



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 your Joey's family!*

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY **Tomorrow, 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 **tomorrow, 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.

DIOCESAN SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to our swimmers who competed at the Diocese of Bathurst Swimming Carnival held in Dubbo last Friday. Our team competed with pride and great sportsmanship, with the following students finishing in the top ten in the diocese: **Will Spora** – 5th Senior 50 m Butterfly, **Hayden Ferguson** – 10th Senior 50 m Breaststroke, **Grace Tancred** – 10th 11 years Backstroke and our Senior Boys Relay team consisting of **Will Spora, Ryan Ferguson, Nick Tancred** and **Hayden Ferguson** came 5th. Well done to all our swimmers.

2019 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, 12 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 2 & 4 April with the top two students from each division progressing to Stage 3 which is the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held on Thursday, 6 June in Wellington.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS – FRIDAY, 15 MARCH

Years 3-6 will be attending the St Patrick's Day Mass that will be celebrated on **Friday, 15 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.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We have planned a day full of fun and celebrations for Tuesday, 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** – Liturgy, **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** are 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 are able to loan us a biscuit with ropes, could you please let us know.

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 Banks at school no later than Wednesday, 27 March. The age of the child shall be taken as at 31 December, 2019, 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 eisteddfod are 3 to 7 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 Banks at school by Wednesday, 27 March.

BULLYING – NO WAY!

Our Year 6 Leaders have organised a 'Bullying – No Way!' Day to be held on **Friday, 15 May**. During the day children from all classes will complete activities

exploring 'Bullying – No Way! Take a Stand Together!'. We thank our Year 6 Leaders for their wonderful initiative in organising this day.

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 have been sent home 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 Friday, 12 April so all our donations can be presented during the Holy Thursday Mass on 18 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.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday, 25 March. Each child has today been given an envelope with full details regarding price and products available. To order your photos online go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter our school code: 7Q9 SJT KQZ at the top of the page. Then just follow the prompts. You do not need to return your child's envelope if ordering online. You can also make payments by cash or cheque and must be returned in the envelopes provided. A separate envelope must be used for each child. **ALL PHOTOS NEED TO BE PAID FOR PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY.** The money for photos may be returned to school at any time. If you have more than one child at school and would like a family photo taken, special envelopes are available from the office.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 30 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, 27 March, Thursday, 28 March and Friday, 29 March from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. to help decorate the hall and set up tables etc. On Sunday 31 March, the morning after the ball, we need helpers to pull down the smoking area 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 About and return it to school by next Thursday, 14 March. **Please support this school fundraiser by purchasing your tickets at Kelly & Astill Lawyers or better still, why not get your friends together for a great night out and book a table! Tickets are \$35.00 each.**

BALL WORKING BEE

St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball is one of our major fundraisers for the year. There are always lots of jobs in the lead up to the ball and the first **working bee will held at St Joey's this Saturday, 9 March from 9:00 a.m.** 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.

KITCHEN COORDINATOR REQUIRED FOR BALL

We are in **urgent** need of a kitchen coordinator for this year's ball. Lib Walker was last year's coordinator, however unfortunately due to prior commitments, cannot continue with the role this year. Lib has provided a book containing details of what was ordered for last year's ball, which will be of assistance to the new coordinator. If you are able to assist please contact Marilyn King or Mrs Hodge in the school office.

INTERNET SAFETY

From time to time children may find inappropriate content on the internet when undertaking searches or watching YouTube. Some of this content can be distressing. What can parents do?

- Encourage your child to tell you or a teacher about content.
- Supervise online time as much as possible.
- Install filters and change settings to restrict content.
- Report inappropriate content to www.esafety.gov.au/reportillegalcontent.
- Download the parent's guide to online safety from the Office of the eSafety commissioner.

PICTURE PLATES

A note has been sent home with today's About with regards to students having the opportunity to create a Picture Plate in Week 8. If you would like your child to prepare a plate, please complete the tear off slip and return it to Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the office by Friday, 15 March.

