



# ABOUT

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### Thought for the Week

*We are one family, all following in God's way,  
With open arms, we welcome you, into our Joey's family!*

#### **KINDER WELCOME LITURGY**

It was a beautiful Liturgy held in St Joseph's Church today as we officially welcomed our Kinder class of 2017. The Kinder children were wonderful and we congratulate all of them for their reverence and enthusiasm. The Year 6 leaders were splendid as they told us about each of their buddies. Thank you to all those family and friends for joining in this special celebration. A huge vote of thanks to Miss Smith from the Kinder class and Mr Soares from Year 6 for all their hard work in preparing the Liturgy. Our 2017 Kinder class includes: Elsie Adams, Georgia Allan, Isabella Brand, Caine Bugmy, Finn Chapman, Oliver Christian, Max Fiddes, Ashley Gilmour, Jacob Fordham, Lilly Hanson, Chloe Harris, Jagger Hazelton, Amity Henry, Ryder Larkin, Cooper Lummis, David McIsaac, Jock Mills, Ben Mudford, Elsie Mudford, Mia Mudford, Ivy Murphy, Brodie Nichols, Nikola Riley, Ruby Ryan, Joe Staggs, Matilda Tancred, Callan Tobin, Anna Walker, Clayton Wheatley, Baxter Whitehouse, Jeremiah Woodrow.

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

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK – 5-11 March, 2017**

**'Catholic Schools – Great Learning, Great Communities'**  
Next week more than 620 Catholic schools across NSW and the ACT will celebrate Catholic Schools Week. We are immensely proud of our Catholic heritage, and are committed to celebrating and showcasing the achievements of students in our school. This year's theme is 'Catholic Schools – Great Learning, Great Communities'. Our school is proud of the wonderful teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms every day, as well as the contribution our schools have made to Australian communities, in particular the more vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our wider community. **We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week by holding our Grandparents Day/Open Day next Thursday, 9 March.**

#### **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 are going home to each family with today'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 Wednesday, 5 April so all our donations can be presented during the Holy Thursday Mass on 13<sup>th</sup> April. 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.

#### **DIOCESAN SWIMMING**

We wish the best of luck to the following swimmers from Joey's who will represent the Western Region at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Wednesday, 8 March: **Patrick Spora** – Senior 50 m Backstroke, Senior 50 m Butterfly, 50 m Freestyle, 100 m Freestyle, Senior Individual Medley, **William Spora** – Junior 50 m Butterfly, **Millie Spora** – 9 years 50 m Freestyle, **Luke O'Neill** – Junior 50 m Breaststroke, Junior Individual Medley, Junior Relay **Rhys O'Neill** – Senior 50 m Breaststroke, **Grace Tancred** – 9 years 50 m Freestyle, **Jett Tarrant** – Junior 50 m Backstroke, **Bradley Kildey** – Senior 50 m Backstroke, **Ryan Ferguson** – 10 years 50 m Freestyle, **Darcy Neeves** – Junior Relay and **Bailey Wykes** – Junior Relay. Go Joey's!!

#### **GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY**

Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old next Thursday, 9 March to celebrate Grandparents Day. The day begins with morning tea being served from 10:00 a.m. At **approximately 10:30 a.m.** the children will entertain you with a mini concert followed by tours of 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.***

#### **ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL**

**Saturday, 25 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, 23 March and Friday, 24 March from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to help decorate the hall and set up tables etc. On Sunday 26 March, the morning after the ball, we need helpers to pull down the smoking area and marquee 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, 9 March.

#### **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, 4 March**

The next working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 4 March at 9:00 a.m. in the old library. 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.

#### **2017 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, 7 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 28 and 29 March with the top two students from each division progressing to Stage 3 which is the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held on Thursday, 1 June in Wellington.

#### **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 Hodge at school no later than Tuesday, 14 March. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2017, 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 Hodge at school by Tuesday, 14 March.

