



# ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 5

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### Thought for the Week

In the ashes new seeds are sown. From the ashes new life will grow.  
Leave the past in ashes. Start a fresh new life right here today

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020 – 1-7 MARCH**

##### **DISCOVER THE HEART OF OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS**

Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated across the Bathurst Diocese next week and the theme for 2020 is "Discover The Heart Of Our Catholic Schools". The heart of a Catholic school calls for schools to have a distinctive educational vision inspired by the example and message of Jesus Christ. Through their culture, ethos and mission, and through the commitment of their staff and their educational programs, Catholic schools demonstrate that there is no separation between learning and living the Christian life. We are called to honour and live human and spiritual values. We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week by officially welcoming our 2020 Kinder class at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy next Thursday.

##### **WESTERN REGION SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

It was a fantastic day at Coonamble last Friday for the Western Region Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all the Joey's students who swam so well. A special mention to the following students who were awarded placings and will now swim at the Diocesan Swimming Carnival: **Jock Mills** – 1<sup>st</sup> 8 years 50 m Freestyle, **Jagger Hazelton** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 8 years 50 m Freestyle, **Jordan Neeves** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 12 years 50 m Freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Senior 50 m Backstroke, **Alex Gaff** – 3<sup>rd</sup> 11 years 50 m Breaststroke, **David McIsaac** – 1<sup>st</sup> Junior 50 m Breaststroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior 200 m Individual Medley, **Jacob Fordham** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior 50m Breaststroke, **Grace Tancred** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior 50 m Butterfly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior 50 m Backstroke, **Ben Mudford** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Junior 50 m Butterfly, 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 years 50 m Freestyle, our Junior Boys Relay team who came 2<sup>nd</sup>, that team consisting of **David McIsaac, Sailor Ryan, Ben Mudford and Hayden Nichols**. Well done also to our Senior Girls Relay team (**Jordan Neeves, Grace Tancred, Millie Spora and Isabelle Mudford**) who finished third. Unfortunately only first and second placings in the Relays go on to the Diocesan Carnival.

##### **DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

The Diocesan Swimming Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 11 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 at the Western Region Swimming Carnival will go on to compete at the Diocesan Carnival. These children will receive a note next week.

##### **SWIMMING TRAINING**

Many thanks to Simone Beaton and Alicia Heffer from the Gilgandra Swim Club who have kindly offered to conduct a training session for the children who have been selected in the Western Region Swim Team. The session will be at the Gilgandra Pool next Wednesday, 4 March at 1:00 p.m. and will go for an hour. Many thanks to Simone and Alicia for giving up their time to help our swimmers.

##### **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, 28 February. Bags and gloves will be supplied by the Council.

##### **YEARS 1 AND 4 MASS**

Our Years 1 and 4 classes are preparing the Mass to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church this Sunday, 1 March at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

##### **KINDER WELCOME LITURGY**

##### **THURSDAY, 5 March**

##### **St Joseph's Church – 10:30 a.m.**

We can't wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2020 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy which will be held next **Thursday, 5 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.

##### **WELL DONE YEAR 6**

Our Year 6 students were invited to perform their act from our Grandparents Day concert held last week at the Senior Citizens luncheon held at the Shire Hall on Monday. From all reports the children were fabulous and we hope all who attended enjoyed the performance.

##### **2020 SCHOOL FEES**

School Fee Statements were either emailed or sent home with the eldest child on Monday. If you did not receive your Fee Statement, please contact Mrs Hodge. Term 1 fees are due on Friday, 6 March.

##### **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 About and return it to Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller at school no later than Wednesday, 18 March. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2020, 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. The proposed dates for the individual speech and drama section are 9 to 12 June.

##### **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 or Mrs Fuller at school by Wednesday, 18 March. The proposed dates for the nursery rhymes is 3 to 5 June.

##### **SPORT SHORTS**

A new shipment of maroon sport shorts has been received, meaning we now have size 4-14 shorts available for purchase from the clothing pool.

