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Term 1 Week 7

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Thought for the Week

A mind is like a parachute... it does not work if it is not open!

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Next Saturday, 21 March

MORE HELPERS DESPERATELY NEEDED!

Wednesday, 18 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: **We only have two helpers. More people are needed.**

Thursday, 19 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: **We only have one helper. More people are needed.**

Friday, 20 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: **We only have two helpers. More people are needed.**

Erecting the marquee: **No helpers! We need YOU!**

Erecting the smokers' tent: **No helpers! We need YOU!**

Saturday, 21 March

Kitchen Hands (6:00 p.m.→) **We have two helpers! We need more.**

Washing Up Helpers (8:00 – 10:00 p.m.) **Two helpers! We need more!**

BAR: Thank you to those who have offered to help in the bar. We could still do with more helpers. If you don't feel confident working behind the bar, we do need people to collect glasses.

DRY BAR: **We have no one! Please help.**

Sunday, 22 March 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

At the moment we have six volunteers which is great – but we need twenty! Please spare an hour or so if you can!

Our P & F hold two major fundraisers for the year and all money raised goes directly to helping your school. Our Ball cannot be successful without YOUR HELP. As you can see we need lots of helpers to ensure the Ball is a success. It can't happen without your help! Please try and give an hour or so of your time. Write your name down on the roster today and return it to school by **Wednesday, 12 March.**

WORKING BEE FOR THE BALL – Saturday, 14 March 9:30 am

There will be another working bee for the ball on Saturday, 14 March at **9:30 a.m.** in the old library. There are still lots of jobs to be done and any help would be greatly appreciated. **The committee hasn't had as many helpers as they would like so please come along and lend a hand.** Jobs range from cutting, gluing, folding serviettes etc. Don't feel you have to be talented or artistic, there are jobs for everyone.

BALL TICKETS NOW ON SALE

Tickets for the Ball are on sale and may be purchased for \$35.00 from Kelly & Astill. This great social night out includes presentation of debts, entertainment and finger food. Bar facilities are available. There will be **NO spectator tickets sold at the door** on the night of the ball. Spectator tickets are only available to immediate family members of the debts and their partners. These tickets are \$10.00 per adult and \$5.00 per school aged child and also available from Kelly & Astill. All tickets must be purchased by **Wednesday, 18 March.**

GOOD LUCK BAILEY

We wish **Bailey Wykes** the best of luck as he competes in the 8 years 50 metres Freestyle at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Swimming Championships to be held at Homebush next Friday, 20 March. Bailey will not only be representing St Joe's but also the Diocese of Bathurst. Congratulations Bailey!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday, 30 March. Each child has today been given an envelope with full details regarding price and products available. They have also sent us the following information for online school photo ordering.

Step 1: Go to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter our school code: 7Q9 5JT KQZ.

WRITING COMPETITION

Step 2: Enter your child's details

Step 3: Choose the package that best suits your needs.

Step 4: Pay for the photos via the shopping cart (upper right corner of the page).

You can also make payments by cash, cheque or money order. **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.

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. As part of the St Patrick's Day celebrations Year 2 will be singing and dancing at Cooee Lodge. Thank you to the children and teachers for organising and performing these items.

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 let Mrs Hodge know by **tomorrow, 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.

PEANUT ALLERGY (ANAPHYLAXIS)

As a school community we all need to recognise that some of our students can be prone to severe allergic reaction when they come into contact with certain types of nuts. Anaphylaxis is a serious allergic reaction that is rapid in onset and can be life threatening. We ask that **peanut butter not be packed in students snacks and lunches.** Your help in this matter is appreciated.

Entry is now open in the 2015 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 29 March, 2015.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday. **KINDER:** **Kaycee Bugmy** for contributing to our discussions about clouds, **Mitchell Fuller** for being a considerate member of Kindergarten, **Brody Heffer** for being a responsible learner, **Orlando Ryan** for his kindness towards others, **Abbie Skinner** for great counting and trying hard in Maths Warm-Up and **Emily Standing** for great skills in reading.

YEAR 1: **Ryder Ryan** for fantastic 'sounding out' during Story Writing, **Grace Jones-Copelin** for trying hard in Handwriting, **Alison Mudford** for writing a magnificent description of a 'Wild Thing', **Tia Allan** for great 'stretching' and 'sounding out' of spelling words and **Molly Nichols** for super work in Maths Warm-Up. **YEAR 2:** **Ryan Ferguson, Lucy McIsaac, Jasmine Zell** and **Ben Harland** for writing terrific cinquain poems and **Will Spora** for working independently in computers. **YEAR 3:** **Isaiah McKenzie** for an amazing mosquito artwork, **Dylen Murray** for showing creativity in his narrative writing, **Jack Oehm** for showing a mature approach to all classroom activities, **Luke O'Neill** for always 'Giving Of His Best' and **Emma Westwood** for a great effort to improve her spelling. **YEAR 4:** **Jack Purvis** for creating a lovely watercolour artwork, **Joshua Purvis** for writing a fantastic description of 'Gus the Cloud', **Laura Farragher** for working hard to round numbers to 100 and **Tayarna McKenzie** for top work identifying polygons. **YEAR 5:** **Hamish Beveridge** for always working hard to improve his writing, **James Ferguson** for creating a fabulous landscape artwork, **Amelia Murray** for continued effort in Problem A Day activities and **Heidi Purvis** for always contributing to class discussions.

YEAR 6: **Stuart Larsen** for using great expression when reading, **Darren Doherty** for asking questions in Maths to clarify understanding, **William Sandford** for always contributing to class discussions and **Tarah Foran** for constructing interesting sentences in Spelling.

