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Term 1 Week 8

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Thought for the Week

May your blessings out number the shamrocks that grow

And may you find happiness wherever you go!

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 19 March

Presentation of Debutantes - 8:00 p.m.

Many thanks to those who have volunteered to work at the Ball. If you have not volunteered yet, it's not too late. **More helpers are still needed particularly erecting the marquee and smokers' tent tomorrow, in the kitchen and on the Dry Bar on Saturday night and to tidy up on Sunday.** Let us know or just turn up. Here is the timetable for the weekend:

Friday, 18 March

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Setting up tables, decorating and preparing the hall

10:00 a.m. Erecting the marquee and smokers tent

Saturday, 19 March - At the Ball

6:00 p.m. onwards - Kitchen Hands

8:00 - 10:00 p.m. - Washing Up Helpers

7:00 - 1:00 a.m. - Bar 7:00 - 12:00 p.m. - Dry Bar

Sunday, 20 March

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon - Pulling down and packing up

Everyone received a roster today. The committee has worked extremely hard to ensure the success of this year's ball. If anyone can lend a hand for a couple of hours, it would be greatly appreciated.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Year 5 prepared a special St Patrick's Day Mass that was celebrated today. Years 3-6 joined in this Mass in honour of St Patrick. Our Year 2 students also performed some special items for the residents of Cooee Lodge for their St Patrick's Day celebrations. *Happy St Patrick's Day to you all!*

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 this Friday, 18 March. The sportsmanship and enthusiasm of every single child was absolutely fantastic. Congratulations to all the students. Congratulations to the following who will represent St Joey's at the trials: **Amber Tarrant, Mary Westwood, Laura Smith, Aliza Purvis, Finn Marchant, Lachlan Riley, Will Gaff (Soccer), Madison Hourigan, Ashleigh Carlow, Olivia Ferguson, Abby Tate, Rani Diggs (Netball), Charlie Banks (Rugby Union) and Jacob Wilson, Hamish Beveridge, Jett Grimshaw, Patrick Spora, Rhys O'Neill, William Fuller, Mason Fryers, Isaiah Gleadhill and Thomas Durrant (Rugby League).**

DIOCESAN SCHOOL LEARNING REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

This year our school will be undergoing a Diocesan School Learning Review and Development process (DSLDRD) conducted by the Catholic Education Office on 5-6th May (Week 2 of Term 2). There was a letter with last week's About addressed to all parents from the Catholic Education Office regarding this process. As you will see they are asking the input of parents via a survey. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PARENTGIL2016> The survey closes on tomorrow, Friday, 18 March.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY- Saturday, 19 March

A Diocesan Celebration is being held in Wellington this Saturday, 19 March, that day being the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Sisters of St Joseph in Penola, South Australia. This is also an opportunity to celebrate the presence of the Sisters in our Diocese since 1872. The Sisters are very keen for the schools to be involved and Mr Musgrave and our school captains and vice captains will represent our school at this special Mass. Anyone else wishing to attend are warmly invited.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

As St Joseph's Day falls on a Saturday this year, we have planned a day full of fun and celebrations for next Monday, 21 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.

SPORTS UNIFORM ON MONDAY

The children are to wear their sports uniform on Monday for St Joseph's Day. Thursday will still be sports day as normal and we will be going to the pool (weather permitting). The children may wear either their sports uniform or school uniform on Thursday.

KINDER COOEE VISIT

Our Kinder class will visit Cooee Lodge next Tuesday, 22 March at 11:30 a.m. bearing gifts. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to spread some Easter cheer.

EAR BUS

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be visiting our school next Wednesday, 23 March to test children's hearing. We've had a wonderful response from parents requesting hearing tests for their children. We will endeavour to have as many children tested as possible on Wednesday, but if your child misses out this time, they will be checked out when they next visit our school.

