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Term 1 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

You look best when you wear your smile. There is no beauty like the one that comes from inside you.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018 – 4-10 March **BLAZE NEW TRAILS**

The following is a message from our Executive Director Schools, Mrs Jenny Allen: *Our thirty-three dynamic Catholic Schools across the diocese of Bathurst this year will celebrate Catholic Schools Week through the lens of the theme, Blaze New Trails. The theme reflects the call from Pope Francis to young people to be creative, courageous and confident as they respond to the gospel call to be active agents of transformation in their family, their school, their world. Schools will take the opportunity to celebrate and showcase the myriad, innovative ways in which they are supporting students to develop the knowledge, skills and attributes of self-directed, empowered learners who seek to serve others and to be actively and creatively engaged in the issues, concerns and challenges of their world.*

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week by officially welcoming our 2018 Kinder class at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy on Thursday.

WESTERN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

It was a fantastic day at Coonamble last Thursday for the Western Region Swimming Carnival. Thank you again to all our parent helpers who assisted on the day in any way. We certainly couldn't have done it without you! Congratulations to all the Joey's students who swam so well. A special mention to the following students who were awarded placings: **Sailor Ryan** – 2nd 8 years 50 m Freestyle, **Grace Tancred** – 2nd Junior 50 m Backstroke, **Chloe Mudford** – 2nd 11 years 50 m Butterfly, **Darcy Neeves** – 3rd 11 years 50 m Freestyle, **Will Spora** – 3rd 11 years 50 m Butterfly, our Junior Girls Relay team that consisted of **Grace Tancred, Alana Elsom, Jordan Neeves and Millie Spora**, who came 2nd and our Senior Boys Relay team who also came 2nd, that team consisting of **Darcy Neeves, Ryan Feguson, Bailey Wykes and Jack Oehm**. Well done also to our Senior Girls Relay team (**Emma Durrant, Sarah Temple, Jade Elsom and Camilla Beveridge**) who finished third. Unfortunately only first and second placings in the Relays went on to the Diocesan Carnival. We wish the best of luck to all our individual swimmers and the Junior Girls and Senior Boys Relay teams who are participating at the Diocesan Carnival in Dubbo today.

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

YEAR 1 AND 4 MASS

Our Year 1 and 4 classes are preparing the Mass to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church this Sunday, 4 March at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

Just a reminder that Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Church now commences at **9:00 a.m.**

2018 DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE

The Diocesan Spelling Bee is a fun and educational way for students to engage in spelling. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are eligible to enter the competition. There are several stages to the competition. Selection Trials will be held next Tuesday, 6 March where children sit a written test. There are two divisions (Years 3/4 and Years 5/6). This test is voluntary. A school spelling bee for the top ten spellers in each division will be held on 27 and 28 March with the top two students from each division progressing to Stage 3 which is the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held on Thursday, 31 May in Wellington.

CONTAINERS

Thank you to all the parents who donated food for morning tea at the Swimming Carnival in Coonamble last week. Various containers were left at the Carnival and are available for collection at school in the staff room.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 24 March

Only Three Weeks Away!

This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and **WE NEED LOTS OF HELPERS**. Helpers are needed on Thursday, 22 March and Friday, 23 March from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to help decorate the hall and set up tables etc. On Sunday 25 March, the morning after the ball, we need helpers to pull down the smoking area and clean up. Also needed on the night of the ball are people to assist in the bar and kitchen. People actually attending the ball may like to give up an hour of their time, while those not attending may be able to give a couple of hours. If you are able to help please fill in the helper's note with today's newsletter and return it to school by next Thursday, 8 March. **Please support this school fundraiser by purchasing your tickets at Kelly & Astill Lawyers or better still, why not get your friends together for a great night out and book a table! Tickets are \$35.00 each.**

CLEANING UP AFTER THE BALL

One of the least favourite jobs each year seems to be cleaning up after the Ball on Sunday morning. If we could get 20 volunteers then it would all be done in two hours. Any less than 20 and the poor old volunteers are there all day. We really need 20 helpers on the Sunday. Please help!