##### **SCHOOL BANKING – CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT**

##### **FUND KOALA CLUB ACCOUNT**

Students in Kinder have today received an envelope containing an invitation to open a Catholic Development Fund (CDF) Koala Club account. This is a great way for your child to learn the importance of saving money and to see how just a couple of dollars banked each week can add up to quite a lot of money over time! Please read through the information and if you would like to open a Koala Club account for your child, please attend to the following:-

1. Complete the Application form and Customer Acknowledgement Statement.
2. Place the amount of money you would like to open the account into the Koala Club Savings Envelope.
3. Return the Application forms and Savings Envelope to Mrs Fuller in the school office.

You will then be issued with a Passbook which will keep track of your child's savings. If any other children from Years 1-6 would like to open up a Koala Club account, please see Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the office.

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

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will again be visiting our school during Week 8. 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 children 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 with your child's teacher.

### **DEBUTANTE BALL - CATERING**

We are still in need of someone to co-ordinate the catering in the kitchen on the night of the Debutante Ball. It would be great if someone from our school community would volunteer for this job. It is not hard or too time consuming and again we can provide you with assistance and all the help needed. The food we serve is simple finger food to be heated in pie warmers (just like the school canteen!) and not a lot of time consuming preparation work. If we are unable to secure helpers from the school, we will have to pay for an outside cater, which will reduce the amount of funds raised for our school.

### **GILGANDRA JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE & NETBALL**

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

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Oliver Buckley** for a super effort writing the sounds 'a', 's' and 'm', **Bella Hammond** for great sequencing of "Mary Had A Little Lamb", **Charlie Jones-Copelin** for a huge improvement in Phonics and **Laycee Hazelton** for careful cutting out of our terrific tigers!

**YEAR 1:** **Regan Johnson** for a great effort in Story Writing, **Adelaide Mudford** for super work in Comprehension, **Charlie Howard** for sensational sounding out in Phonics and **Parker Leven** for trying hard to be organised and independent.

**YEAR 2:** **Mitchell Cosier** for wonderful work in Problem-A-Day and Operations, **Kellie Hutchison** for bringing a positive attitude to our class every day, **Ella Murphy** for great drawings comparing things in the past to the present, **Harrison Newton** and **Bill Ryan** for carefully finishing their work on time and **Isabelle Peart** for great work in Spelling and Phonics.

**YEAR 3:** **Joe Staggs** for enthusiastic participation during Maths Warm Up, **Ryder Larkin** for trying hard to become more proficient in his work, **Ruby Ryan** for a great effort in Handwriting and **Clayton Wheatley** for super work measuring objects in centimetres.

**YEAR 4:** **Sophie Gilmour** for her fantastic narrative writing, **Vaughan Zell** for writing an exciting narrative, **Alex Cosier** for his fantastic Spelling results and **Riley Hutchison** for his fantastic attitude to all tasks.

**YEAR 5:** **Kaycee Bugmy** for diligent application to all tasks, **Darron Mulligan** for great work in Spelling, **Bonnie Henry** for being a kind and helpful class member and **Hope Jones-Copelin** for a fabulous effort in Comprehension.

**YEAR 6:** **Beatie Davis** for showing enthusiasm and enjoyment in practising and performing our Grandparents Day dance, **Declan Gale** for being an organised student and contributing to class discussions, **Dakotah Gilmour** for being an organised and reliable member of Year 6, **Molly Nichols** for performing our Grandparents Day dance with great style, **Jessie Riley** for always displaying beautiful manners and treating others with respect and **Grace Tancred** for an enthusiastic approach to our class discussions.

### **WHAT'S ON**

#### **WEEK 5**

Friday, 28 February - Clean Up Australia Day  
Sunday, 1 March - Years 1 & 4 Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m.

#### **WEEK 6 Catholic Schools Week**

Tuesday, 3 March - Support Teachers Meeting  
Wednesday, 4 March - Support Teachers Meeting  
Thursday, 5 March - Kinder Welcome Liturgy (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