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 the child's learning at any stage throughout the year, please speak with your child's teacher.

HEAR OUR HEART - CHARITY GOLF DAY

The Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be hosting a charity golf day at the Dubbo Golf Club on Sunday, 27 March. It is a 4-Man Ambrose with a 12:00 p.m. shotgun start. The cost is \$50 per person with a BBQ lunch and afternoon tea included. For more information please contact Virginia on 0406 884 349 or email virginia@hearourheart.org.

MACCA VISITING JOEY'S

Ian McNamara, better known as Macca, host of ABC radio program 'Australia All Over' will be visiting Gilgandra next **Wednesday, 13 March**. He is having morning tea with Sr Robyn, who is an avid listener of Macca's, at 10:30 a.m. in the convent and all of Gilgandra is invited to attend (just bring a plate to share). After morning tea, we hope to get Macca over to the school to talk to the children and to sing some songs. "Get On With It Macca!"

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Tuesday: **KINDER:** Mack Hutchison for a super effort reading his sight words, Francis Ibe for taking care cutting out tricky tortoise shapes, Elijah Newton for enthusiastically reciting our sounds each morning and Roxy Zell for happily helping out around our classroom. **YEAR 1:** Alana Spora, Kellie Hutchison and Milla Morris for writing very imaginative stories about finding a magic hat, Harry Thurlow for great imagination in his 'Magic Hat' story and Lucy Profke for sensual sounding out in Phonics. **YEAR 2:** Clayton Wheatley and Jeremiah Woodrow for listening carefully in Maths, Elsie Adams and Amity Henry for a great effort in reading and sounding out activities, Nikola Riley for trying her best when Maths gets tricky and Joe Staggs for trying hard in home reading and learning his sight words. **YEAR 3:** Georgia Tancred for thinking of great challenge words in Sound Waves, Tilla Chandler for an enthusiastic approach to our Literacy Pro Lexile quizzes, Poppy-Grace Newton for an outstanding effort in all learning activities and Angus Johnson for trying hard in Maths. **YEAR 4:** Kaycee Bugmy for successfully using the Tightening Tension technique to write a nail biting paragraph, Hope Jones-Copelin for being an enthusiastic reader, Darron Mulligan for bringing a positive attitude to our class every day and Jordan Wightful for trying his best in all learning tasks. **YEAR 5:** Tia Allan for having a cheerful approach to Year 5, Taylor Hayes for always having a cheerful smile that brightens up our room, Molly Nichols for asking questions to clarify her understanding in Maths and Charlie Zell and Sienna Zell for writing great narratives including the seven steps. **YEAR 6:** Jasmine Zell for excellent focus and effort during Spelling, Ava Meyers for positivity and determination to complete a task eg. challenging Maths Operations, Lucas Gleadhill for awesome recall of spelling rules and sound focuses so far and Jett Chandler for his positive attitude towards being organised in class and showing pride in his personal space.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6 Catholic Schools Week

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
- Ian McNamara (Macca) visit

Thursday, 14 March - Support Teachers Meeting - Dubbo

Friday, 15 March - St Patrick's Day Mass - Year 5 (Years 3-6) - 10:30 a.m.
- 'Bullying - No Way!' Day