BALL WORKING BEE – Saturday, 3 March

The next working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 3 March at 9:00 a.m. 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 it would be greatly appreciated, so please try and be a part of this wonderful fundraiser.

MOORAMBILLA VOICES 2018 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 this Monday, 5 March 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.

VEGETABLE PATCH

We have been busy planning the patch. We need some large plastic pots to grow potatoes in and if anyone has any spare bulbs we would love some to put in the garden. We have been propagating some sugar snap peas and Dwarf Borlotti beans in the mini green house. *Written by Casey Gaff.*

CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD

Individual entries for the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod are now being received. Children who wish to enter a section for their age group should fill in the tear-off slip attached to today's newsletter and return it to Mrs Fuller or Mrs Banks at school no later than Wednesday, 14 March. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2018, ie, the age the child is turning this year. The school will assist any children wishing to enter the eisteddfod with their selection of a poem. Transport to individual events must be arranged by the parents.

KINDER/YEAR 1 NURSERY RHYMES

At the Dubbo Eisteddfod in June, Kinder and Year 1 children (six years and under) are invited to enter the singing section – Nursery Rhymes in Costume. In the past, children who have entered have enjoyed it greatly

and gained much from the experience. If your child wishes to enter you must be prepared to take your child to Dubbo on the day and prepare the costume. We will help find a rhyme and teach it at school. If you wish your child to participate, you might also complete the tear-off slip attached to today's newsletter and return it to Mrs Fuller or Mrs Banks at school by Wednesday, 14 March.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Ivy Zell** for great work sounding out words when writing, **Izakk Tarrant** for speaking clearly into the microphone during our Kinder Liturgy practices, **Peregrine Volkofsky** for trying hard to follow instructions, **Ella Murphy** for trying hard to sound out words in Story Writing and **Harry Thurlow** for super work sorting objects into groups.

YEAR 1: **Cooper Lummis** for a great effort in Maths, **Ryder Larkin** for super work in Spelling, **Elsie Mudford** for wonderful participation in class discussions and **Anna Walker** for being a quiet and conscientious student.

YEAR 2: **Jack Gibson** for careful work in History, **Sophia Peart** for being a patient worker who listens carefully, **Toby Davis** for being a thoughtful and caring class member, **Angus Johnson** for trying hard in Problem A Day and Operations, **Scarlett Chandler** for taking pride in her bookwork and **Vaughan Zell** for a super effort in home reading.

YEAR 3: **Adison Thomas** for fabulous work during Maths Warm Up, **Riley Fiddes** for writing creative collective noun sentences and **Darcy Morris** for being a well organised member of Year 3.

YEAR 4: **Tia Allan** and **Michael Ibe** for writing detailed descriptions of Gus from 'Partly Cloudy', **Carter Chapman** for sharing some great examples of different types of nouns during Grammar, **Abigail Davis** for thinking critically during our spelling activity on using sentences, **Dakotah Gilmour** for showing kindness and consideration to all those in Year 4, **Will Younghusband** for creating a fantastic artwork using warm and cool colours and **Sienna Zell** for an outstanding effort in all learning activities.

YEAR 5: **Hayden Ferguson** for trying to improve your writing by using extended vocabulary, **Ben Harland** for asking questions to clarify your understanding of new concepts in Maths, **Mattea Purvis** and **Jasmine Zell** for researching interesting facts about 'Camels' and **Nick Tancred** for a positive attitude and enthusiasm towards all areas of school life.

YEAR 6: **Jade Elsom** for being a kind and courteous member of Year 6, **Jacob Harland** for excellent work with volume, **Ry Heffer** for working carefully with adjectives in Grammar and **Molly Fairey** for writing interesting sentences in Sentence A Day.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5

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 – Blaze New Trails**

Year 5 Reconciliation

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

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.

