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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 on Tuesday. A special mention to the following students who will now represent Western Region at the Diocesan Carnival to be held in Dubbo on Wednesday, 8 March: **Patrick Spora** – 2nd Senior Backstroke, 2nd Senior 50 m Butterfly, 3rd 50 m Freestyle, 3rd 100 m Freestyle, 3rd Senior Individual Medley, **William Spora** – 1st Junior 50 m Butterfly, **Millie Spora** – 2nd 9 years 50 m Freestyle, **Luke O'Neill** – 1st Junior 50 m Breaststroke, 3rd Junior Individual Medley, **Rhys O'Neill** – 3rd Senior 50 m Breaststroke, **Grace Tancred** – 3rd 9 years 50 m Freestyle, **Jett Tarrant** – 3rd Junior 50 m Backstroke, **Bradley Kildey** – 3rd Senior 50 m Backstroke, **Ryan Ferguson** – 3rd 10 years 50 m Freestyle and the Junior Boys Relay Team that consisted of **Ryan Ferguson, Luke O'Neill, Darcy Neeves** and **Bailey Wykes** who finished second. Well done also to our Senior Girls Relay team (**Olivia McClelland, Kelsey Hutchison, Sarah Temple** and **Emma Durrant**) and our Senior Boys Relay team (**Patrick Spora, Bradley Kildey, Rhys O'Neill** and **Will Gaff**) who both finished third. Unfortunately only first and second placings in the Relays goes on to the Diocesan Carnival. 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.

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**

Thanks again to our outgoing Treasurer and Secretary, Carol Alchin and Wes Morris for their outstanding contributions to the P & F.

Unfortunately, we were unable to fill the position of **Clothing Pool Coordinator**, so if someone would be interested in taking on this position and would like to know what is involved, please contact Mrs Hodge. We are also looking for a **coordinator for the Mother's Day Stall** this year. Once again, if you would like to help out with this very worthwhile P & F activity, please let us know. 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.

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.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The staff will continue their professional development activities this afternoon 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 this Sunday, 26 February at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

BALL WORKING BEE – Saturday, 25 February

The next working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 25 February at 9:00 a.m. in the old library at school. As we said last week 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. Please try and be a part of this fabulous fundraiser.

PANCAKE TUESDAY - Tuesday, 28 February

Next Tuesday, 28 February is Pancake Tuesday (or Shrove Tuesday) which is the day before Lent begins. People ate up the butter, eggs and meat in their houses before beginning the Lenten fast. In England the day is called Pancake Tuesday because people prepare for Lent by eating a feast of pancakes. Therefore next Tuesday we too are going to cook up a storm. For 20¢ your child can buy a pancake with a choice of yummy toppings. For catering reasons and time, children can only purchase one pancake each. All money raised will go to our foster child.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday, 1 March is Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. Lent is the special time of the year when we prepare for Easter by trying to be better people. We encourage the children to take on extra responsibilities at home like doing the dishes, making their beds, taking out the garbage etc. It would be wonderful if we all took time out before next Wednesday to discuss with our children what we all could do at home to make us all better people like Jesus. There will be an Ash Wednesday Mass which all students from Kinder to Year 6 will attend next Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Because Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence there will be no morning tea after Mass.

CANTEEN – ASH WEDNESDAY

There will be no meat products available from the canteen on Ash Wednesday.

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

GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY

Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old on Thursday, 9 March to celebrate Grandparents Day. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. with morning tea in the weather shed. Following morning tea the students of St Joseph's will entertain you with a mini concert. To conclude the activities everyone is invited to inspect the classrooms. So, if you have a grandma, grandpa, nan, pop, an elderly next door neighbour or in fact know any person, young or old, please invite them to our Grandparents Day. We will be needing cakes and slices etc. for morning tea, so please bring a plate.

WRITING COMPETITION

Entry is now open in the 2017 Schools Writing Competition. Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories or poems and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer. There is no theme. 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 to enter@write4fun.net, or fax entries to (07) 5574 3644, or post entries with official entry form (available from school) to Write4fun, PO Box 2734, Nerang DC, Qld, 4211. Entry is free and all entries must be received by 31 March, 2017.

FUNDRAISER

A prawn and chicken night to raise money for Kurt McKenzie for his upcoming kidney transplant and ongoing medical costs will be held on Saturday, 18 March at 6:00 p.m. at Gil Sporties Club. It will be a Hawaiian theme night with live music by DK Entertainment. The cost is \$40.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children under 12. Bookings and payment are essential by Saturday, 11 March. Please phone the club on 68472105.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Isabella Brand** for an improved effort towards writing, **Amity Henry** for consistently using kind words, **Finn Chapman** for reading beautifully during our Liturgy practice, **Oliver Christian** for colouring with care and **Ryder Larkin** for putting his hand up to answer questions.

YEAR 1: **Brooke Beaton** for trying hard in Reading, **Scarlett Chandler** for having beautiful manners, **Alyssa Ferguson** for working well in Maths and **Violet Whitehouse** for excellent knowledge of 3D shapes.

YEAR 2: **Kaycee Bugmy** for asking questions during tricky Maths tasks, **Darcy Morris** and **Orlando Ryan** for writing great recounts about the swimming carnival, **Lucas Fong** for accurate work in Maths and **Isabelle Mudford** for being a quiet and hard working student.