PROJECT COMPASSION

At the beginning of Lent a Project Compassion box was sent home to each family. Project Compassion is a Lenten program that Caritas Australia focuses on each year. Caritas Australia is a Catholic agency for overseas aid and development. We hope that whenever you've been emptying your pockets you have been able to 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 boxes back to school during next week so that we can present all our donations during the Holy Thursday Mass.** 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.

HOLY THURSDAY MASS

All children are invited to join in the Offertory Procession during Holy Thursday Mass next Thursday, 24 March at 7:00 p.m. This Mass is where we will offer our Project Compassion boxes.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday, 4 April. Each child has 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.

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 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.

GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY

Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old on Wednesday, 6 April to celebrate Grandparents Day. The day begins at 10:30 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.***

BUS SAFETY

Just a reminder to all those children who travel by bus, if seat belts are fitted on the bus they travel on, children are required by law to wear them.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** Te Mana Diamond for being kind to others, Mia Ferguson for giving of her best in her writing, Sophie Gilmour for giving of her best when naming the days of the week, Evie Peart for being a happy and cheerful member of Kindergarten, Sailor Ryan for giving of his best in counting to 20 and Layla Wykes for contributing to discussions on 'how we know it is going to rain'. **YEAR 1:** Lucas Fong for reading with expression, Molly Temple for trying hard in Spelling, Jaida Tarrant for being reverent in Mass and Jonas Naden for a super effort with homework.

YEAR 2: Carter Chapman for super work in Spelling, Declan Gale for great contributions to class discussions, Beatie Davis for wonderful work in Problem A Day and Operations, Molly Nichols for working hard in Sentence A Day and Spelling and Taylor Hayes for beautiful reading and super spelling. **YEAR 3:** Lucy McIsaac for writing outstanding sentences, Lucy Kilpatrick for terrific results in Spelling, Will Spora for being a good listener, Jett Tarrant for producing an excellent narrative called "Lost!", Grace Winter for working hard in Operations and Ryley Smith for joining in our spelling game. **YEAR 4:** Oscar Spora for working well to read compass points, Luke O'Neill seeking assistance when needed while solving Maths Operations, Kyzack Corcoran for completing all tasks with a positive attitude and Rhys Bonnington for putting great thought into all writing tasks. **YEAR 5:** Anton Davis, Rani Diggs and Marshall Fairey for writing and presenting great speeches about themselves. **YEAR 6:** Billie Buckland for carefully using her research skills to write an information report, Heidi Purvis for great work with analogue time and Amber Tarrant for showing enthusiasm during Maths Warm Up.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 8

Friday, 18 March	-	Diocesan Winter Sports Trials
	-	School Review Surveys due
Saturday, 19 March	-	St Joseph's Mass Wellington
	-	Ball
Sunday, 20 March	-	Palm Sunday

WEEK 9 - Ear Bus

Monday, 21 March	-	St Joseph's Day – Mass (K-6) – 12:00 p.m. followed by celebrations at the pool
Tuesday, 22 March	-	Kinder Cooee Visit – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 23 March	-	Diocesan Winter Sports Trials back-up date
	-	Ear Bus
Thursday, 24 March	-	Holy Thursday
Friday, 25 March	-	Good Friday

WEEK 10 - Year 3 Reconciliation

Monday, 28 March	-	Easter Monday
Tuesday, 29 March	-	Spelling Bee (Years 3/4) 11:20
Wednesday, 30 March	-	Spelling Bee (Years 5/6) 11:20
	-	Junior Joeys to Cooee Lodge
Thursday, 31 March	-	Polding Swimming – Will Spora
	-	Stig Wemyss – Actor & Storyteller – Gil Public School 1:45 – 3:15 p.m. (Years 3-6)

WEEK 11

Monday, 4 April	-	School Photos
	-	The Annunciation Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 6 April	-	Grandparents Day
Thursday, 7 April	-	School Cross Country Trials
Friday, 8 April	-	Last Day Term 1