WHAT'S ON

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| WEEK 7 - | Year 5 Reconciliation |
| Friday, 13 March | - Eisteddfod Entries due |
| Saturday, 14 March | - Ball Working Bee – 9:30 a.m. |
| WEEK 8 - | Catholic Schools Week |
| Tuesday, 17 March | - St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m. |
| | - Year 2 Visit to Cooe Lodge |
| 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 Final – 11:20 a.m. |
| Tuesday, 24 March | - Years 5/6 Spelling Bee Final – 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 |
| WEEK 10 | Year 3 Reconciliation |
| Monday, 30 March | - School Photos |
| | - School Performance Tour |
| | - 'Return of the Bully' – (K-3) – 12:30 a.m. |
| | - 'The Cyber Bully' – (4-6) – 2:00 p.m. |
| Tuesday, 31 March | - Kinder Cooee Visit |
| Wednesday, 1 April | - Diocesan Winter Sports Trials back-up date |
| Thursday, 2 April | - Holy Thursday |
| | - School Cross Country – 11:20 a.m. |
| | - Last day Term 1 |
| Friday, 3 April | - Good Friday |

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER In Kindergarten this week we have learnt the nursery rhyme 'Hickory Dickory Dock'. During reading we have sequenced how the nursery rhyme unfolds and discussed what sight words are in the rhyme. During Mathematics we learnt ways to measure weight and how we could tell if something was light or

heavy. We also learnt how to write the number 6 and different words that mean 'adding together'. In Science and Technology we discussed what tool is used to measure temperature and how we know if it is a cold or hot day by looking at a thermometer. During Creative Arts we have been busy practising for Grandparents Day and making icy igloos to decorate our classroom. In preparation for our concert on Grandparents Day, could all children please bring in a teddy bear in a plastic bag with their name on it. Take care - *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 This week we welcomed Mrs Clarke to Year 1. She will be with us for the rest of the week until Miss Harvey returns on Monday. We have enjoyed writing a description of the "wild thing" we saw in the picture book "Mog in the Fog". We came up with some fabulous adjectives to describe his fur, eyes and nose!! In Religion we have read the parable of "The Mustard Seed". We discussed how we are all part of the kingdom of God and how important it is that we pray, read the Bible and live how Jesus would like us to. In Maths we have been grouping counters into equal groups and finding how many altogether. We have been practising our counting and filling in number charts with the missing numerals. We really enjoyed learning about vertical, horizontal and parallel lines. Thailand is our new HSIE unit and we have located the country on a map of the world and discussed the flag of Thailand. We are busily preparing songs and some groovy moves for Grandparents Day and St Joseph's Day. How exciting. We can't wait!!! Have a great weekend *Mrs Alison Newstead & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 2 Today we celebrated a lovely Liturgy with the theme, "God's Promise To Us" and we would like to thank all our families and friends for joining us. In Maths we have been working on some tricky calculations using division and multiplication and in Grammar we are having fun with collective nouns. During Text Types we looked at the structure of a narrative and in PDH we brainstormed what makes us friends. We are all very excited about St Patrick's Day, St Joey's Day and Grandparents Day next week and have been learning some groovy moves as part of these celebrations. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 3 has had another busy week. In Spelling we have focused on the rule, 'change y to i and add es' and we have also learnt about exceptions to this rule. Our Grammar activities led us to learn about adjectives. We also watched an interesting YouTube clip about adjectives. In Comprehension we read about earthworms and how they give nutrients to soil to make plants grow better. We have learnt about column graphs and 5 times tables in Maths. In Art we have nearly finished our beautiful 'butterflies in motion'. During Religion we have talked about the significance of St Patrick Day. We are all very excited about Grandparents Day next week and can't wait to see all our special visitors. *Mr Damien Soares*

YEAR 4 In Year 4 we have been working on the 'e', 'ea', 'ie' and 'ai' sound in Spelling. Our Grammar focus has been adverbs. We have identified them in sentences and determined whether they tell us how, when or why. We have been examining narratives in text types, determining where we need to improve when writing narratives, and examining their structure and language features. This week we have begun reading groups where the children complete various reading activities in a group setting. For HSIE we have been to the computer room to study a pioneer of Australia and in Maths we have learnt about expanding and ordering numbers, revised 6 times tables, multiplication facts and used compass points. I hope everyone has a great weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 Wow - Year 5 has done an excellent job this week presenting some fantastic speeches in front of the class. It was great to hear all of the interesting characteristics of each person and I'm sure the whole class enjoyed listening to them. This week we have begun preparations for our St Patrick's Day Mass - please come along to help celebrate with us next Tuesday. If you could bring a plate to share for morning tea that would be fantastic. Our performance for Grandparents Day is also looking sharp and we hope there are plenty of people coming along to watch our creation. In Maths we have been focusing on patterns as well as understanding the key features when finding out the area of a circle. Have a great weekend and we hope you can join us all next week. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 The excitement is building as we prepare for the festivities next week! We have written our top ten reasons why we love our wonderful grandparents and we can't wait to welcome them and perform our very entertaining item. We have been enthusiastically practising our synchronised swimming routine and are enjoying our lunch time visits to the pool! We have also been busy in Maths looking at analog and digital time, circumference and area of a circle and long division. In Grammar we have looked at pronouns and identified the different types. We have even been noticing them as we continue to read our class novel "Stormbreaker". *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 13 March – Roslyn Zell & Heather Larkin
 Monday, 16 March – Toni & Justin Fuller
 Wednesday, 18 March – Belinda Murray & Susie Harvey
 Friday, 20 March – Leanne Stephens & Donna Wheatley

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 15 March - Georgia Horan, Kate Gilmour, Tobey Creenaune, Deklyn Lummis