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Term 1 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

*May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind be always at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
And may rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again may God hold you in the palm of his hand*

VALE PENNY HASSALL

We were all saddened by the news of the passing of Mrs Penny Hassall on the weekend after losing her battle with cancer. Penny and James were parents of our school from 2009 until last year when they moved with Emilie and Sophie to Bowral. Both Penny and James were fantastic contributors to our school, giving of their time in so many ways. Penny will always be remembered for being a remarkable person, gifted with great sincerity, love, courage and kindness. Penny will be sadly missed by all who knew her and our thoughts and prayers are with James, Emilie, Sophie and her extended family during this sad time.

WESTERN REGION SWIMMING

Congratulations to all the Joey's students who swam at the Western Region Swimming Carnival held at Coonamble last Thursday. A special mention to the following students who will now represent Western Region at the Diocesan Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Wednesday, 2 March: **Grace Tancred** – 3rd 8 years 50 m Freestyle, **Will Spora** – 2nd 9 years 50 m Freestyle, **Bailey Wykes** – 3rd 9 years 50 m Freestyle, **Patrick Spora** – 3rd 11 years 50 m Freestyle, 2nd 11 years 50 m Backstroke, 2nd 11 years 50 m Butterfly, **Hamish Beveridge** – 3rd 12 years 50 m Freestyle, **Ashleigh Carlow** – 3rd Senior 50 m Backstroke, **Luke O'Neill** – 2nd Junior 50 m Breaststroke, **Rhys O'Neill** – 3rd 11 years 50 m Breaststroke and our Junior Boys Relay team consisting of **Will Spora, Bailey Wykes, Ryan Ferguson** and **Dylen Murray** who came second.

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY

Thursday, 3 March

St Joseph's Church – 10:30 a.m.

We can't wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2016 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy to be held next Thursday, 3 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.

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

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 last week's newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school no later than Friday, 11 March. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2016, 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 last week's newsletter and return it to Mrs Hodge at school by Friday, 11 March.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 19 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 Wednesday, 16 March, Thursday, 17 March and Friday, 18 March from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to help decorate the hall and set up tables etc. On Sunday 20 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 note with today's newsletter and return it to school by next Thursday, 3 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, 27 February

The next working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 27 February 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.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – ADULT SPORTS SHIRTS

At the last P & F Meeting the idea of buying more adult sport shirts for purchase by parents, was discussed. We can easily put in another order for the shirts but we thought it might be easier if those parents who would be interested in buying one, could let us know and advise what size they require, before ordering. So if you are interested in buying one of these shirts, please get in touch with Mrs Hodge.

WRITING COMPETITION

Entry is now open in the 2016 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, 2016.

GARDENING NEWS

Autumn is on its way so we have been busy preparing the vegie patch for autumn planting. Thank you very much to Clint Westwood and family for donating some bales of lucerne hay to mulch the garden. I had lots of willing helpers to spread the hay, so a big thank you to the 'garden gurus' who helped out. We will be planting sweet peas next month to give the garden colour and scent as well as vegies and herbs once the weather cools down. Happy Gardening! *Mrs Kilby*

THE DANCE ACADEMY

Ballet, tap and jazz classes will be commencing at the Gilgandra Shire Hall on Saturdays. Children must be enrolled before classes can commence. Please call 68451998 or 0499686996 with any enquiries or to request an enrolment pack. *Doreen Thompson*

FREE ORGAN

Father Martin is giving away an organ free of charge. First in, best dressed, just ring the school.

101st GILGANDRA SHOW – PET SHOW

At this year's show, on Saturday, 2 April, there will be a Pet Show at 11:00 a.m. Categories include most unusual pet, best trick, best dressed pet, cutest pet, pet that looks like the owner. For more information call Aimee on 0408108929.