WEEK 8 Years 3 & 4 Reconciliation

Picture Plate Making Week

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 Only one more sleep until our Kinder Welcome Liturgy which we celebrate tomorrow at 10.30 a.m. We are very excited and can hardly wait!! A huge thank you to Mrs Banks, Miss Seaman and our fabulous Year 6 buddies who have put in so much time and effort preparing for our special day. Kinder also enjoyed the delicious pancakes made for us on Tuesday and discussed how Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. We have all made our Lenten promises and will try to be better people. In Maths this week we have explored the numeral 4 and made groups that were equal and not equal. We really enjoyed using the blue bots in Science and pre-coding them to travel around the weather symbols we had created. In phonics we focused on the sound 's' and revised the sounds we already know. We love singing the vowel song and doing the actions for each sound. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Yesterday we celebrated a lovely Ash Wednesday Mass. The children have all written Lenten promises to remind themselves of how they can try to be better people during Lent. On Tuesday we enjoyed some yummy pancakes served by Year 6 to commemorate Shrove Tuesday. During text types we have continued to look at writing narratives. We've created some sizzling starts to make our writing more enjoyable and interesting and we have looked at using our senses to tighten the tension in our writing. We have been writing a class narrative about a haunted house, it sounds fantastic! During Maths we've looked at expanding 3-digit numbers, multiplication facts and grid maps while in Problem A Day we have begun tackling multi-step problems. In Science we've looked at melting choc chips, butter, honey and cordial and we observed the changes in them. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 2 We are looking forward to the Kinder Liturgy tomorrow and cannot wait to hear our leaders tell us about their buddies. Yesterday we attended the Ash Wednesday Mass to remind us of making a change for the better during Lent and we wrote our Lenten Promises as we try to be more like Jesus during this special time in the lead up to Easter. In Maths we focused on learning about 3-digit numbers, position of objects and division. We wrote a sequencing recount about the smelly pirate who would not wash. We all agreed Pongo needed to have a bath! Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Yesterday we celebrated a lovely Ash Wednesday Mass. The children have all written Lenten Promises to remind themselves of how they can try to be a better person during Lent. On Tuesday we enjoyed some yummy pancakes made by Year 6 to commemorate Shrove Tuesday. During Text Types this week we have continued to look at writing narratives. We created some sizzling starts to make our writing more enjoyable and interesting and we have looked at using our senses to tighten the tension in our writing. We have been writing a class narrative about a haunted house, it sounds fantastic! During Maths we looked at expanding 3-digit numbers, multiplication facts and grid maps while in Problem A Day we have begun tackling multi-step problems. In Science we have looked at melting choc chips, butter, honey and cordial and we observed the changes in them. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 has been learning about 'Show Don't Tell' in Writing this week, which is another technique of the Seven Steps to improve our writing skills. We have been studying verbs in Grammar and have been trying hard to develop our handwriting as well. In Religion we started a new topic called 'Lent: A time to make changes'. Thank you Year 6 for cooking us pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We made Lenten promises which are based on prayer, fasting and almsgiving and we are now going to focus on keeping these promises during Lent. Students have been enjoying swimming each Thursday for sport and getting to participate in a range of activities in the pool. Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 has been very busy this week. Before receiving our ashes at Mass yesterday, we spent time during Religion examining Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. In English we have been exploring verbs and correctly identifying different text types. Our Maths lessons have seen us working out challenging number patterns and their rules as well as creating and reading dot plots. During Digital Technology, we were lucky enough to have a go at some robots and worked out how to code them using simple instructions before trying to write a code that one of our friends had to follow as a human robot. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 What an eventful week this week! Year 6 has enjoyed their responsibilities as leaders, having taken part in Clean up Australia Day, Pancake Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. We particularly look forward to the Kinder Welcome Liturgy tomorrow, and are excited to introduce our buddies to the school community and present them with their hand crafted badges. Each of these events entailed a significant amount of preparation and each student should be proud of their contributions and positive attitudes. In the classroom we have been busy revising challenging mathematical skills and integrating 'sizzling starts' into our writing to create engaging texts of our own. We have also begun learning more about the world around us, exploring how to use coordinates and plot locations on a map.

Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 8 March - Donna Wheatley & Danielle Fiddes

Monday, 11 March - Emma Meyers & Cassie Younghusband

Wednesday, 13 March - Jade Zell & Simone Beaton

Friday, 15 March - Belinda Murray & Danelle Jones

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 10 March - Rydah Whitehouse & volunteer required