



ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 6

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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 2015. 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 Bourke from the Kinder class and Mrs Banks and Mrs Thomas from Year 6 for all their hard work in preparing the liturgy. Our 2015 Kinder class includes: **Kaycee Bugmy, Evan Carter, Amity Chapman, Justin Coleman, Ryan Cox, Hudson Duffy, Riley Fiddes, Lucas Fong, Alicia Fordham, Mitchell Fuller, Brody Heffer, Jessica Ibe, Hope Jones-Copelin, Eliza Larkin, Emma Mills, Darcy Morris, Eliza Mudford, Isabelle Mudford, Darron Mulligan, Jonas Naden, Orlando Ryan, Abbie Skinner, Tom Staggs, Emily Standing, Jaida Tarrant, Molly Temple, Aidson Thomas, Lauren Thurlow, Stu Wheatley, Jordan Wighton**

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 21 March - Only Two Weeks Away!

This is one of our major fundraisers for the year and **WE NEED LOTS OF HELPERS**. Helpers are needed on Wednesday, 18 March, Thursday, 19 March and Friday, 20 March from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to help decorate the hall and set up tables etc. On Sunday 22 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. **SO FAR WE HAVE HAD OFFERS OF HELP FROM ONLY FIVE FAMILIES FROM OUR SCHOOL!** So we are sending home another note with today's About. If you haven't already done so, could you please put your name down to help out in some way and return it to school by next Thursday, 12 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 BEES – Saturday, 7 March & Monday, 9 March

There will be further working bees for the ball this **Saturday, 7 March and Monday, 9 March at 9:00 a.m.** in the old library. 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.

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 then represented Western Region at the Diocesan Carnival held in Dubbo on Tuesday: **Rebecca Gaff** – 2nd 100 m Freestyle, 3rd – 12 years 50 m Freestyle, 2nd Senior Backstroke, 3rd – Senior Breaststroke, **Hamish Beveridge** – 2nd 11 years 50 m Freestyle, 2nd 11 years Backstroke, **Patrick Spora** – 3rd 10 years 50 m Freestyle, 3rd – Junior Backstroke, **Ashleigh Carlow** - 3rd 11 years Backstroke, **Bradley Kildey** – 3rd Junior Breaststroke and the Junior Boys Relay Team that consisted of **Patrick Spora, Bradley Kildey, Rhys O'Neill and Jack Oehm** who finished second. Also well done to our Senior Boys Relay, **Hamish Beveridge, James Ferguson, Martin Fryers and Harry Spora**, and Junior Girls Relay, **Olivia McClelland, Rani Diggs, Kelsey Hutchison and Jade Elsom** who both finished third.

engage in spelling. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are eligible to enter the

DIOCESAN SWIMMING

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed in the Diocese of Bathurst Swimming Carnival held in Dubbo on Tuesday. Many of our students improved their times from the Western Region Carnival. Well done! Congratulations to **Bailey Wykes** who came 2nd in the 8 years 50 m Freestyle. Bailey will now compete at the Polding Swimming Championships to be held in Homebush on Friday, 20 March. Also special mention to the following swimmers who finished in the top eight in the diocese: **Rebecca Gaff** – 6th Senior 50 m Backstroke, **Asheigh Carlow** – 6th 11 years Backstroke and **Hamish Beveridge** – 8th 11 years Backstroke. Congratulations to all our swimmers!

YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy in St Joseph's Church next Thursday, 12 March at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Tuesday, 17 March

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS

Years 3-6 will be attending the St Patrick's Day Mass that will be celebrated on Tuesday, 17 March at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. This Mass is being prepared by Year 5. All are most welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow Mass.

Wednesday, 18 March

GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY

Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old on Wednesday, 18 March to celebrate Grandparents Day. The day begins at 10:00 a.m. with morning tea in the weather shed. Following morning tea the students of St Joseph's will entertain you with a mini concert. To conclude the activities everyone is invited to inspect 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.**

Thursday, 19 March

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We have planned a day full of fun and celebrations for Thursday, 19 March to celebrate St Joseph's Day. St Joseph is certainly a special saint for all of us at St Joseph's and we want to honour him on this special day. So if you would like to join us for part or all of the day, you are most welcome. Our timetable is as follows:

12:00 noon Mass 1:00 p.m. Class picnics at pool
1:30 p.m. Year 6 Synchronised Swimming, dancing in the pool, biscuit fun and a free swim.

SKI BISCUITS AND ROPES REQUIRED for St Joseph's Day. As in the past we hope to have lots of fun on the ski biscuits at the pool. If you could loan us a biscuit with ropes, could you please let us know.

CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD – INDIVIDUAL POEMS AND NURSERY RHYMES

Individual entries for the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod are now being received. Children who wish to enter a section for their age group need to return the tear-off slip attached to school by **next Friday, 13 March**. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2015, 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 or nursery rhyme. Transport to individual events must be arranged by the parents.

2015 DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE

The Diocesan Spelling Bee is a fun and educational way for students to

competition. There are several stages to the competition. Selection Trials will be held on 9 and 10 March where children sit a written test. There are two divisions (Years 3/4 and Years 5/6). A school spelling bee for the top ten spellers in each division will be held on 23 and 24 March with the top two students from each division progressing to Stage 3 which is the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held on Thursday, 4 June.

MOORAMBILLA VOICES 2015 WORKSHOP TOUR

Moorambilla Voices Artistic Director Michelle Leonard is currently touring Central and Far Western NSW facilitating free workshops for school students from Years 3-11. A workshop will be held in Gilgandra on Thursday, 19 March at 9:00 a.m. for boys and 10:00 a.m. for girls at Gilgandra Primary School. From these free workshops gifted children who show outstanding natural capacity are selected to participate in *Moorambilla Voices'* annual program. The program consists of residential camps where students work alongside professional musicians and composers to create original compositions and culminates in performances as part of the Moorambilla Festival in Coonamble! If you would like your child to attend the workshop on 27 March please return the tear-off slip with today's About to school by Monday, 16 March.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday. **KINDER:** **Evan Carter** for being a great helper in Kindergarten, **Hope Jones-Copelin** for being a caring member of Kindergarten, **Hudson Duffy** for always 'Giving Of His Best', **Emma Mills** for her contributions in discussions about the weather, **Tom Staggs** for being a responsible member of Kindergarten and **Adison Thomas** for her great pictures in Story Writing. **YEAR 1:** **Carter Chapman** for fabulous work in Spelling, **Henry Purvis** for a super writing effort about his weekend, **Rachel Ryan** for super 'sounding out' in Story Writing, **Declan Gale** for great counting in Maths, **Sienna Zell** for super work in Sentence A Day, **Charlie Zell** for being a great listener and **Ryda Whitehouse** for always sharing interesting news. **YEAR 2:** **Samantha Naden** for a fantastic effort in Spelling, **Casey Gaff** for working hard in all areas, **Paige Gilmour** for trying hard in Maths and **Fletcher Jackson** for wonderful presentation of all work. **YEAR 3:** **Rhys Bonnington** for contributing thoughtful answers to class discussions, **Breanna Foster** for a top effort in Operations, **Jacob Harland** for carefully decorating his Aboriginal artwork, **Bailey Wykes** for using descriptive language in narrative writing and **Oscar Spora** for answering tricky comprehension questions confidently. **YEAR 4:** **Joshua Purvis** for creating a fantastic cubist portrait, **Jennifer Ibe** and **Mason Fryers** for writing thoughtful descriptions of their grandmothers and **Rani Diggs** for lovely reading at our Mass on Sunday. **YEAR 5:** **Charlie Banks** for always being willing to help others, **Billie Buckland** for improved effort in writing, **Ella McAnally-Elwin** for always contributing to class discussions and **Emily Skinner** for improved effort in all bookwork. **YEAR 6:** **Zoe Welsh** and **Harry Spora** for asking questions to clarify understanding of concepts in Maths, **Aiden Ryan** for enthusiastic participation in class discussions and **Milla Banks** for great work in Spelling.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6 -	Year 4 Reconciliation
Friday, 6 March	- Audit
Saturday, 7 March	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
WEEK 7 -	Year 5 Reconciliation
Monday, 9 March	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
	- Years 3/4 Spelling Bee Trials
Tuesday, 10 March	- Years 5/6 Spelling Bee Trials
Thursday, 12 March	- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 13 March	- Eisteddfod Entries due
Saturday, 14 March	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
WEEK 8 -	Catholic Schools Week
Tuesday, 17 March	- St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 18 March	- Grandparents Day
Thursday, 19 March	- Moorambilla – Gilgandra Public School 9:00 – 10:00 Boys, 10:00 – 11:00 - Girls
	- St Joseph's Day – Mass (K-6) – 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool
Friday, 20 March	- Polding Swimming – Homebush
Saturday, 21 March	- St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball
WEEK 9	
Monday, 23 March	- Years 3/4 Spelling Bee Trials – 11:20 a.m.
Tuesday, 24 March	- Years 5/6 Spelling Bee Trials – 11:20 a.m.
Wednesday, 25 March	- The Annunciation Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 27 March	- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials
	- Principals Meeting
Sunday, 29 March	- Palm Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER I would like to say a big congratulations to all Kindergarten children

who did a wonderful job introducing themselves at the Welcome Liturgy today. I felt very proud of them all. This week we revised all the sounds we have learnt so far and next week we will be learning about the letter 'li'. Kindergarten has been going over their sight words and been looking for these words in our story "Incy Wincy Spider". In Mathematics we have counted and learnt how to write the number 5. We have also discovered how to recognise groups of 5. In our Science and Technology unit, 'Weather In My World', we have discovered what clouds are made from and learnt there are many types of cloud cover. As part of our HSIE unit, 'School Days' we discussed the daily routine of the school week and what happens each day. During our health lesson we sorted pictures into healthy and unhealthy groups and found that it is important for our bodies to rest, sleep and eat healthy. If anyone has any magazines that are no longer needed, these would be appreciated to use in the classroom. Take care - *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 Thank you Years 1 and 4 for preparing a beautiful Mass on Sunday. In the classroom we have been busy focusing on adjectives in our Sentence-A-Day and Grammar. We then used our knowledge to write a description of a monster and read the classic picture book "Where The Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak. In Maths we have been looking at finding the difference between two numbers, groupings of ten and sketching position of objects. During PDHPE we explored a healthy food diagram and constructed our own. In HSIE we discussed what occupations are important in our local community. We then drew pictures of ourselves in the future as firemen, teachers, veterinarians and builders. Gilgandra is in safe hands! It was a lovely celebration in the church this morning. Congratulations Kinder and Year 6 on a beautiful Welcome Liturgy. Have a great weekend everyone. *Mrs Alison Newstead & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 2 students have written some fabulous 'Grandparents' cinquain poems this week. We've begun typing these on the computer and are learning how to change font size, colour and insert borders. We look forward to sharing these with our grandparents on Grandparents Day. During HSIE we've looked at how toys have changed and compared the toys that our parents and grandparents played with to the toys that children play with today. We all agree that technology has changed toys a lot! Today we enjoyed welcoming Kinder into our school family. It was a wonderful celebration. We've begun preparing for our Liturgy next week and look forward to celebrating with our family and friends. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 3 Thank you Kinder for a lovely Liturgy this morning. I hope all of our you feel very welcome here at St Joseph's. This week in Spelling we have learnt about plural exceptions where we don't follow the previous spelling rules we have learnt. In Grammar we learnt about collective nouns. We have read "Chocolate Trees" in Comprehension and learnt about the process of changing cacao beans into chocolate. In Maths we have been learning about our four times tables, time and two dimensional shapes. We have had lots of fun decorating our cartoon mosquitos in Art this week - they look amazing! Keep up the hard work Year 3. *Mr Damien Soares*

YEAR 4 Thank you Kinder for the wonderful Liturgy today. In Year 4 this week our sound focus has been 'e', 'ea', 'ie' and 'ai' while our rule has been 'for words that end in 'ic' add 'al' before adding 'ly'. In Grammar we have identified pronouns and chosen the correct pronouns to fit in the sentence. We have watched the Disney animation "Partly Cloudy" and have written a description of the main character. During Maths we have learnt the rules for adding odd and even numbers, how to round to 10 and 100 and learnt about polygons. Our HSIE lesson this week was about what life was like for a convict in Australia. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 It has been another busy week this week in the Year 5 classroom. We have been working extremely hard on our exposition writing where we are trying to refine our arguments to persuade our readers. In Grammar we have learnt our groovy tune for adverbs and have been working hard at identifying these within texts. Maths has seen us breaking down our multiplication strategies as well as learning ways to attack worded Maths problems with ease. Our speeches are nearly ready for presentation and I know they will all be fantastic. Well done to Year 6 and Kindergarten today for a beautiful Kinder Welcome Liturgy - we were all really excited to hear about our newest Joey's. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 Congratulations to the Kindergartens and Year 6 students on such a beautiful and reverent Liturgy this morning. It really was a special celebration! This week in Spelling we are revising our last four sounds, rules and high frequency words and in Grammar we have been focusing on adverbs. During Maths we have been working through the procedure for long division and practising simplifying fractions and finding equivalent fractions. In HSIE we worked in groups focusing on the animals that live in and around Antarctica. They are truly amazing creatures! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 6 March – Alicia Heffer & Suzanne Campion
Monday, 9 March – Michelle Woollams & Christine Harland
Wednesday, 11 March – Katherine Gaff
Friday, 13 March – Roslyn Zell & Heather Larkin

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 8 March - Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, James O'Neill, Jett Grimshaw