GILGANDRA SHIRE COUNCIL PRESENTS

WASTE TO ART 2016

Waste to Art is a community art exhibition and competition that showcases creative works made from reused & recyclable waste materials. This exciting and innovative challenge invites schools, community groups and individuals to turn rubbish into an art form of their choice, from sculptures to clothing. The purpose of the project is to encourage the concept of reduce, reuse & recycle whilst challenging attitudes about waste and what is thrown away. Each year there is a specific waste stream that will be featured during the Waste to Art and this year is the Year of Used Tyres. If anyone is interested in entering this competition, entry forms are available from Mrs Hodge. The official opening and announcement of winners is on Tuesday 17 May from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This is a community event and all are welcome to attend.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER**: Brooke Beaton for great counting during Maths Warm Up, Tilla Chandler for showing great imagination during Story Writing, Alyssa Ferguson for a super understanding in measurement, Jack Gibson for great singing when he does his sounds, Kenedi Hazelton for giving of her best during handwriting and Hayden Nichols for brainstorming many words beginning with our sound for the week. **YEAR 1**: Hope Jones-Copelin for being a great classroom helper, Mitchell Fuller for writing a fantastic recount about his weekend, Darcy Morris for great work in Maths and Lauren Thurlow for trying hard with her home reader. **YEAR 2**: Grace Jones-Copelin for a great effort in Spelling, Tahleigh Davey for wonderful work in Comprehension, Henry Purvis for participation in all class activities, Alex Gaff for taking great pride in the presentation of work, Trinity Zell for improved effort in Maths and Tia Allan for being a quiet and settled worker in Year 2. **YEAR 3**: Samantha Naden for excellent bookwork, Elten Walker for improvement in handwriting, Billie Allan for being a wonderful listener and Jett Chandler for excellent explanations in Maths. **YEAR 4**: Jack Oehm, Sarah Temple, Jade Elsom, Eli Fullbrook, Chloe Mudford and Ry Heffer for lovely reading at our Sunday Mass. **YEAR 5**: Zac Ferguson for being a super Maths Whiz during class Operations, Bradley Kildley for demonstrating great team spirit in class group activities and Oli Schier for achieving fantastic results in narrative writing. **YEAR 6**: Ella McAnally-Elwin for taking care with book work, Lachlan Riley for excellent work with division and Tom Eason and Jacob Wilson for writing wonderful Kinder buddy profiles.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5 -	Year 4 Reconciliation
Saturday, 27 February	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
WEEK 6	
Wednesday, 2 March	- Diocesan Swimming Carnival
	- Support Teachers Meeting
Thursday, 3 March	- Support Teachers Meeting
	- Kinder Welcome Liturgy – (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 4 March	- Clean Up Australia Day
Saturday, 5 March	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
WEEK 7 -	Year 5 Reconciliation
-	Catholic Schools Week
Wednesday, 9 March	- Moorambilla Trials – Boys 9:00 a.m., Girls 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, 10 March	- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Saturday, 12 March	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
WEEK 8	
Monday, 14 March	- Principals' Meeting
Tuesday, 15 March	- Principals' Meeting
Thursday, 17 March	- St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 18 March	- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials
Saturday, 19 March	- St Joseph's Mass Wellington
	- Ball
Sunday, 20 March	- Palm Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has been super busy this week preparing for our Welcome Liturgy and learning our school song 'This is Our School'. We welcomed Toby Davis to Kinder on Monday. It's great to have you as part of our class Toby. In our

sound work, we have been counting how many 'Tt' sounds we can hear in words and have been trying hard to learn new sight words and putting these words in a sentence. Next week is revision work with the sounds we have learnt so far. During Mathematics we learnt how to write the number three and experimented with objects that roll and slide down a slope. In History we wrote about the similarities and differences that families have to one another. During our writing lessons we have been focusing on finger spacing between our words and where to put a full stop. Just a reminder to make sure homework comes in every day. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 This week Year 1 has enjoyed reading "Koala Lou" by Mem Fox. We have described what Koala Lou looked like and how she felt at different times throughout the story. In Maths our focus has been adding, sharing and looking at the probability of events occurring. We are really enjoying learning all about our family trees and finding out about our past family history. In Science we have been discussing the seasons of the year and recording the changes that have occurred in our class garden. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 We welcomed Abigail Davis to our class this week and we hope she enjoys her time at St Joey's. It's been a busy week in Year 2. In Maths we were challenged with chance and data, addition facts, times tables and multiplication. During free writing we used the 'Storybox' to create some great imaginative stories. Common nouns and punctuation were revised in Sentence A Day work and Grammar. During Religion we began a new unit called 'In God's Image' and we read some bible stories and discussed their important meanings and how we live our lives today. Finally, our prayers and thoughts have been with the Hassall family on their sad loss of Mrs Hassall. Enjoy your weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 A special welcome this week to Cameron Davis who has joined our class. We hope he enjoys being part of the Joey's family. In Maths this week Year 3 has been busy practising our 5x tables, looking at odd and even numbers and working on multi-step problems. We really enjoyed playing the odds and evens game! Our writing task this week has been narratives. We are working in pairs to write a narrative based on the theme: Lost! We can't wait to share our exciting stories. In PDH we looked at the definition of health and we discussed good health for our minds and bodies. Our stained glass window art is starting to look spectacular. We are focusing on contrasting colours to give our artworks vibrancy. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 In Grammar this week we have been exploring descriptive and number adjectives along with adjectives of degree. For Spelling we have revised the sounds we have learnt so for this term. During Writing we researched the character, King Julien, from the TV series "All Hail King Julien" and wrote a description of him. During Maths we have practised different subtraction strategies and revised our multiplication facts as well as describing 3D objects and creating a 3D object artwork. In our History lesson this week we read about traditional Aboriginal life and made a table comparing our homes with traditional Aboriginal shelters. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 Another busy week has been had in Year 5. In class we have been busy investigating number segmentation as well as revising our addition and subtraction strategies. In Grammar we have been learning another groovy rhythm to help us learn all about verbs. We have also been lucky enough to spend time on the new laptops with Mrs Spora on Tuesday creating our new Australian flags in our new History unit that we have been studying. Our prayers and thoughts are with Sophie and her family during this sad time. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 Our focus this week in Grammar was verbs. We identified 4 different types of verbs including action, saying, thinking and having. In Maths we have been learning about compass points, place value and the addition of 4-digit numbers. We have revised previous spelling lists this week and have reviewed sounds and rules that we have covered this term. In our History unit we have defined the differences between primary and secondary sources. We have also discussed various key events in the development of Australian democracy prior to 1901. Keep up the great work Year 6! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 26 February – Paula Purvis & Briony Mills
Monday, 29 February – Danielle Diggs & Amii Marchant
Wednesday, 2 March – Kristy Cosier & Rachel Kirsop
Friday, 4 March – Jodi Johnson & Alicia Heffer

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 28 February – James O'Neill, Rhys O'Neill, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier