



ABOUT

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Term 1 Week 8

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Thought for the Week

You look best when you wear your smile. There is no beauty like the one that comes from inside you.

LEAGUE IN DUNEDOO

We wish our 35 students the very best of luck as they compete in Dunedoo today in the Peachey Shield and the Richardson Cup. 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 Younghusband, Harry Mudford, Lucas Gleadhill, Ben Harland, Cameron Davis, Jett Tarrant, Rhyan Hutchison, Eva Bonnington, Declan Gale, Lochie Henry, Henry Purvis, Blake Fairey, Rydah Whitehouse, Shane Estens.**

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We had a day full of fun and celebrations on Tuesday for 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. The festivities began with a lovely Mass in St Joseph's Church. During the Mass our newest members of the Junior Joey's received their badges. We then went to the pool and enjoyed class parties in honour of St Joseph. After the parties the Year 6 leaders were superb as they entertained us with their synchronised swimming routine. Then the whole school joined Year 6 in the pool for some groovy dancing. Finally, everyone got to have lots and lots of fun on the ski biscuits. Wow, what a great day! Many thanks to the Foran, Temple, Heffer, Schier, Alchin, Chandler and Ferguson families for lending us their ski biscuits.

JUNIOR JOEYS

With the guidance of the Sisters of St Joseph our school is part of a national program where students from Years 5 and 6 can choose to become junior members of the Josephite Association – Junior Joey's! The purpose of this program is to:

- LEARN about Mary MacKillop and the Sisters of St Joseph.
- PRAY for those in need.
- PRACTISE some form of outreach in the community.

Congratulations to the new members of the Junior Joey's who were presented with their badges at the St Joseph's Day Mass on Tuesday. Our new Junior Joey's are: **Tia Allan, Eva Bonnington, Tahleigh Davey, Abigail Davis, Beatie Davis, Rani Diamond, Sam Dunn, Shane Estens, Blake Fairey, Charlotte Ferguson, Alex Gaff, Declan Gale, Dakotah Gilmour, Kimbalee Gilmour, Taylor Hayes, Lochie Henry, Rhyan Hutchison, Michael Ibe, Grace Jones-Copelin, Nick Kirsop, Ethan Morris, Alison Mudford, Ella Mudford, Indi Murphy, Jordan Neeves, Molly Nichols, Lilla Oehm, Emilia Peart, Henry Purvis, Jessie Riley, Ryder Ryan, Millie Spora, Grace Tancred, Rydah Whitehouse, Brooke Woollams, Will Younghusband, Charlie Zell, Sienna Zell, Trinity Zell.**

PICTURE PLATES

This week is Picture Plate making week! Those children who are to create a plate at school are in the process of doing so in the library with Mrs McIsaac. For those wanting their child to create their plate at home and haven't yet collected a template from school, a template was sent home with your child yesterday. If your child has not received a template, please collect one from the school office. All templates taken home need to be completed and returned to school by **Monday, 25 March**. We also require payment for the Picture Plates and ask that you send \$22.00 per plate to the office by Monday.

YEARS 1 AND 4 MASS

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

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken next **Monday, 25 March**. Each child has 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.

NAPLAN ONLINE PRACTICE TEST

Our Years 3 and 5 students will be completing a NAPLAN Online Practice Test next Tuesday, 26 March. This involves a 45 minute omnibus test combining Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), Reading and Numeracy. This will provide an opportunity for students to experience the NAPLAN online assessment platform and to become familiar with the types of questions they will experience in the NAPLAN Online tests which will be held from 14-16 May.

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD MASS

The Annunciation of the Lord Mass will be celebrated next **Thursday, 28 March** at 10:30 a.m. Year 3 is preparing the Mass and all are most welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Mass.

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, 29 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.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 30 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. We are still in need of helpers in the following areas:-

- **ERECTING SMOKERS' TENT** on Friday, 29 March: **we only have ONE (1) helper! We need YOU!**
- **KITCHEN HANDS** (6:00 p.m.→) on night of ball: **we have two (2) helpers! We need more.**
- **WASHING UP HELPERS** (8:00 – 10:00 p.m.) on night of ball: **we have NO helpers! We need YOU!**
- **SLICE / SAVOURY DONATIONS:** We have six (6) donors. **More are needed.**
- **BAR:** **We have two (2) helpers! We need more.** If you don't feel confident working behind the bar, we do need people to collect glasses.
- **DRY BAR:** **We need helpers for the 10:00 p.m and 11:00 p.m. shifts.**
- **PULLING DOWN DECORATIONS** (9:00am – 12:00pm) on Sunday, 31 March: **we have five (5) 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, 26 March**.