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER students have been very busy this week learning about capital letters, finger spacing and full stops in their writing and they are trying to use their sight words in their stories. Next week's sound is 'Dd' and thank you to

those students who contribute to the sound table each week. We have been reading "Hey Diddle Diddle" and been learning about 'characters' and 'setting'. In History we discussed what we can use to gather information about our families. During Mathematics we have been learning how to write numbers from 11 to 20 and focusing on what circles are and the difference between a sphere and a circle. Just a reminder for students to bring in a paint smock for Art and if anyone has any old newspapers – they would be much appreciated to use for Art as well. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 In Year 1 this week we have started discussing the Easter Story. We wrote about Palm Sunday and watched a short clip about Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem on the back of a donkey. In Religion we also found out all about St Patrick and listened to some Irish music - Happy St Patrick's Day everyone! We have enjoyed reading "Hunwick's Egg" by Mem Fox. We brainstormed some ideas about what animal we thought would hatch from Hunwick's egg. What a surprise we got when we found out it was just a stone! In Grammar we are focusing on verbs and we have enjoyed miming some actions for the class to guess. Counting by 10's and using a number line has really challenged us in Maths this week but we are trying really hard to master these strategies. We are enjoying Mrs Clarke teaching us for Science as we continue with our unit, 'Up, Down and All Around'. We are looking forward to seeing lots of family and friends at our St Joseph's Day Mass on Monday. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 Happy St Patrick's Day!! Today we celebrated St Patrick's Day with the residents of Cooee Lodge. Year 2 sang, danced and told some Irish jokes to entertain the crowd. In Grammar we are learning about pronouns and in Spelling are investigating plurals. In History we watched a clip about schools in the 1800's. We discussed all the differences we saw and depicted some of the changes between then and now. In Art we are enjoying creating a paper bag pirate and are looking forward to a fun filled day on Monday to celebrate St Joseph's Day. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week in Year 3 we've been busy learning about fractions. We learnt that the top number of a fraction is a numerator and the bottom number is called the denominator. We've also been trying to do some tricky additions using trading. In History we looked at the symbols that are used in Aboriginal art and how they are used to tell a story. During English we have been publishing our narratives titled "LOST!" and we are looking forward to sharing these with each other. Well done to everyone on the presentation of their News this week. We have enjoyed listening to everyone's opinions on what is better...football or dancing!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 4 Happy St Patrick's Day! Thanks to Year 5 for the lovely Mass we celebrated today. In Religion we have discussed repentance and the Sacrament of Penance along with St. Patrick. For Grammar we have looked at coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. During Comprehension we read the Dreamtime story of Biami and Bunyip then wrote our own narrative about Bunyip. During Maths we have practised division facts, used jump strategies to add and subtract along with identifying and describing the properties of parallelograms and trapeziums. Have a nice weekend and don't forget St Joseph's Day on Monday. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 Happy St Patrick's Day! Thank you to everyone who came along this morning to help us celebrate the feast of St Patrick. In class this week we have been working hard at learning how to write a discussion that is balanced and follows the correct structure. In Grammar we have been looking at conjunctions to further develop our sentence writing. Maths has seen us investigating measuring angles which has been lots of fun. We are all super excited to become Junior Joey's next Monday as we celebrate St Joseph's Day. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 Our synchronised swimming performance is looking excellent! Year 6 can't wait until St Joseph's Day! In the classroom we have been learning about fractions, angles and length in Maths. In Grammar we reviewed apostrophes. We have nearly finished publishing our information reports on the computers, only a few final touches to go. In Art we have been working on our 'Thinking' artwork. Good luck to all the boys and girls going to the Winter Sports Trials in Bathurst tomorrow! Have a wonderful weekend. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 18 March	– Heather Larkin and Rochelle Harmer
Monday, 21 March	– Kerry Fullbrook & Lorraine Hutchison
Wednesday, 23 March	– Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas
Friday, 25 March	– Good Friday

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 20 March – Marshall Fairey, Lachlan Fairey, Jacob Wilson, Jett Grimshaw