



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

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. St Joey's were the convenors of the carnival. A big thank you to the staff of St Joey's who did a mountain of work prior to the carnival and also thank you to all those who assisted on the day with timekeeping, judging, being a runner, donating food and keeping everything running smoothly. It was a most successful carnival due to the wonderful response from our volunteers.

CONGRATULATIONS ETHAN MORRIS - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

The Executive Director's Summer Reading Challenge was open to all students enrolled in Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Bathurst. Students needed to independently read 10 or more age-appropriate books during the summer school holidays to go in the draw to win one of four iPad minis. Year 4 student, **Ethan Morris** entered the challenge and was one of the four lucky students to win. Ethan was presented with his iPad mini on Monday at Assembly. Well done Ethan!

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Many thanks to those who attended our P & F AGM held at school on Tuesday. 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 Mary Davis
Secretary: Bettina Spora **Treasurers:** Melanie Ferguson & Toni Fuller
Clothing Pool Coordinator: Sally Oehm. 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.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Diocesan Swimming Carnival will be held next Thursday, 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.

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, 2 March. Bags and gloves will be supplied by the Council.

SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

Just a reminder that Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Church now commences 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.

GILGANDRA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE & NETBALL

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

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 went home to each family with last week'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.

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.

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 the first **working bee will held at St Joey's this 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 Merilyn King or Mrs Hodge in the school office.

KIDS EASTER PARTY

Gilgandra Services Club will be hosting a Kids Easter Party on Saturday, 31st March. It is sure to be a great afternoon commencing at 1:00 p.m. with a jumping castle, face painting and an Easter egg hunt. From 2:00 p.m. there will be an Easter Hat Parade followed by a Kids Disco at 5:00 p.m. For more information please phone the Gilgandra Services Club on 6847 2135.

DUBBO JUNIOR RUGBY UNION CLUB

Registrations are now open for Rugby Union in Dubbo which is played on a Friday night at Victoria Park No. 2 & 3 Ovals from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for children aged 5 to 11 years. Training commences on Tuesday, 3rd April. For further information on how to register contact Adam Willner on 0409 187 771 or email adam.willner@ablac.com.au.

LOST PROPERTY

We still have some lost property from the St Joey's Swimming Carnival. Items include girls skort – size 6, blue shorts – size 8, a pair of pink goggles and various socks.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Mackenzie Skinner** for making a marvelous mouse, **Keaghan Lummis** for being more settled in class, **Arabella Chandler** for being a well organised member of Kinder, **Lottie Duffy** for telling great news about her little panda and **Ella Murphy** for sharing interesting news about her Beanie Boos.

YEAR 1: **Jagger Hazelton** for a super effort in Maths, **Amity Henry** for great work in Grammar and **Jacob Fordham** for enthusiastic presentation of News.

YEAR 2: **Xanthe Gale** for being a considerate class member, **Riley Hutchison** and **Ava Lacey** for trying hard to solve tricky operations in Maths, **Alyssa Ferguson** for taking great pride in her bookwork, **Jemima Harrison** and **Lara Younghusband** for writing a great holiday recount and **Makynli Hazelton** for creative work in Art.

YEAR 3: **Jessica Ibe** for writing a beautiful creation prayer, **Alicia Fordham** for beautifully presented book work, **Abbie Skinner** for trying hard in Maths Operations and **Eliza Mudford** for being an enthusiastic reader.

YEAR 4: **Eva Bonnington** for approaching all learning tasks with diligence, **Beatie Davis** and **Will Younghusband** for creating fantastic artworks using warm and cool colours, **Charlotte Ferguson** for her positive attitude towards school life and **Sienna Zell** for giving 100% effort to all learning activities.

YEAR 5: **Jett Tarrant** for a positive and organised approach to his learning, **Elten Walker** for enthusiasm towards learning his times tables, **Alana Elsom** for completing all tasks with great care and pride and **Will Spora** for showing enthusiasm towards all class activities.