BALL WORKING BEE – Saturday, 23 March

The next working bee for the ball will be held this Saturday, 23 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.

CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD – INDIVIDUAL ENTRIES 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 us know by next **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 or nursery rhymes. Transport to individual events must be arranged by the parents.

BOOKCLUB

Book Club orders for this term are due this **Friday, 22 March**. If you order on LOOP (online) you will receive a free library bag.

HEAD LICE

There have been reports of head lice at school. Could you please check your child/children's hair and treat if necessary.

ARMATREE DUST BUSTER BBQ

Escape the dust for a few hours this Sunday, 24 March and attend the Dust Buster BBQ at the Armatree Hotel from 4:00 p.m. There will be live music by Macquarie Mudflappers, a free BBQ, tea, coffee and slices as well as kids' activities including a jumping castle and face painting. Please RSVP to Kristy Cosier on 0408 651 666 or by email to kristycosier@gmail.com. This event is supported by Gilgandra Shire Council through funding from the Australian Government as part of the Drought Communities funding.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Parker Leven for trying hard to write his name and colour inside the lines, Caitlin Younghusband for great work in Maths recognising 2D shapes, Regan Johnson for greeting his teachers with a smile each morning and Adelaide Mudford for making a sensational spider picture in Art. **YEAR 1:** Mackenzie Skinner for always working hard in MiniLit, Archie Valler for taking care with the presentation of his work, Izakk Tarrant for great work counting on when adding, Bailey Dent for improved detail in his weekend recount writing and Eva Mulligan for a sensational effort with oral reading. **YEAR 2:** Isla Volkofsky for beautiful written work about St Patrick, Caine Bugmy for beautiful bookwork in Religion, Jagger Hazelton for excellent improvement in Reading, Mia Mudford for beautiful publishing of her recount, Ryder Larkin for making good progress in Problem A Day and Operations and Ruby Ryan for a colour hand printed rainbow in Art. **YEAR 3:** Xanthe Gale for conscientious work in all areas, Hayden Nichols for a great effort in Maths, Dimity Wykes for fabulous work in Spelling and Lara Younghusband for being a co-operative and helpful class member. **YEAR 4:** Brody Heffer for sharing strategies in Problem A Day activities in Maths, Bonica Henry for making positive contributions to class discussions, Eliza Larkin for brightening our classroom each day with a smile, Isabelle Mudford for being a responsible student who guides her peers positively in group work tasks and Abbie Skinner for creating a beautiful artwork based on warm and cool colours. **YEAR 5:** Beatie Davis for asking questions to clarify her understanding in Maths, Alison Mudford for displaying thorough working out in Maths, Jordan Neeves for using creative sizzling starts when writing expositions and Brooke Woollams for being a dedicated student who shows interest in all activities. **YEAR 6:** Alana Elsom for rising to the challenge with a positive attitude, especially in Maths, eg long division, Samantha Naden for always approaching a task with enthusiasm and determination, Harry Mudford for excellent research skills whilst writing an information report about pigs and Jett Tarrant for his ability to produce sensational bookwork. Keep up the super neat work!

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 8 Years 3 & 4 Reconciliation Picture Plate Making Week

Thursday, 21 March	- 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	- NAPLAN Online Practice Test – Years 3 & 5 - 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, Bathurst
Saturday, 30 March	- St Joseph's P & F Debutante Ball

WEEK 10

Monday, 1 April	- Paint Australia REaD Book Relay
Tuesday, 2 April	- Spelling Bee Finals – Years 3/4 – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 3 April	- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials back-up date
Thursday, 4 April	- Spelling Bee Finals – Years 5/6 – 10:00 a.m. - School Cross Country Trials – 11:20 a.m.

