



# ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 5

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### Thought for the Week

*I believe in God - not just because my parents told me, not just because the church told me, but because I've experienced His goodness and mercy myself.  
I'm so blessed daily. (Quote courtesy of Alex Gaff)*

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2019 – 3-9 MARCH**

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

Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated across the Bathurst Diocese next week and the theme for 2019 is “*Discover The Heart of our Catholic Schools*”. Executive Director of Schools, Mrs Jenny Allen, says “*Our schools are professional learning communities, relentlessly focused on calling forth and developing each student's potential. Catholic Schools Week provides the opportunity for the community to become more familiar with the welcoming, affordable, inclusive, quality learning environments that exist in our schools. On visiting, you'll discover all of the ways in which they are providing a safe, welcoming community where all students can flourish.*”

We will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week by officially welcoming our 2019 Kinder class at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy next Friday.

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

**Friday, 8 March**

**St Joseph's Church – 10:30 a.m.**

We cannot wait to officially welcome our Kinder class of 2019 at the Kinder Welcome Liturgy which will be held next **Friday, 8 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.

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

It was a fantastic day at Coonamble last Thursday 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 to be held in Dubbo tomorrow: **Grace Tancred** – 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 years 50 m Freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 years 50 m Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 11 years 50 m Breaststroke, **Hayden Ferguson** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior 50 m Breaststroke, **Will Spora** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior 50 m Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior 50 m Butterfly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Individual Medley, our Senior Boys Relay team who came 2<sup>nd</sup>, that team consisting of **Will Spora, Ryan Ferguson, Nick Tancred and Hayden Ferguson**. Well done also to our Junior Girls Relay team (**Georgia Tancred, Alex Gaff, Isabelle Mudford and Molly Temple**) who finished third. Unfortunately only first and second placings in the Relays go on to the Diocesan Carnival.

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

##### **PANCAKE TUESDAY - Tuesday, 5 March**

Next Tuesday, 5 March 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, 6 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 fasting 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.

##### **\*\*CHANGE OF DATE\*\***

##### **SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS**

In the Week 1 About in the “What's On” section we had the School Cross Country Trials on Thursday, 11 April. This date clashes with the Rugby 7s being held in Warren. As such, the School Cross Country Trials **will now be held on Thursday, 4 April**. We apologise for any inconvenience.

##### **VOLUNTEERS WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

Towards the end of last year we received a directive from Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst that all parents volunteering on school trips involving an overnight stay must now provide a volunteers Working With Children Check. There is no cost for a volunteer WWCC and they are valid for five years. As it may save time in the future, parents may be interested in applying for a WWCC now. The process is as follows:-

1. Complete an online application at: [www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au).
2. Take their WWCC application number and proof of identity to a NSW Motor Registry, RMS Agency or Service NSW office to complete the application process.
3. On receipt of their WWCC number, provide the school with a copy of the notification received from the Office of the Children's Guardian, together with a copy of their driver's licence or other photo identification.

##### **DUBBO SOCCER**

As you may be aware, Gilgandra does not have a soccer club and those local families with children wishing to play soccer currently travel to Dubbo for training as well as the weekend game. Many of the local families have joined the **Dubbo RSL 78's FC**. We have been advised that if a few more local children join up to play for this Club, particularly in the U7 age group, the Club may consider doing a weekly training session in Gilgandra. For further information or to register your child to play soccer in Dubbo, please contact Danielle Howard on 0405 127 331.

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

A reminder that 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:** **Hannah Meers** for answering tricky questions about our nursery rhyme 'Mary Had a Little Lamb', **Oscar Medd** for sharing very interesting news about the "bullet plane", **Parker Leven** for politely introducing Mrs Newstead to all of his grandparents and **Estelle Hazelton** for very neat writing of our sounds "a, m, t, s" on the whiteboard.

**YEAR 1:** **Peregrine Volkovsky** for drawing a fantastic family portrait, **Ella Murphy** for great work measuring the capacity of different containers, **Kcaghan Lummis** for a great effort drawing his family portrait and **Harrison Newton** for always contributing to class discussions.

**YEAR 2:** **Jock Mills, Chloe Harris & Ashley Gilmour** for writing great recounts about the swimming carnival, **Brodie Nichols** for trying hard in Maths and **Tilly Tancred** for super spelling and sounding out.

**YEAR 3:** **Toby Davis** for fabulous contributions to our class discussions, **Ava Lacey** for writing a wonderful recount about Grandparents Day, **Jacqueline Hutchison** for a fantastic effort during Maths Warm Up and **Layla Wykes** for making valuable contributions to our class discussions – always with a smile.

**YEAR 4:** **Riley Fiddes** for enthusiastically creating some entertaining sizzling starts, **Mitchell Fuller** for happily cooperating with his peers whilst working in a group, **Molly Temple** for creating a bright and beautiful artwork based on her initials and **Adison Thomas** for treating her peers and teachers with respect at all times.

**YEAR 5:** **Blake Fairey** for having a positive attitude towards all aspects of Year 5, **Alex Gaff** for using effective dynamic dialogue in writing a narrative titled 'The Trip', **Ella Mudford** for correctly identifying adjectives in Grammar, **Millie Spora** for showing empathy towards others and **Will Youngusband** for insightful contributions to class discussions during Geography.