YEAR 6: **Luke O'Neill** for excellent map drawing, **Camilla Beveridge** for contributing to class discussions, **Breanna Foster** for reading our class novel with great expression and **Aiden Walker** for consistent effort in Maths Operations.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5

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| 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

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| 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 |

WEEK 7

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| Wednesday, 14 March | - PLC Day Dubbo |
| Thursday, 15 March | - ICT Contacts Network Meeting |
| | - Year 5 visit to Cooee Lodge – 10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, 16 March | - St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m. |

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten has been practising reading and saying their names clearly for our Liturgy which is only two weeks away! Everybody was very excited to receive their sight words and we are learning to use them in our writing and find them in our reading activities. In Maths we have made equal groups, sorted and classified familiar objects and compared large and small areas. We love singing the days of the week song and counting forwards and backwards to ten. We explored the use of symbols in Science and enjoyed recording the weather for each day. Our scarecrows that we made in Art look simply stunning! Have a lovely weekend.
Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 This week we have been looking at proper nouns and completed a tricky Find-a-Word with capital cities. In Religion we read about the day Jesus was baptised and drew a lovely picture of this. In Maths we investigated chance and halved collections of objects. In Art we completed work on our very own wizard hat and collaged a magic hat for display in our classroom. We say farewell to Baxter and hope he enjoys his new school. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 It has been a big week in Year 2 and we have been hard at work completing testing for Reading, Spelling and Maths. In Science we are learning about "WORMS". During History we looked at the past and present and how important evidence is to document events that have occurred. We looked at timelines about ourselves. In Writing we sequenced the story about 'Pongo the Pirate' and we revisited the story on the smart board during work on our Literature unit. We say goodbye to Violet who is leaving Joey's. We will miss you and we wish you all the best at your new school on the coast. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Congratulations to all of those students who participated in the Western Region Swimming Carnival in Coonamble today. You all did a magnificent job. 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. Our grammar topic for the week has been on collective nouns and the children have come up with a variety of collective nouns to share. In our Literature unit we have been sequencing 'The Cat In The Hat' story correctly. We look forward to reading many more Dr. Seuss books during the term. Year 3 has also completed a number of standardised tests this week. During Science we have looked at a YouTube clip called 'Run, run, runny' which was fun to see how things melt. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

YEAR 4 This week Year 4 has been working hard on a variety of different tasks. They have started writing a description on a fictional character from a Pixar movie we watched together and are showing improvements in their writing. In Sentence A Day we have been learning about nouns and how to use noun groups to make our sentences more exciting. During Maths we have looked at subtraction and multiplication strategies to help us solve complex problems. Students have created some fantastic artworks using warm and cool colours to decorate our new classroom. We say goodbye to Rydah Whitehouse who is moving to Nelson Bay. We wish him all the best. Well done to those students that participated in the Western Region Swimming Carnival today. Wonderful efforts by all!

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 This week in Maths Year 5 has been concentrating on reading picture graphs, multiplying decimals and using a variety of subtraction and division strategies. Our Grammar focus is adjectives and we had fun playing Adjective Bingo! We have also been busy writing our narratives and stepping up our elaborations to the next level. In History we enjoyed exploring the concept of what it means to be Australian and in Science we investigated some amazing animals with the ability to protect themselves using camouflage. Our Religion focus has been on the greatest commandment from Luke's Gospel and how we can use it in our everyday lives.

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 This week Year 6 has been busy publishing the Kinder buddy profiles and we have practised reading them to the class. In Maths we have learnt about picture graphs, cubic centimetres and the addition of four digit numbers. Our Grammar activity this week has focused on identifying different types of adjectives. In our History unit we have continued to learn about Australia's democracy and how it has changed since the first settlement. Well done to everyone who competed at the Western Region Swimming Carnival today, it was great to see lots of school spirit!
Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 23 February – Rees & Susanne Gilmour
Monday, 26 February – Penny Zell & Min Morris
Wednesday, 28 February – Karen Harris & Alicia Heffer
Friday, 2 March – Nat Mudford & Jo Lummis

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 25 February – Luke & Rhys O'Neill