WEEK 11

Tuesday, 9 April	- Kinder Cooee Visit – 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, 10 April	- Year 5 to Cactus World
Thursday, 11 April	- Rugby 7s Warren
Friday, 12 April	- Last Day Term 1 - Stations of the Cross (Years 3-6) – 12:30 p.m. - Infants Easter Egg hunt - Portfolios home
Sunday, 14 April	- Palm Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER What a fabulous week we have had in Kinder. St Joseph's Day was amazing! Kinder loved leading the whole school in our school song at Mass, followed by a great afternoon of fun and celebration at the pool. A big thank you to Emma Hayes for making our delicious cupcakes. During Maths this week we have concentrated on the numeral 5, established the concept of one half being two equal parts and described the position of objects using words like behind, in front of and next to. In PDHPE we discussed what it means to be active and we listed some activities that we like to do to keep our bodies healthy. During History we created a picture graph recording how many people in our family. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 What a busy week! We enjoyed celebrating St Joseph's Day on Tuesday with a lovely Mass and a trip to the pool. A big thank you to Penny Zell and Michelle O'Brien for baking us some delicious cupcakes to share. During Religion we have been preparing for our Mass this Sunday with Year 4. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Our grammar focus this week has been verbs. We watched a clip about verbs and brainstormed a long list of them. Year 1 has enjoyed writing a recount of St Joseph's Day. We concentrated greatly on elaborating each event we wrote about. Maths lessons this week have focused on addition combinations to 10, identifying and modelling half of a collection and using chance words to describe the likelihood of events. Have a nice weekend. See you on Sunday! *Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 2 What a beautiful Mass we had on Tuesday to celebrate a very special Saint – St Joseph. We then had an awesome time at the pool and Captain Musgrave and the Year 6 leaders took us on some stormy rides on the biscuit – thank you, it was a lot of fun! Thank you to Mia and Jacob for making the Year 2 cupcakes – they were delicious! In the classroom we revised Maths concepts covered so far and then looked at tricky bridging to ten, place value and 3D properties. The Grammar focus was on pronouns (he, she, they, us) and collective nouns. We took a playground walk to identify how buildings have changed from the past to the present as part of our History unit. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Wow! What a busy week it has been. We celebrated a lovely St Joseph's Day Mass on Tuesday followed by our fun filled activities at the pool. Wasn't the weather just perfect? Thank you to Vaughan and Jemima's mums for providing our class with some delicious, yummy treats. In Maths we have looked at subtraction patterns, halves, quarters and eighths and pyramids. During Text Types we wrote a timed piece of writing titled 'What A Mess'. While yesterday we began writing a narrative with a partner to try and make our writing more interesting and entertaining. We have also begun preparing for our Mass next Thursday for the Feast of The Annunciation. It would be lovely if you could come along and join in our celebration. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 4 Wow, we can't believe it's Week 8 already! Where is the time going? We have had lots of fun this week, especially on Tuesday during St Joseph's Day activities. The students loved dancing in the water, having races in the blow-up biscuits and supporting our Year 6 class in their dance. A big thank you to Mrs Fordham, Mrs Skinner and Mrs Staggs who made patty cakes for us to share, they were delicious! In Science this week, Year 4 learnt how to make a pie graph on the computer. In Maths, we have started looking at fractions and drawing three-dimensional shapes. We are also writing a narrative involving all the Seven Steps we have learnt about this term. We are looking forward to seeing our family and friends at our Years 1 and 4 Mass this Sunday morning. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 We had a fabulous celebration for St Joseph's Day on Tuesday and congratulations to all our new Junior Joeys! We thank Indi Murphy, Henry Purvis, Eva Bonnington and Will Younghusband for bringing yummy cakes for our class party! During Maths we have looked at finding the area of a circle, revised 24 hour time and practised using a protractor. In Science we have been researching different desert plants and how they survive and thrive in such harsh conditions. We will be able to use this knowledge when we visit "Cactus World" in a couple of weeks. It was wonderful to listen to the speeches earlier in the week. Congratulations to everyone for presenting such fantastic speeches! *Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 The weeks are certainly flying by! I would like to personally congratulate Year 6 on their awesome job on St Joseph's Day! As a new teacher to Joey's, I was thrilled to be a part of the special day and thank my class for their hard work and dedication to our performance! A huge thank you to Mrs Banks for helping us organise everything. Thanks also to Mrs McIsaac, Mrs Naden & Mrs Gilmour for our beautiful cupcakes. In the classroom we have been mastering many skills including long division in Maths. What a mammoth effort the students have put in upskilling themselves, all with a positive attitude! In Writing we have begun implementing the Seven Steps into our persuasive pieces, which the students are loving. Our Grammar focus has been the apostrophe, which is strengthening our overall writing and editing skills. What a great week. *Miss Jess Seaman*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 22 March – Jodie Johnson & Jo Lummiss
Monday, 25 March – Roslyn Zell & Sue Profke
Wednesday, 27 March – Tanya Hutchison & Shiree Ryan
Friday, 29 March – Sarah Adams & Rebecca Medd

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 24 March – Lucy McIsaac, Grace Winter, Dakotah Gilmour