### **HEAR OUR HEART – EAR BUS PROJECT**

Members of the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be visiting our school again on Friday, 24 March. All students were today given a permission note and checklist with a letter from the Hear Our Heart organisation. The project prefers to send notes home for every child to help promote prevention and education of hearing loss for all families. When the notes are returned we will work with Hear Our Heart to look at your child's medical history, your checklist and the teacher's checklist to prioritise and target the child who we feel need a test according to the checklists. However if you are concerned about your child's learning at any stage throughout the year, please speak to your child's teacher.

### **RSL YOUTH SOCCER CLUB**

Dubbo RSL Youth Soccer Club has positions available in their U7's, U11's and U13's teams. If anyone is interested call Danielle on 0405127331.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** **Jagger Hazelton** for excellent work identifying objects with the largest areas, **Elsie Adams** for writing with care, **Ben Mudford** for top work identifying things that begin with 's', **Nikola Riley** for a great effort learning sight words, **Ruby Ryan** for a super effort learning her reading for our Liturgy, **Matilda Tancred** for reading with enthusiasm and expression at all Liturgy practices and **David McIsaac** for demonstrating great listening skills. **YEAR 1:** **Dimity Wykes** for participating enthusiastically in Maths Warm-Up, **Riley Hutchison** for super subtraction work in Maths, **Georgia Tancred** for reading confidently at our Mass and **Jacqueline Hutchison** for a great written response about her favourite animal. **YEAR 2:** **Riley Fiddes** for a super effort in Problem A Day and Operations, **Mitchell Fuller** for trying hard in Sentence A Day and Spelling, **Bonica Henry** and **Eliza Mudford** for a super effort in writing activities and **Adison Thomas** for trying hard in Maths. **YEAR 3:** **Charlotte Ferguson** for a fantastic narrative about 'Lolly Land', **Ethan Morris** for being a speedy three times tables whizz, **Rhyan Hutchison** for being a conscientious student, **Sam Dunn** for a great narrative about a movie star and **Ryder Ryan** for a good effort in news. **YEAR 4:** **Hayden Ferguson** and **Ben Harland** for reading beautifully at our Mass on Sunday, **Lucy McIsaac** for producing outstanding bookwork in all subjects and **Nick Tancred** for showing kindness and courtesy towards his peers. **YEAR 5:** **Dylen Murray** for great recall of his times tables, **Kate Woollams** for writing interesting sentences during Spelling activities and **Molly Fairey** and **Aiden Walker** for enthusiasm during Science discussions and activities. **YEAR 6:** **Anton Davis** for reading your Kinder Buddy profile with confidence, **Jessica Scholte** for an excellent effort in Maths Operations, **Ella Wykes** for showing enthusiasm towards our Grandparents Day practices and **Bradley Kildey** for reading our class novel with excellent fluency.

### **WHAT'S ON**

<b>WEEK 5 -</b>	<b>Year 4 Reconciliation</b>
Friday, 3 March	- Clean Up Australia Day
Saturday, 4 March	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
<b>WEEK 6 -</b>	<b>Catholic Schools Week</b>
Monday, 6 March	- NAPLAN Analysis PD – 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 7 March	- School Spelling Bee Trials – written tests
Wednesday, 8 March	- Diocesan Swimming
	- Support Teachers Meeting
Thursday, 9 March	- Grandparents Day
	- Support Teachers Meeting
Saturday, 11 February	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
<b>WEEK 7 -</b>	<b>Year 5 Reconciliation</b>
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
Saturday, 18 March	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
<b>WEEK 8</b>	
Monday, 20 March	- St Joseph's Day Celebrations – Mass (K-6) – 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool
Tuesday, 21 March	- Moorambilla Trials
	- Principals' Meeting
Friday, 24 March	- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials back-up date
	- Ear Bus
Saturday, 25 March	- The Annunciation of the Lord
	- St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Thank you to all those who attended our Welcome Liturgy this morning. I think you'll agree with me that all the children listened and spoke beautifully. We will be having a revision week for the sounds 'a', 'm', 's' and 't' next week so no items are required for the sound table. We've brainstormed an impressive number of words that begin with 't' this week and we learnt a lovely rhyme to help us remember this sound. During writing we read Margaret Wild's book, "Our Granny" and wrote a sentence about what we like to do with our grandparents. Our focus in Maths has been the number 4 and equal and not equal groups. During History we explored life stages further by naming activities we liked to do as babies, activities we like to do now and activities we may like to do when we grow up. I'm hoping to meet all the lovely grandparents at next week's Grandparents Day celebration. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

