his contribution to discussions in Science, particularly Primary Industries and **Lucy McIsaac** for having a positive attitude and attention to detail during Comprehension.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4

Thursday, 21 February - Western Region Swimming Carnival – Coonamble

WEEK 5

Monday, 25 February - NAPLAN Analysis PD – 3:30 – 6:00p.m.

Tuesday, 26 February - Moorambilla Trials 2:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Thursday, 28 February - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 1 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival

- Clean Up Australia Day

WEEK 6

Monday, 4 March - NAPLAN Analysis PD – 3:30 – 6:00p.m.

Tuesday, 5 March - Pancake Tuesday

Wednesday, 6 March - Ash Wednesday Mass – (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.

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

WEEK 7

Tuesday, 12 March - School Spelling Bee Trials – written tests (Years 3-6)

Wednesday, 13 March - Support Teachers Meeting - Dubbo

Thursday, 14 March - Support Teachers Meeting – Dubbo

Friday, 15 March - St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER What a wonderful celebration we had on Tuesday! Kinder were so excited to see so many members of their family come and join in Grandparents Day. We loved singing, dancing and showing our Grandparents around our classroom. We all felt very proud! We have learnt so many new and exciting things in our classroom this week. In Maths we explored objects that roll and slide and we practised counting backwards from 20. We learnt all about finger spaces, full stops and capitals in story writing and we even had a go at writing a sentence about our Nursery Rhyme 'Mary Had a Little Lamb'. In Science we discussed all the different types of weather - snow, rain, wind and sun. In History we talked about different types of families and we would love you to bring in a photo of your family

to show the rest of our class. Next week we start our sight words for homework, so keep an eye out for them in your Homework Book. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Thank you to everybody who came along to our Grandparents Day celebration. It was lovely to see you all here at school and we know Year 1 enjoyed showing you around our classroom and sharing all the work we have done so far. This week we have written a description of either a marshmallow, sour worm or strawberry cloud. We have also been learning about proper nouns and the 'ck' and 'wh' sounds. During History we discussed what the past is and how we can find out about it. Thanks to all those families who have sent in a picture of your child's Baptism or Naming Day. They have helped us to explore what Baptism is and the people and symbols involved. I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 2 Wow, what a fantastic Grandparents Day we had on Tuesday. It was so lovely to see lots of visitors to our classroom and everyone seemed to enjoy the mini concert. Well done everyone and Year 6 you were magnificent! In the classroom we have been busy writing cinquain poems about our grandparents and finishing off our pirate themed art. Our room looks very colourful. Maths challenged us with concepts in area and number patterns. The Spelling and Phonics focus was "o" (son) and "ou" (rough). We are looking forward to the Year 2 Liturgy next Thursday and hope to see lots of friends and family at the church to help celebrate. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Wow, what an exciting week! It was so lovely to see all of our grandparents and friends on Tuesday and we hope everyone enjoyed listening to our songs from the decades. Well done Year 6 on your groovy dance moves. In Religion this week we have focused on the Bible reading 'The Potter and the Clay.' We have discussed how we can be moulded just like the clay to become better people. During Text Types we have begun looking at writing descriptions and how we can use our five senses to make our writing more interesting. While in Science we looked at a YouTube clip called 'Run, Run, Runny' which was fun to see how things melt. In our History lesson this week we had Mr Pearce come along and share some of his Aboriginal culture with the class. Congratulations to all of those students who participated in the Western Region Swimming Carnival in Coonamble today. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 4 A huge shout out to our grandparents and other family members who came along to Grandparents Day on Tuesday! It was wonderful to see you all and show you our classroom and our work. Thank you! This week, Year 4 has enjoyed practising sizzling starts, which is when we commence our stories with exciting beginnings. Students have also been learning about noun groups, subtraction strategies and making three-dimensional shapes to study their faces, edges and vertices. We have been engaged in Typing Tournament and Mathletics Online tasks as well. Have a fabulous weekend everyone!

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 This week in Year 5 we really enjoyed having all our families come in and visit our classroom. Grandparents Day was amazing and thank you to everyone who came and helped us celebrate it. In class this week we have enjoyed reading more of our class novel, 'The Donkey Who Carried the Wounded' while in Grammar we have taken the time to find some great adjectives that we can use to improve our writing. During Maths we have looked at expanding numbers and grid references. We had a great time during our Digital Technology lesson looking at writing a code for someone to complete in class next week. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 Wow! What an amazing week! I would like to congratulate all the Year 6 students on their wonderful efforts at Grandparents Day, they did an amazing job! Thank you all for being great leaders and taking such pride in providing our guests with a wonderful experience. A huge thank you to all family and friends who joined us on the day. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. In the classroom we have been busy preparing our Kinder Buddy speeches and we look forward to sharing them at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy. We have also been busy reflecting on the Beatitudes and Saints and heroes who demonstrate them. We also wish our sensational, speedy swimmers all the best at Coonamble today!

Miss Jess Seaman

It was lovely to see all the smiling faces whilst we were dancing, we could tell everyone was enjoying themselves (Will S).

I loved showing my family around the classroom (Lucy K)

It was really fun dancing (Sam N)

I loved performing for all of our families (Ben H)

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 22 February – JB & Al Tancred

Monday, 25 February – Justin & Toni Fuller

Wednesday, 27 February – Rachel Kirsop

Friday, 1 March – Danelle Jones & Jessica Howard

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 24 February – Aiden Walker, Elten Walker, Jett Tarrant