**YEAR 6:** **Cameron Davis** for using full stops and capital letters in his writing without being reminded, **Paige Gilmour** for being a polite and courteous member of Year 6, **Nick Gale** for having a positive attitude towards all aspects of learning, **Lucy Kilpatrick** for positivity and determination to complete Maths activities and **Ben Standing** for enthusiasm and participation in Geography.

## **WHAT'S ON**

### **WEEK 5**

Thursday, 28 February - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 1 March - Diocesan Swimming Carnival  
- Clean Up Australia Day

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

Monday, 4 March - NAPLAN Analysis PD – 3:30 – 6:00p.m.

Tuesday, 5 March - Pancake Tuesday

Wednesday, 6 March - Ash Wednesday Mass – (Years K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 8 March - **Kinder Welcome Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.**

### **WEEK 7**

Tuesday, 12 March - School Spelling Bee Trials – written tests (Years 3-6)

Wednesday, 13 March - Support Teachers Meeting - Dubbo

Thursday, 14 March - Support Teachers Meeting – Dubbo

Friday, 15 March - St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.

### **WEEK 8 Years 3 & 4 Reconciliation**

Tuesday, 19 March - St Joseph's Day Celebrations – Mass (K-6) – 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool

Thursday, 21 March - Principals' Meeting

- Peachey/Richardson Rugby League  
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Friday, 22 March - Principals' Meeting

Sunday, 24 March - Years 1 and 4 Mass – 9:30 a.m.

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Another busy week has flown by in Kinder. We have enjoyed using our sight words to make sentences and copy them into our Story Writing books. In our nursery rhyme 'Baa Baa Black Sheep' we discovered question marks and commas. We also recalled the characters in the story and drew pictures of them. Our Maths focus this week has been finding equal groups, sorting objects and comparing the area of shapes. Thank you to the children who have brought in their family photos for History. They can be emailed to the school or brought in on a thumb drive. We made some terrific tortoisies in Art this week using paper plates and our cutting skills have improved out of sight. Not long now until our Kinder Welcome Liturgy and we cannot wait! Have a lovely weekend everyone! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** has read 'The Magic Hat' by Mem Fox. We used the story to identify adjectives and also to write our own magic hat story. We have started looking at the structure of narratives and are trying to write our own. We also made some marvellous magic hat artworks. We have continued learning about Baptism in Religion and also discussed the seven sacraments of which Baptism is the first. During Maths we compared the capacity of different items, described position and made groups of ten. Thank you to those students who have returned the note to participate in our class Mass on Sunday 24 March. Enjoy your weekend.

*Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith*

**YEAR 2** What a lovely Liturgy we had in the church this morning to celebrate God's Creation. It was great to see lots of family and friends there. Thank you Mr Musgrave and Mrs Banks for helping out today. In the classroom we focused on "ou" (rough) and "a" (was) in Spelling and Phonics activities and in Maths we investigated multiplication, skip counting and chance events. We began using tens and ones columns to work out harder algorithms. In Religion we finished looking at creation and marvelled at the beautiful things in our world that God created. Mrs McIsaac took Year 2 exploring in the playground during Science and they labelled and classified the creepy crawlies they found. Have a great weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** This week Year 3 has focused on narratives in Text Types. We have read some narratives and identified the orientation, events, disaster, resolution and conclusion. 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 will begin next week so we have completed a pre-assessment. During ICT lessons we have continued learning how to use the Chromebooks and we began exploring Google Docs. The children can successfully login, open a Google Doc 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 Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 4** This week Year 4 enjoyed participating in some music activities for Moorambilla. We have been working hard learning about adjectives in Grammar and applying this knowledge to our Sentence A Day tasks. Students have been developing their research skills in ICT along with their typing skills by playing Typing Tournament. In Maths, we have been studying odd and even numbers, rounding numbers, polygons and time units. Our Seven Steps skill for the week has been 'Tightening Tension', in which students learn how to write a nail-biting paragraph for their narratives. Notes have gone home for our Years 1 and 4 Mass on Sunday the 24 March and these are due in tomorrow, Friday, 1 March. Have a great weekend.

*Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** This week in Year 5 we have been writing some fantastic narratives to complete our Writing unit. We have been spending time in Grammar researching the different types of adverbs. We really enjoyed our afternoon on Tuesday as we welcomed our guests from Moorambilla and learnt about all the different aspects of music. During Religion we revised the Bounce Back acronym and finished creating our posters on community organisations that help those in need. This week we have also completed our Essential Assessments in Maths. During Science we learnt interesting facts about camels and how they adapt to their environment. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

**YEAR 6** Week 5 has been a very productive time in our classroom. Our Kinder Buddy speeches are well under way and we are excitedly practising for the Kinder Welcome Liturgy next Friday! On Tuesday afternoon we attended the wonderful musical incursion, performed by Moorambilla. All students enjoyed refreshing their musical knowledge and learning more about reading music, rhythm and how to use our bodies as instruments. What a wonderful afternoon and thank you for your time! As we are enjoying our final day of summer today, remember to keep bringing your swimmers for sport this term, so we can soak up as much of the warm weather that's left!

*Miss Jess Seaman*

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 1 March – Danelle Jones & Jessica Howard

Monday, 4 March – Danielle Bonnington & Rachel Lacey

Wednesday, 6 March – Shalyn Chandler & Anna Mudford

Friday, 8 March – Donna Wheatley & Danielle Fiddes

## **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 3 March – Ethan Morris, Charlie Zell, Emily Zell

