



ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 7

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Thought for the Week

May your troubles be less and your blessings be more

And nothing but happiness come through your door.

Happy St Patrick's Day!

KINDER WELCOME LITURGY

It was a beautiful Liturgy held in St Joseph's Church last Friday as we officially welcomed our Kinder class of 2019. 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 Mrs Newstead, Mrs Alchin, Miss Seaman and Mrs Banks for all their hard work in preparing the Liturgy. Our 2019 Kinder class includes: **Darcy Adams, Mitchell Beaton, Estelle Hazelton, Chloe Heffer, Charlie Howard, Mack Hutchison, Francis Ibe, Regan Johnson, Sophie Lacey, Clancy Larkin, Parker Leven, Jakirah McKenzie, Oscar Medd, Hannah Meers, Adelaide Mudford, Tex Mudford, Elijah Newton, Layla Walker, Neve Walker, Caitlin Youngusband, Roxy Zell.**

LEAGUE IN DUNEDOO

We have 35 students playing rugby league in Dunedoo next **Thursday, 21 March** in the Peachey Shield and the Richardson Cup. We all look forward to a day of fun, friends and fitness. The students competing include: **Sailor Ryan, Toby Davis, Te Mana Diamond, Xanthe Gale, Riley Hutchison, Alex Cosier, Mitchell Fuller, Brody Heffer, Darcy Morris, Jonas Naden, Will O'Connor, Jordan Wighton, Elten Walker, Will Spora, Ryan Ferguson, Ben Standing, Nick Tancred, Nick Gale, Hayden Ferguson, Sam Dunn, Ryder Ryan, Will Youngusband, Harry Mudford, Lucas Gleadhill, Ben Hardland, Cameron Davis, Jett Tarrant, Rhyon Hutchison, Eva Bonnington, Declan Gale, Lochie Henry, Henry Purvis, Blake Fairey, Rydah Whitehouse, Shane Estens.** Thanks to all of the families who have volunteered to transport children to and from Dunedoo. A note will be sent home shortly with travel arrangements.

"MACCA" VISITS JOEY'S

We all had an enjoyable time meeting Ian "Macca" McNamara, from ABC radio's Australian All Over, yesterday. Macca told us some yarns and sang some songs. We even got to sing to Macca. We thank Macca for including us during his visit to Gilgandra.

BULLYING - NO WAY!

Our Year 6 Leaders have organised a 'Bullying - No Way!' Day to be held tomorrow **Friday, 15 March**. 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.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS - FRIDAY, 15 MARCH

We will be attending the St Patrick's Day Mass that will be celebrated tomorrow, **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 next **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** - 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. **SPORT UNIFORM** is to be worn on Tuesday and please remember to bring your swimmers!

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.

PICTURE PLATES

We will be making Picture Plates next week so make sure you send your permission to the office by tomorrow, **Friday, 15 March**. Just a reminder that if you want to add a photo it also needs to be sent in tomorrow.

YEAR 1 AND 4 MASS

Our Year 1 and 4 classes are preparing the Mass to be celebrated at St Joseph's Church on **Sunday, 24 March** at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

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 that was attached to last week'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 that was attached to last week's About and return it to Mrs Hodge or Mrs Banks at school by Wednesday, 27 March.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on **Monday, 25 March**. Last week, each child was 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 5JT 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.

BALL WORKING BEE - Saturday, 16 March

The next working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 16 March from 9:00 a.m. at school. **As we said last week, 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.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 30 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, 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. **SO FAR WE HAVE HAD OFFERS OF HELP FROM ONLY TEN FAMILIES FROM OUR SCHOOL!** As such, 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, 21 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.**

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!

BEAN BAG COVERS FOR LIBRARY

We are looking for a volunteer who is able to sew and could make some bean bag covers for use in the Library. All materials will be supplied. If you are able to help, please see Mrs McIsaac or Mrs Thomas in the library or Mrs Hodge in the office.

THANK YOU LITTLE A'S

A big thank you to Chris Riley and Little A's who have kindly donated their old high jump mats to the school. These mats will be well used during the athletic season and we are most grateful to have received them.

KIDS EASTER PARTY

The Gilgandra Services Club will be hosting a FREE Kids Easter Party on Saturday, 20 April from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. It is sure to be a great afternoon with a jumping castle, disco, face painting, Easter egg hunt, best dressed and prizes to give away throughout the afternoon. For more information please phone the Gilgandra Services Club on 6847 2135.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Mitchell Beaton** for reading his home reader with expression and fluency, **Sophie Lacey** for great sounding out in Story Writing, **Elijah Newton** for great improvement writing his name and colouring in and **Roxy Zell** for reading confidently at our Kinder Liturgy.

YEAR 1: **Indy Thomas** for great use of adjectives to describe the 'Magic Hat', **Lottie Duffy** for writing an imaginative story about a wizard, **Akhiro Baker** for great work completing number sequences to 100 and **Ivy Zell** for always completing work of a high standard.

YEAR 2: **Ben Mudford** and **Ivy Murphy** for great story sequencing of 'Pongo The Pirate', **David McIsaac** for great setting out of Problem A Day and Operations, **Baxter Whitehouse** for great work in Mathematics, **Anna Walker** for great illustrations and diagrams in Science and **Elsie Mudford** for great work in Mini Lit Groups with Mrs Alchin.

YEAR 3: **Mia Ferguson** for fantastic improvement when working independently, **Te Mana Diamond** for fantastic contributions to our sizzling starts in Text Types, **Jack Gibson** for an enthusiastic approach to our Literacy Pro Lexile quizzes and **Makynli Hazelton** for an excellent effort in Maths Operations.

YEAR 4: **Jonas Naden** for working hard during Problem A Day activities in Maths, **William O'Connor** for trying his best in all mathematical tasks, **Jaida Tarrant** for creating a beautiful artwork based on warm and cool colours and **Lauren Thurlow** for staying on task and trying her best with all learning activities.

YEAR 5: **Abigail Davis** for sharing some fantastic resources with the class during Geography, **Lochie Henry** for displaying fantastic maturity in our classroom, **Ethan Morris** for using expression when reading aloud and **Grace Tancred** for being a Maths Operations whiz.

YEAR 6: **Nick Tancred** for his contributions in class and willingness to participate in discussions, **Elen Walker** for his effort to practice and perfect his buddy speech, reading with expression and enthusiasm, **Hayden Ferguson** for an intriguing narrative during power writing and **Grace Winter** for giving of her best, always rising to the challenge in Maths.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7

- Friday, 15 March
- National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
 - 'Bullying - No Way!' Day
 - St Patrick's Day Mass - Year 5 - 10:30 a.m.
 - Year 5 visiting Cooee Lodge - 12:00 p.m.
 - Year 6 Synchronised Swimming practice
- Saturday, 16 March
- Ball Working Bee - 9:00 a.m.