YEAR 3: **Millie Spora** for a fabulous recount of our swimming carnival, **Eva Bonnington** for marvelous work in Maths, **Alex Gaff** for lovely expression when reading, **Carter Chapman** for working diligently in all areas and **Declan Gale** for a huge effort in Comprehension.

YEAR 4: **Jett Chandler** for presenting news with enthusiasm, **Casey Gaff** for being a Maths Operations whiz, **Sienna Marchant** for trying hard to use descriptive words when writing and **Ava Meyers** for working hard in all areas.

YEAR 5: **Dennis Gale** for being an organized Year 5 student, **Tom Dunn** for asking excellent questions in Maths, **Emily Zell** for writing a well constructed narrative and **Jacob Harland** for great work in Problem A Day and Operations.

YEAR 6: **Rani Diggs** for careful work in Art, **Isaiah Gleadhill** for improvement in his bookwork, **Tylah Anforth** for reading our class novel with fluency and expression and **Patrick Spora** for showing kindness towards his Kinder buddy.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4

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 - 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 - Catholic Schools Week

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

Wednesday, 8 March - Diocesan Swimming

Thursday, 9 March - Support Teachers Meeting

Friday, 10 March - Grandparents Day

Saturday, 11 February - Support Teachers Meeting

Sunday, 12 February - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

WEEK 7 - Year 5 Reconciliation

Monday, 13 March - Kidslit Quiz - Orange

Friday, 17 March - St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.

- Year 5 to Cooee Lodge – 2:00 p.m.

- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials – Bathurst

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Thank you for covering all your children's books and sending in a great variety of objects for our sound table. Our sound next week is 't'. This week's nursery rhyme was 'Mary Had a Little Lamb'. The children

particularly enjoyed watching their reenactment of this poem on the iPad and selecting and illustrating their favourite part of this rhyme. During Maths we have learnt all about the number 3 and how we can sort and classify different objects. In History we identified and labelled the different stages of our life cycle while in PD we discussed how we keep active by doing some of our favourite activities. I can't wait to see all of you at our Liturgy next Thursday. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 1 is very excited about our Mass this Sunday. Just a reminder that everyone is welcome and there will be morning tea after Mass, so please bring a plate to share. In Religion this week we have been learning about the Sacrament of Baptism. It would be much appreciated if the children could bring in a photo of their own baptism or a family photo so we can display them in our room. Our Spelling focus this week is the short vowel sound 'o'. We have brainstormed many rhyming words while trying to spell other tricky words using our sound trees. "Koala Lou" is our Mem Fox book for the following week and we will be completing lots of fun activities relating to this cuddly, cute koala. In Grammar we have been using nouns to complete interesting sentences while focusing on punctuation and neatness. I look forward to seeing you at St Joseph's Church on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 Another busy week has flown by and Year 2 has been learning about Parables told by Jesus. During Maths we investigated addition and multiplication problems, revised half past and o'clock times and subtraction. We enjoyed reading about "Pongo The Pirate" and have sequenced a recount about the story using picture cues to help retell the story. In Grammar and Sentence A Day the focus was capitals, full stops and long vowels. We illustrated historical evidence used to gather information from the past in History. Well done to the swimmers who competed at Coonamble on Tuesday – go Joey's! Have a great weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 During Story Writing this week the students wrote a story based on a character and setting they were given. There were lots of ideas put together to help their creative writing. In Religion the students listened to the story, 'The Ugly Duckling' and brainstormed qualities the ugly duckling had and then had to think of five qualities to describe themselves. In Mathematics we revised our two times tables and focused on how multiplication and division are related to each other. Take care. *Mrs Meichelle Schier, Miss Belinda Bourke & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 This week Year 4 has been looking at adding detail to our writing using adjectives to create a fantastic narrative that had to include an ancient chest. In Maths we have been spending time looking at prisms and pyramids, with our knowledge of how to tell them apart, improving. During Religion we have begun to investigate the Ten Commandments as well as preparing for our upcoming Mass this Sunday. Congratulations to all those who swam at Coonamble on Tuesday – it was a great day. I look forward to seeing you at Mass on Sunday. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 5 This week in Maths Year 5 has looked at cubic centimetres, coordinates on a grid and place value to five digits. Our Grammar focus is verbs and we have been identifying the different types as we read our class novel in the morning. We have also been busy publishing our narratives and revised how to set out quotation marks correctly. We enjoyed looking at an atlas in Geography and practised locating various countries throughout the world. For homework, the children have been asked to find items from home that have come from different countries. This data will help us draw conclusions about how we are globally connected through imports and exports. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 Well done to everyone who competed at the Western Region Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. It was great to see excellent school spirit and everyone giving of their best. This week in Maths we have learnt about picture graphs, the cubic centimetre and addition of 4-digit numbers. Our Grammar focus has been on abstract nouns and collective nouns. In Writing we have continued to learn about information reports and their structure. It sure sounds like Year 6 and Kinder are ready for our Kinder Welcome Liturgy next week! Keep up the great work! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 24 February – Penny Zell & Janine Ferguson

Monday, 27 February – Anna Marchant & Lib Walker

Wednesday, 1 March – Amanda Chandler & Gai-Maree Youngusband

Friday, 3 March – Rees and Sussane Gilmour

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 26 February – Charlie Banks, Oli Schier, Emily Zell, Isaac Grimshaw

