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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!

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Next Saturday, 25 March

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 next Saturday. Unfortunately we still need more help!

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

Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall: **We have seven helpers. A few more are needed.**

Friday, 24 March 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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

Erecting the marquee and smokers' tent: **We have three helpers! We need more!**

Saturday, 25 March

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

Washing Up Helpers (8:00 – 10:00 p.m.) **We have NO helpers! We need YOU!**

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 one helper! Please help.**

Sunday, 26 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, 22 March.**

BALL WORKING BEE – Saturday, 18 March

The final Saturday working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 18 March at 9:00 a.m. in the old library. There are still lots of jobs to be done and any help would be greatly appreciated, so please try and be a part of this wonderful fundraiser.

KIDSLIT QUIZ

Congratulations to our very first KidsLit Team who participated in the KidsLit Quiz in Orange on Monday. The Joey's team consisting of **Bradley Kildey, Jennifer Ibe, Camilla Beveridge** and **Emily Zell** are to be commended on their effort to finish 20th out of 32 schools. Well done Joey's!

DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

As mentioned last week, we held 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 tomorrow, Friday, 17 March. The sports include rugby league, netball, soccer and rugby union. The sportsmanship and enthusiasm shown by every single child was fantastic. Those students who were selected are as follows: **Ella Wykes, Rani Diggs, Molly Wilson, Olivia McClelland, Tayarna McKenzie, Kelsey Hutchison, Layney Godber, Tylah Anforth, Bradley Kildey, Joshua Purvis, Will Gaff, Finn Marchant, Marshall Fairey, Rhys Bonnington, Darcy Neeves, Kyzack Corcoran, Luke O'Neill, Will Fuller, Isaac Grimshaw, Oscar Spora, Jacob Harland, Bailey Wykes, Rhys O'Neill, Zac Ferguson, Mason Fryers, Patrick Spora and Isaiah Gleadhill.**

ST PATRICK'S DAY MASS - Friday, 17 March

Years 3-6 will be attending the St Patrick's Day Mass that will be celebrated tomorrow, Friday, 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. Our Year 5 students will also visit Cooe Lodge at 2:00 p.m. to entertain the residents as part of their St Patrick's Day celebrations.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

As Joseph's Day falls on a Sunday this year, we have planned a day full of fun and celebrations for Monday, 20 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 **1:40 p.m.** Year 6 Synchronised Swimming, dancing in the pool, biscuit fun and a free swim.

All students are to wear their sports uniform on Monday and bring their 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 could loan us a biscuit with ropes, could you please let us know.

WELCOME MRS FERGUSON

We welcome Mrs Jacinta Ferguson to the St Joey's staff this week. Mrs Ferguson commenced work today and will be working as a School Assistant helping children with literacy and numeracy from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.. We hope Jacinta enjoys her time working at St Joey's.

MOORAMBILLA VOICES 2017 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 next Tuesday, 21 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! A note went home to interested students last week. If you haven't received a note and would like your child to attend these workshops, please contact the school to obtain a note. All permission notes must be returned to school by Monday, 20 March. **Only those children with written permission will be permitted to attend the workshops on 21 March.**

GOOD LUCK TO OUR SUPER SWIMMERS

We wish our super swimmers, **Luke O'Neill**, who will be competing in the Junior 50 m Breaststroke and the Junior Boys Relay team consisting of **Bailey Wykes, Ryan Ferguson, Darcy Neeves** and **Luke O'Neill** the best of luck as they compete at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Swimming Championships to be held at Homebush next Wednesday, 22 March. The boys will not only be representing St Joey's but also the Diocese of Bathurst. Go Joey's!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday, 27 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 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.

EMPTY LUNCH CONTAINERS

We currently have two milk crates full of small plastic containers that the children have left at school which they have brought in for lunch/little lunch etc. These have accumulated only since the beginning of the year! Please feel free to call in have a look to see if you own any of them. Unfortunately, we will have to dispose of any that are left at the end of term.

AUSSIE HOOPS BASKETBALL

Aussie Hoops introduces children to basketball in a structured environment. The program consists of warm up games and skilled activities. Aussie Hoops is for boys and girls aged 5-10 years and will run on Wednesdays from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. at the Gilgandra Youth Club. The cost is \$20.00.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Ashley Gilmour and Georgia Allan for writing great stories about 'Meg the Witch', Anna Walker for being a kind and considerate class member, Jeremiah Woodrow for working hard to sound out words when writing, Mia Mudford for taking care with all her work, Baxter Whitehouse for a top effort learning sight words and David McIsaac for top reading.

YEAR 1: Alex Cosier for an excellent effort with home reading and sight words, Xanthe Gale for thoughtful and prayerful responses during Religion, Jack Gibson for excellent bookwork and Poppy-Grace Newton for working hard in Maths.

YEAR 2: Emma Mills for creative work in Art, Darron Mulligan for clever work in Maths, Abbie Skinner for beautiful work in Religion, Stuart Wheatley for trying hard in Maths Operations and Alicia Fordham for being a caring and considerate class member.

YEAR 3: Trinity Zell for 'Giving Of Her Best' in Spelling, Henry Purvis for giving some fantastic examples of adjectives in Grammar and Emilia Peart for her super recount of her Fijian holiday.

YEAR 4: Nick Gale for sharing fantastic responses with the class during our Word of the Week activities, Dylan Tobin for working well in Maths Operations and Grace Winter for an improved effort with handwriting.

YEAR 5: Kyzack Corcoran for improvement in his recall of times tables, Rhys Bonnington and Jack Oehm for completing all tasks with enthusiasm and Oscar Spora for excellent contributions to class discussions.

YEAR 6: Rhys O'Neill and William Gaff for excellent work with fractions, decimals and percentages, Joshua Purvis for correctly identifying verbs in sentences and Jack Purvis for creating a beautiful Grandparents Day artwork.

WHAT'S ON

<u>WEEK 7 -</u>	Year 5 Reconciliation
Friday, 17 March	- St Patrick's Day Mass – Year 5 (Years 3-6) – 10:30 a.m.
	- Year 5 to Cooee Lodge – 2:00 p.m.
	- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials – Bathurst
Saturday, 18 March	- Ball Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.

<u>WEEK 8</u>	
Monday, 20 March	- St Joseph's Day Celebrations – Mass (K-6) – 12:00 p.m. followed by fun at the pool
Tuesday, 21 March	- Moorambilla Trials
	- Principals' Meeting
Wednesday, 22 March	- NSW CPS Swimming
Friday, 24 March	- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials back-up date
	- Ear Bus
Saturday, 25 March	- St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball

<u>WEEK 9</u>	
Monday, 27 March	- School Photos
Tuesday, 28 March	- School Spelling Bee Finals – Years 3/4
	- REC Meeting
Wednesday, 29 March	- School Spelling Bee Finals – Years 5/6
	- Junior Joey's visit to Cooee Lodge
Thursday, 30 March	- Year 3 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

<u>WEEK 10 -</u>	Year 3 Reconciliation
Tuesday, 4 April	- P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 5 April	- Kinder Cooee Visit – 11:00 a.m.
	- Year 5 Excursion to Cactus World
Friday, 7 April	- Last Day Term 1
Sunday, 9 April	- Palm Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER It's been a real challenge brainstorming words that begin with 'i' for igloo this week. Our sound next week is 'f' for fish. The nursery rhyme we have been reading is 'Hickory Dickory Dock'. We have completed a variety of activities around this rhyme including labelling pictures and a close passage. We also wrote a sentence to match a picture from the rhyme. During Maths we counted groups of objects and the students were introduced to addition. In History we defined artefacts and identified objects from the past and present. During Religion we read "The Lost Sheep" and illustrated all the ways the good shepherd protects his sheep. Happy St Patrick's Day for tomorrow. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 This week Year 1 has enjoyed reading "Possum Magic" by Mem Fox. We talked about the images in the book and how Julie Vivas drew 'Hush' when he was invisible. In Maths we are trying hard to share objects equally, complete number patterns and distinguish between vertical and horizontal lines. Thank you to everyone who has brought in their family trees. We are enjoying finding out about our family members. Leprechauns have been our art activity this week and they are looking good – to be sure, to be sure!!! We hope everyone enjoys their weekend! *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 It's been a busy week in Year 2 and we began our exciting new pirate story, "The Pirate Cruncher" – it was full of twists and turns and very scary! In Maths we covered tricky bridging to ten, place values and digital time. During Religion we read about 'Herman the Caterpillar' who changed into a beautiful butterfly – just like us, changing into better people during Lent. We can't wait to have fun at the St Joey's Day celebrations on Monday. Thank you to the mums who've kindly accepted the challenge to cook some cupcakes for our class! Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week Year 3 has begun work on expositions. As a class we wrote a persuasive text about 'Cats are better than dogs' and then, in pairs, we will write an exposition disagreeing with this statement. In Maths we applied the 'jump' strategy to addition problems and investigated the division symbol. In Science we have been exploring how substances alter when heat is added and documenting these interesting changes. In Art we had great fun drawing and colouring the Lorax and creating a PowerPoint about ourselves on the computers. We are all looking forward to celebrating St Patrick's Day tomorrow and having lots of fun at the pool on Monday to celebrate St Joseph's Day. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 This week Year 4 has been doing some fantastic work in the classroom. During Maths we have been improving our knowledge of times tables along with investigating parallelograms and trapeziums. During English we have been finishing off our class narrative and completing the assessment for this text type. Science with Mrs Colwell was brilliant as we did an experiment looking at heat. On Wednesday we found time to explore Google docs in our ICT lesson. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 has been focusing on "point of view" for our Word of the Week. We have discussed the need to understand the characters and even the author's point of view when we are reading a text. This has complimented our exposition writing task as we try to persuade the reader to agree with our opinion! All Year 5 students presented their first speech titled "All About Me". Everyone is to be congratulated on the high standard of their speech. Year 5 are also looking forward to celebrating St Patrick's Day tomorrow with Mass and then after lunch we go to Cooee Lodge to entertain the residents with a jig and some jokes! We hope our Irish eyes will be smiling! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 has had a lot of fun this week preparing for our synchronised swimming routine for St Joey's Day! Keep up the great enthusiasm Year 6! In the classroom we have been learning about division and side-by-side column graphs in Maths. We finished publishing our information reports on the computers this week. Our Grammar focus has been on pronouns. We discussed why we need pronouns in writing for a text to make sense. In Art we created our 'Asian inspired fans' from our Geography unit 'A Diverse and Connected World'. Have a great weekend! *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 17 March – Amy Spora & Anna Peart
Monday, 20 March – **Volunteer required**
Wednesday, 22 March – Katherine Gaff & Melissa Hanson
Friday, 24 March – Nat Mudford & Belinda Murray

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 19 March – Dennis Gale, Zac Ferguson, Will Fuller, Mason Fryers