WEEK 8

Monday, 19 March - St Joseph's Day Celebrations – Liturgy (K-6) - 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool
Wednesday, 21 March - NSW CPS Swimming
Thursday, 22 March - Principals' Meeting
Friday, 23 March - Diocesan Winter Sports Trials
- Shell Questacon – K-2 – 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.,
3-6 – 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Saturday, 24 March - St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball
Sunday, 25 March - Palm Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER It is not long now until Kindergarten's very special Welcome Liturgy. We cannot wait to see all our family and friends there to support us. This week we have enjoyed reading and completing activities about "Little Bo Peep" and making a very cute sheep during Art. In Maths we made equal groups using different objects, explored and named familiar 2D shapes and described capacity using the terms 'full' and 'empty'. During our History lesson we identified our parents, carers, brothers and sisters and discussed their role in our family. Our writing focus continues to be about using capital letters at the beginning of sentences, full stops at the end and finger spaces between words. Have a great weekend.

Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 We are very excited about our class Mass with Year 4 on Sunday and we hope many family and friends can join us. This week we discussed the purpose of a narrative and wrote a class narrative about a pirate. In Maths we investigated position, mass, difference and groups of 10. In History we completed a family tree and in Science sorted objects into 'natural' or 'man made' groups. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 This week Year 2 has worked hard in Maths on tens / ones counting, addition and telling the time using an analogue clock. In Religion we read the story of Zacchaeus and discussed how Jesus befriended him even when he had sinned. We also looked at another story of changing for the better. It was about 'Herman The Caterpillar'. It had good messages for Lent and how we can be more like Jesus in our everyday lives. Our sound of the week was 'ar' and in Grammar we looked at punctuation and proper nouns. We have enjoyed painting pirate things in Art and have been learning lots about pirates and their treasure quests. Have a great weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 This week we have been focusing on narratives in Text Types. We have read some narratives and identified the orientation, events, disaster, resolution and conclusion. We also wrote a narrative about a cat in a hat coming to visit. Maths lessons have involved odd and even numbers, rounding numbers to 10, triangles and time in minutes which proved a little tricky! Our Stage 2 comprehension groups have also begun this week. In Art we are creating some Truffala Tree artworks in keeping with our Dr. Seuss theme. During ICT lessons we have continued learning how to use the Chromebooks. The children can successfully login, open a Google document and start typing. Over the next few weeks we will be learning various word processing skills. The children are really enjoying using the Chromebooks. Enjoy your weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell

YEAR 4 This week Year 4 has been busy getting organised for our Mass on Sunday. It would be great if you could come along and join us at 9:00 a.m. In English, we have started learning about narratives this week and constructed some imaginative texts about a car. We have been focusing on adjectives in Grammar to make our writing more exciting. In Maths, students have learnt about rounding numbers and about the rules when working with odd and even numbers. During History, students have gained an understanding of how important Aboriginal culture is to Australia. We are very proud of our students who participated in the Diocesan Swimming Carnival today, congratulations and well done!

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 We have been busy in Year 5 this week publishing our narratives on the Chromebooks and submitting them electronically. During Religion we have examined the Beatitudes and how they remind us to have the attitudes and values that God has given us to help us be happy. In Maths we have looked at place value, order of operations and mass. Our History focus is Democracy and this week we have looked at what democracy means and the different types of government. Well done to all those students who have been working hard on their lexile readers and are passing quizzes to achieve their reading goals!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 In the classroom we have been learning about place value, compass points and mass in Maths. Our Grammar focus this week has been on verbs. We brainstormed a list of verbs to use in our own creative sentences. Year 6 has been practicing our Kinder buddy profiles for the Kinder Welcome Liturgy. They are sounding great with excellent expression and fluency. In Religion we examined and discussed 'The Parable of the Good Samaritan'. Keep up the good work Year 6!

Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 2 March – Nat Mudford & Jo Lummis
Monday, 5 March – Roslyn Zell & Danelle Jones
Wednesday, 7 March – Katherine Gaff & Jodie Peart
Friday, 9 March – Belinda Murray & Rachel McMahon

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 4 March – Dennis Gale & Jess Scholte