#### **WEEK 7**

Monday, 9 March - School Spelling Bee Trials – written tests (Years 3-6)  
Tuesday, 10 March - GHS Open Day – Years 5 & 6  
Wednesday, 11 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival - Dubbo  
Thursday, 12 March - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** is on the countdown for our Welcome Liturgy next Thursday. We can't wait to celebrate this special event with the whole school and all our family and friends. This week we have read "Baa Baa Black Sheep" and located some of our sight words in the story. We are starting to write our own stories and sound out words that are tricky. We enjoyed investigating and modelling equal groups in Maths and identifying the numeral 3 in our interactive 100's chart. We completed our Lenten promises and are reminded that Lent is a special time for us to try and become better people. We decided that we can do this by treating others kindly, doing as we are told and spending time with Jesus. Have a lovely weekend! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** This week we have been reading "The Magic Hat" by Mem Fox. We used this to identify the structure of a narrative. We then wrote our own story about a magic hat. Adjectives have been our Grammar focus. We looked at adjectives that were used in "The Magic Hat" and also used adjectives to describe the wizard. We even created a magic hat artwork! We have discussed Ash Wednesday and written our Lenten promises. In Maths we have continued counting on, made groups of 10, and used language of position. We have also been discussing our family tree in History and discussing what makes a family. Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you at Mass on Sunday.

*Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 2** Yesterday we attended the Ash Wednesday Mass and we learnt how Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent. We made Lenten promises to help us become better people. This week we've been working on Essential Assessment using the chromebooks in Maths. We have also been looking at time, addition, subtraction and multiplication. We have been working hard on Phonics and Spelling each day, this week learning the 'o', 'a', 'ou' and 'au' sounds. In History we have started reading "My Place" by Nadia Wheatley which is a story focusing on how things have changed in Australia over time. For the next few weeks we will be focusing on narratives in text types. Have a fantastic weekend!

*Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 3** Yesterday we attended a lovely Ash Wednesday Mass to begin our Lenten journeys. Year 3 has made Lenten promises and are going to try really hard to fulfil them during the 40 days of Lent. Thank you to Year 6 for cooking some delicious pancakes on Tuesday for Shrove Tuesday. This week we have been focusing on narratives in Text Types. We read some narratives and identified the orientation, events, disaster, resolution and conclusion. We have started to write some sizzling starts to make our writing have more impact when reading. Maths lessons have involved odd and even numbers, rounding numbers to 10 and triangles. We have also completed some Essential Assessments for Maths. Our Stage 2 Comprehension Groups have also begun this week. Enjoy your weekend.

*Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling*

**YEAR 4** This week we have been busy getting organised for our Mass on Sunday with Year 1. We would love to see you there at 9:30 am. In English we have started looking at narratives. Our focus has been on consolidating the correct format. The students have produced some very entertaining imaginative texts. In Maths we have been learning about position, column graphs and patterns. During Grammar we have been learning about the different types of verbs. Religion has focused on the meaning behind Shrove Tuesday and the reverence of Ash Wednesday. Congratulations to all the swimmers who participated last week in the Western Region Swimming Carnival. Have a great weekend everyone.

*Mrs Jacquie Clark*

**YEAR 5** Thank you to Year 6 for cooking up some delicious pancakes on Tuesday as we prepare for the 40 days of Lent. On Wednesday we celebrated Mass and received ashes on our foreheads to remind us to turn away from sin and try harder to become more Christ-like during Lent. In Grammar we are learning about abstract nouns and in Spelling we are looking at the Greek origin word 'bio' meaning 'life'. In Maths we revised multiplication strategies and labelled 3D shapes. In Art we are using Pop Art artist, Andy Warhol as inspiration for our own artwork. We are very keen to play our part for Clean Up Australia Day tomorrow and clean up the streets around our school. Have a great weekend.

*Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 6** In Maths this week we have been completing some assessments to help us discover what areas we need to focus on to help improve our understanding. Our Grammar focus has been adjectives and we have been discovering there are many different types and how they can help improve the standard of our writing. In History we have learnt about the Australian flag and exploring the question: "What does it mean to be Australian?". We enjoyed serving pancakes on Tuesday and yesterday we learnt all about the significance of receiving ashes at the beginning of Lent. During Art we have been designing and creating the badges to give to our buddies at the Welcome Liturgy next week and we have been practising presenting their profiles with fluency and expression.

*Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Mia van der Walt*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 28 February - Rachel Lacey & Michelle Buckley  
Monday, 2 March - Emma Hayes & Adam Howard  
Wednesday, 4 March - Shiree Ryan & Anna Mudford  
Friday, 6 March - JB & Alison Tancred

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 1 March - Kaycee Bugmy & Emma Mills