**YEAR 1** Thank you to everyone who came and celebrated our Mass with Year 4 on Sunday. It was a lovely Mass and the children all read beautifully. This week we have started our Word of the Week activities. We brainstormed some great ideas about what we thought the word 'text' meant and completed some fun activities. In Maths we have been practising our addition using the strategy of 'counting on'. A big thank you to our Year 6's who served us some delicious pancakes to celebrate Pancake Tuesday. We also participated in the Ash Wednesday Mass that marked the beginning of Lent. We discussed how we need to try hard to become better people through prayer and kind actions. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 2** It was a beautiful celebration in the church this morning to welcome our new Kinders. Well done Year 6, you have been wonderful buddies, keep up the good work. In the classroom Year 2 enjoyed logging into Mathletics using the laptops. Thank you to Mr Keady for helping us get set up. During Problem A Day and Operations we focused on subtraction, addition and multiplication and revised base 10 numbers. Ash Wednesday reminded us to make our Lenten promises on ways we can be better people during Lent. We are a very thoughtful class! We finished reading about 'Pongo the Pirate' and next week we look at some other stories about clever and mischievous pirates. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** This week saw us celebrate many special events. Year 6 served us fabulous pancakes on Tuesday and on Wednesday we began Lent with an Ash Wednesday Mass where we presented our Lenten promises – promises to try to be better people during the 40 day lead up to Easter. Today we really enjoyed hearing all about our new Kinders during the Kinder Welcome Liturgy and celebrated Dr Seuss' birthday with truffle tree cupcakes at the pool. Thanks you to Charlie's mum for this special treat. We have begun enthusiastic preparations for Grandparents Day next week where we hope to see many grandparents, family and friends. *Mrs Meichelle Schier, Miss Belinda Bourke & Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 4** Thanks to everyone who came along to celebrate our Mass with us on Sunday, the students all did a great job. This week in the classroom we have been looking at sentence structure and identifying the subject and predicate of a simple sentence. During Maths we have looked at rounding numbers and creating odd and even number patterns. In our Library lesson we spent some time looking at the key characters of our novel and filling in a short profile on them. It was great to hear all about the new Kinders today at the Welcome Liturgy, welcome to the Joey's family! Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

**YEAR 5** Congratulations to Kinder and Year 6 on the beautiful Liturgy this morning – it was such a special celebration. In Religion we focused on the significance of Ash Wednesday and making the most of the opportunity during Lent to form a closer relationship with God. On Monday we started a new programme called 'Word of the Week' where we aim to increase our vocabulary in order for us to become better at comprehending what we read. We also kicked off Mathletics in Year 5 this week – the children enjoyed the activities especially the live Maths challenge where they competed against other children from around the world! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

**YEAR 6** What a wonderful Liturgy we celebrated this morning with Father Martin. The Kinders did such a great job and Year 6 read beautifully! In the classroom we have been learning about place value, compass points and mass in Maths. Our Grammar focus this week has been on adjectives. We brainstormed a list of adjectives to use in our own creative sentences. Year 6 has really enjoyed starting Mathletics this week. Keep up the excellent enthusiasm Year 6! *Mr Damien Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 3 March – Rees and Sussane Gilmour  
Monday, 6 March – Sally Beveridge & Carol Alchin  
Wednesday, 8 March – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas  
Friday, 10 March – Briony Mills & Jo Lummis

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 5 March – Oscar Spora, Aiden Walker, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier

