



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!*

LEAGUE AND NETBALL IN DUNEDOO

We have 89 students playing either rugby league or netball in Dunedoo next Wednesday, 21 March. The rugby league boys will be participating in the Peachey Shield and the Richardson Cup while the girls will play in the Netball NSW Schools Cup. We all look forward to a day of fun, friends and fitness. The students competing include: Amity Chapman, Hudson Duffy, Mitchell Fuller, Brody Heffer, Hope Jones-Copelin, Eliza Larkin, Emma Mills, Darcy Morris, Eliza Mudford, Jonas Naden, William O'Connor, Tom Staggs, Emily Standing, Molly Temple, Stella Valler, Jordan Wighton, Tia Allan, Eva Bonnington, Abigail Davis, Beatie Davis, Rani Diamond, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Charlotte Ferguson, Alex Gaff, Declan Gale, Dakotah Gilmour, Kimbalee Gilmour, Lochie Henry, Rhyen Hutchison, Nick Kirsop, Ethan Morris, Alison Mudford, Jordan Neeves, Molly Nichols, Lilla Oehm, Emilia Peart, Henry Purvis, Jessie Riley, Ryder Ryan, Millie Spora, Grace Tancred, Brooke Woollams, Will Younghusband, Charlie Zell, Trinity Zell, Billie Allan, Chelsea Brand, Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Nick Gale, Paige Gilmour, Lucas Gleadhill, Ava Meyers, Lucy McIsaac, Samantha Naden, Mattea Purvis, William Spora, Ben Standing, Nicholas Tancred, Jeff Tarrant, Elten Walker, Camilla Beveridge, Rhys Bonnington, Kyzack Corcoran, Thomas Dunn, Emma Durrant, Jade Elsom, Breanna Foster, Layney Godber, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Ry Heffer, Daniel Kirsop, Isaiah McKenzie, Chloe Mudford, Dylon Murray, Darcy Neeves, Jack Oehm, Luke O'Neill, Oscar Spora, Sarah Temple, Aiden Walker, Molly Wilson, Jerome Woodrow, Kate Woollams, Bailey Wykes and Emily Zell.

Thanks to all of the families who have volunteered to transport children to and from Dunedoo. A note has gone home today with travel arrangements.

SPORT – NEXT WEEK

PRIMARY SPORT (Years 3-6) - will take place next Wednesday.

INFANT SPORT (Years K-2) – will take place as normal next Thursday at the pool.

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS – Friday, 16 March

Years 3-6 will be attending the St Patrick's Day Mass that will be celebrated tomorrow, Friday, 16 March 2018 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. Our Year 5 students also visited Cooe Lodge today and entertained the residents as part of their St Patrick's Day celebrations.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We have planned a day full of fun and celebrations for Monday, 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. **SPORT UNIFORM** is to be worn on Monday and please remember to bring your swimmers!

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 are able to loan us a biscuit with ropes, could you please let us know.

DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

Over the past couple of weeks we have been running trials at school for all those Year 5 and 6 students who were interested in attending the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials to be held in Bathurst on Friday, 23 March. The sports include rugby league, netball, soccer and rugby union. The sportsmanship and enthusiasm of every single child has been absolutely fantastic. Children who have been selected will be advised tomorrow.

YEAR OF YOUTH

Accompanying today's About is the Year of Youth brochure. We encourage you to read and reflect on the positive messages that have been presented.

THE DENTISTS OF GILGANDRA

Also with today's Newsletter is a brochure regarding kid's dental care provided by The Dentists of Gilgandra.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 24 March

Only ONE Week Away – We Need Your Help!

Thank you to those who have offered to help out with the running of the St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball. Unfortunately, we still need more help!

Wednesday, 21 March 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: **We have two (2) helpers! We need more.**

Thursday, 22 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: **We have one (1) helper! We need more.**

Friday, 23 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: **We have one (1) helper! We need more.**

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

Saturday, 24 March

Kitchen Hands (6:00 p.m.→) **We have two (2) helpers! We need more.**
Washing Up Helpers (8:00 – 10:00 p.m.) **We have NO helpers! We need YOU!**

Slice / savoury donations: **We have two (2) donors. More are needed.**

BAR: Thank you to those who have offered to help in the bar. We could still do with more helpers for the shifts from 9:00 p.m. onwards. If you don't feel confident working behind the bar, we do need people to collect glasses.

DRY BAR: **We have one helper! Please help.**

Sunday, 25 March 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

At the moment we have six (6) 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. Please try and give an hour or so of your time. Write your name down on the roster sent home last week and return it to school by Tuesday, 21 March.

BALL WORKING BEE – Saturday, 17 March

The next working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 17 March at 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.

READERS AT EASTER MASSES

Father Greg has invited children to be readers during the Holy Week and Easter Masses. Anyone wishing to participate should see Mrs Banks.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday, 26 March. Each child was provided with an envelope with last week's About containing 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. Please return payments by cash or cheque to the school in the envelopes provided. A separate envelope must be used for each child. **ALL PHOTOS NEED TO BE PAID FOR PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY.** If you have more than one child at school and would like a family photo taken, special envelopes are available from the office.

EAR BUS

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be visiting our school tomorrow, Friday, 16 March to deliver their free healthy ears program and targeted hearing testing. This is a project run by the Dubbo District Parent Support Group for Deaf/Hearing Impaired. This group of dedicated local volunteers have been fundraising since 2012 to pay appropriate professionals to bring healthy ears lessons and free hearing testing back into our schools to help our children achieve better learning outcomes.

VISIT BY ST STANISLAUS' COLLEGE, BATHURST

Representatives from St Stanislaus College, Bathurst will visit our school on Tuesday, 20 March 2018 from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. for an information session regarding the education opportunities available at 'Stannies'. For those parents and students from years 4, 5 and 6 who would like to attend would you please RSVP to Mrs Fuller or Mrs Hodge in the office by Monday, 19 March. Breakfast will be provided.

THE VEGETABLE PATCH

At the patch we have been busy planting potatoes in pots and sacks. We just planted sugar snap peas and Dwarf Borlotti beans which we germinated in the mini green house. Due to the warm weather we have to make sure that we water the plants every day. We put most of the sugar snap peas and Borlotti beans in the ground but a couple of them need more time to grow in the mini green house. *Written by Casey Gaff & Mrs Kilby*

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Akhiro Baker** for 'Giving of Your Best' in all class activities, **Heidi Colwell** for creating a fantastic Iguana, **Lucy Profke** for drawing a super picture of her favourite part of the Kinder Liturgy, **Archie Valler** for great work hefting objects to find the heaviest and **Milla Morris** for excellent effort sounding out words when writing her weekend recount.

YEAR 1: **Ashley Gilmour** for good work in Comprehension, **Tilly Tancred** for great participation in class discussions and **Nikola Riley** for a wonderful effort in all areas.

YEAR 2: **Alex Cosier** for being a super enthusiastic Scientist, **Olivia Westwood** and **Tilla Chandler** for great enthusiasm during free writing sessions, **Lachlan Profke** and **Sailor Ryan** for trying hard in Maths and **Mia Ferguson** for working hard in Spelling groups.

YEAR 3: **Brody Heffer**, **Stella Valler**, **Emma Mills** and **Emily Standing** for writing great narratives about a haunted house.

YEAR 4: **Tableigh Davey** and **Alison Mudford** for thinking imaginatively to construct an entertaining narrative, **Declan Gale** for making positive contributions to History discussions and activities, **Charlie Zell** for being an enthusiastic member of Year 4 and **Trinity Zell** for always treating her peers and teachers with respect.

YEAR 5: **Paige Gilmour** for working hard to find a main idea in Comprehension groups, **Chelsea Brand** for working diligently on all set tasks, **Harry Mudford** and **Ryan Ferguson** for working hard to find the number patterns in Maths.

YEAR 6: **Kyzack Corcoran** for excellent work with adverbs in Grammar, **Emily Zell** for making accurate inferences in reading groups, **Layne Godber** for accurate work with long division and **Jack Oehm** for great work with column graphs.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7

Friday, 16 March - St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Yrs 3-6) 10:30 a.m.
- Hearing Bus – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, 17 March - Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

WEEK 8

Monday, 19 March - St Joseph's Day Celebrations – Liturgy (K-6) - 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool
Wednesday, 21 March - Peachey/Richardson Footy/NSW Netball Cup at Dunedoo

- Primary Sport
Thursday, 22 March - Principals' Meeting
Friday, 23 March - Diocesan Winter Sports Trials
- Shell Questacon – K-2 – 12:00 to 1:00 p.m., 3-6 – 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, 24 March - St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball

Sunday, 25 March - Palm Sunday

WEEK 9

Monday, 26 March - School Photos
Tuesday, 27 March - School Spelling Bee Finals – Years 3/4
Wednesday, 28 March - School Spelling Bee Finals – Years 5/6
- Kinder Cocee Visit – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 29 March - Holy Thursday
- Stations of the Cross (Years 3-6) – 12:30p.m.

- Infants Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, 30 March - Good Friday

Sunday, 1 April - Easter Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kinder have enjoyed reading the nursery rhyme 'Itsy Bitsy Spider'. We also made some fantastic looking spiders in Art. We all tried very hard to write interesting sentences about the story. In Maths we learnt how to add two numbers together, recognise, sort and describe coins and draw 2D shapes. The parable of 'The Good Shepherd' was our Religion focus this week and we recalled how a shepherd looks after his sheep just like Jesus looks after us. In History this week we discussed all the different types of families that people belong to and how many brothers and sisters we have. We hope everyone has a happy St Patrick's Day!

Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 This week in Maths we have been investigating odd and even numbers, number lines with addition and 3D shapes. In Religion we visited the Church to look at the Easter Candle and Baptismal Font as part of our unit of work on Baptism. We have enjoyed hearing everyone's News about groups they belong to and in Science we discussed the seasons. 'Possum Magic' by Mem Fox is our Literature unit focus and we have been completing fun English activities based on this wonderful book. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 It has been a busy week and everyone has worked hard in Maths. We looked at clockwise and anti-clockwise positions, multiplications, data tables and bridging to ten. During Religion we discussed St Patrick's life and why he is the patron Saint of Ireland. We also enjoyed hearing some bible stories. Next week is St Joseph's Day and we are all very excited to celebrate this special day. St Joseph was a remarkable man and we looked at the role he played during the life of Jesus. Bring your swimmers next Monday everyone for a fun afternoon at the pool. Have a great weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 has been busy writing a narrative titled 'What a Mess!'. It has been interesting reading the wide variety of storylines on this theme. The children have been trying hard to write exciting orientations to captivate the reader. We are also working on an activity about our grandparents which we will have on display for our special Grandparents Day later in the term. In Art we are creating some 'Funky Easter Egg Artworks' and they are looking fabulous. We are looking forward to celebrating St Patrick's Day tomorrow and sharing in the fun of St Joseph's Day on Monday - don't forget to wear your sports uniform and bring your swimmers. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell

YEAR 4 Who can believe it is Week 7 already? This week in Year 4 we have been writing some fabulous narratives which are all sounding amazing. During Maths we have been investigating the jump strategy for addition as well as the properties of trapeziums and parallelograms. During History we have been investigating the arrival of the British in Australia as well as spending some time identifying the difference between primary and secondary sources. In Religion we have begun looking at the importance of us being selfless during this time. We are also looking forward to St Joseph's Day next Monday. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 is hard at work this week revising multiplication by 2 digit numbers and looking at the link between percentages, decimals and fractions. Our Grammar focus is conjunctions and how we can use these to create more complex sentences in our writing. We have finished reading our class novel and are now reading the author's notes which explain how Jackie French uses facts and fiction in her writing. Next Monday everyone will present their speeches - it seems everyone has been busy practising using their palm cards. We enjoyed going to Cocee Lodge today to entertain the residents with an Irish jig and some jokes and we look forward to celebrating Mass for St Patrick's Day tomorrow! To be sure! To be sure!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 This week Year 6 has had a lot of fun preparing our synchronised swimming routine for St Joseph's Day! Keep up the great enthusiasm Year 6! In the classroom during Maths we have been learning about division and fractions of a whole. We have written procedures this week titled 'How to build a...'. Our Grammar focus has been on pronouns. We discussed why we need pronouns in writing for a text to make sense. In Art we have finished off our 'thinking artwork', where we drew lots of things that we like to daydream about. Have a great weekend!

Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 16 March – Melanie Ferguson & Helen Oates

Monday, 19 March – Shalyn Chandler & Anna Mudford

Wednesday, 21 March – Paula Purvis & Chris Monk

Friday, 23 March – Simone Fordham & Rachel McMahon

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 18 March – Emily Zell & Jett Tarrant