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
 - Hear Our Heart Fundraising Meeting - 4:00 p.m. - Gilgandra Public School
- Thursday, 21 March
- Principals' Meeting
 - Peachey/Richardson Rugby League Dunedoo
- Friday, 22 March
- Principals' Meeting
 - National Ride to School Day
 - Hear Our Heart Ear Testing - 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 23 March
- Ball Working Bee - 9:00 a.m.
- Sunday, 24 March
- Years 1 and 4 Mass - 9:30 a.m.
- ### WEEK 9 Years 5 & 6 Reconciliation
- Monday, 25 March
- School Photos
- Tuesday, 26 March
- School Performance - 'Quest for the Ultimate Rhythm' - 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 28 March
- Annunciation Mass - Year 3 (K-6) - 10:30 a.m.
- Friday 29 March
- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials
- Saturday, 30 March
- St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Another busy week has flown by in Kinder! Our sound this week has been 'li' and our nursery rhyme has been all about the itty bitty spider. We found out that spiders have eight eyes but they still cannot see very well! In Maths we investigated and modelled groups, identified and described the features of circles and explored objects that were full and empty. During History we talked about our family tree and drew some of our family members. Just like a real tree our family can keep growing. In Religion we read the parable about the lost sheep and were reminded that God loves each one of us for who we are. We look forward to celebrating St Patrick's Day and have enjoyed learning about the importance of the shamrock. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 This week Year 1 has enjoyed reading 'Tough Boris' by Mem Fox. We used this story to identify adjectives and we also wrote our own pirate narrative. We also read the book 'Crew Stew' and completed sequencing activities based on the story. The children are enjoying our in-class reading groups and are excited to be completing Reading Eggs on the iPads. Yesterday we welcomed Macca to our school - it was great to be able to meet him. We are looking forward to participating in the 'Bullying - No Way!' Day tomorrow. What a great way to show that we will not tolerate bullying. Thanks to Year 6 for including our school in this National Day of Action.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 2 We have been discussing the qualities of St Patrick, the Patron Saint of Ireland and how he was a loyal follower of God who shared Good News and kindness. We made some brightly coloured rainbow handprints leading to a pot of gold in Art. In Maths the focus has been on multiplication, division, $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ turns and looking at finding the difference in problem solving questions. Mrs McIsaac took us into the Joey's playground on a mission to find ants for the new unit in Science. Everyone worked really hard to publish recounts about the swimming carnival in Writing. Collective nouns and proper nouns was the main theme in Grammar. Have a great weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 This week we have investigated division and capacity in Maths and revised what we know about adjectives in Grammar. We completed our class narrative about a spooky mansion and are now writing our own exciting narrative. As part of our Literature unit we read 'Green Eggs and Ham' and have written our own rhyme about something we do not like to eat. We are now endeavouring to type this up on a Google Doc. In Art we completed work on our handprint fish and have begun work on a geometric artwork. We enjoyed our visit with Macca yesterday and are looking forward to celebrating St Patrick's Day tomorrow and St Joseph's Day on Tuesday. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 Tomorrow is 'Bullying - No Way!' Day. Students will be participating in activities to help them understand how we can have a respectful environment where everyone feels safe and happy. This week students have been developing their research skills by using Google Slides to make a slideshow on a country of their choice. In Maths, we have done a hands-on activity to study litres. Students have been learning how to write an exciting ending for a narrative and are now writing a narrative aiming to include each element of the Seven Steps. We are looking forward to Joey's Day next Tuesday! Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 is hard at work this week revising multiplication by 2 digit numbers and looking at equivalent fractions and how to use a protractor. Our Grammar focus is conjunctions and we are learning how we can use these to create more complex sentences in our writing. We are becoming more proficient at using sizzling starts to begin our arguments when writing expositions. Next Monday everyone will present their speeches - so we remind everyone to practise using their palm cards. We have been learning how to dance an Irish jig and polishing up our Irish jokes in preparation for our visit to Cooee Lodge and we look forward to celebrating Mass for St Patrick's Day tomorrow! To be sure! To be sure!

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 has had a very productive week in the classroom. Students have enjoyed finalising and publishing their individual information reports on their favourite animal and sharing them with the class, along with beginning their 'How to make my favourite sandwich' procedural text. Reading group rotations are in full swing, which encourages each member of the class to read both independently and with their peers, along with completing relevant comprehension tasks. Don't forget to keep reading at home! We are so excited about St Joseph's Day next Tuesday! Please remind your child to bring their swimmers this Friday (15/3/19) and Monday (18/3/19) for practice at the pool. We look forward to performing for our families and school!

Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 15 March - Belinda Murray & Danelle Jones
Monday, 18 March - Sarah Hickey & Lorraine Thurlow
Wednesday, 20 March - Gai-Maree Younghusband & Monica Mudford
Friday, 22 March - Jodie Johnson & Jo Lumms

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 17 March - Lilla Oehm & Ella Mudford