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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.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 24 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, 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, 23 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, 24 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, 25 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 JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

We had a day full of fun and celebrations on Monday 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 communion Service in St Joseph's Church. During this service our newest members of the Junior Joey's received their badges. Following this we went to the pool where we 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 and Alchin families for lending us their ski biscuits.

JUNIOR JOEY'S

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 Joeys! 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 Joeys who were presented with their badges at the St Joseph's Day Service on Monday. Our new Junior Joey's are: **Billie Allan, Chelsea Brand, Jett Chandler, Cameron Davis, Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Casey Gaff, Nick Gale, Paige Gilmour, Lucas Gleadhill, Ben Harland, Lucy Kilpatrick, Ava Meyers, Lucy McIsaac, Harry Mudford, Samantha Naden, Mattea Purvis, William Spora, Ben Standing, Nick Tancred, Jett Tarrant, Elten Walker, Grace Winter, Jasmine Zell.**

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to our two footy teams who played in the Peachey Shield and Richardson Cup competitions held in Dunedoo yesterday. They competed in a total of eighteen games winning twelve and drawing one, which was an amazing achievement. What was more impressive was the outstanding spirit and determination displayed by all our players. Go Joey's! A special mention to Joey's Maroon who defeated St Matthew's Mudgee in a thrilling golden point decider to win the Richardson Cup. They will now play in the finals day to be held in Dubbo next term. Congratulations also to the Joey's Years 5/6 team who were gallant in defeat going down to Wellington Public School in the Peachey Shield semi-final. A big thank you to all those who came and supported our teams and thank you to Nathan Ferguson, Dean Ferguson, David Corcoran, David Bonnington, Scott Oehm and Clinton O'Connor for doing a great job coaching and helping out with the teams.

NSW NETBALL CUP

Well done to all five teams who played in Dunedoo yesterday. We had three Years 3/4 teams competing in the Gala Day and they played some challenging games against Gulgong Public and Dunedoo Central. The Jumping Joeys, Jolly Joeys and Jazzy Joeys all played with enthusiasm and determination and it was great to see their ball skills and footwork improving. Our Senior teams competed in the Years 5/6 Netball Cup and they played against Coolah Central and Gulgong Public. Our girls worked hard all day and their passing and movement around the court was impressive however the windy conditions made goal shooting tricky! The Joeys Giants were focused and their accurate passing and teamwork were excellent. The Joeys Jets also played strongly and were successful in making it into the top two teams who go on to playing in the Netball Cup in Orange in August. Well done to all 43 netballers. We were supported by Abby Tate, Maddison Hourigan, Breanna Dann and Brielle Reid from Gilgandra High School who umpired for us all day. Thank you girls.

DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

As mentioned last week we held trials at school for all those Years 5 and 6 students who were interested in attending the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials to be held in Bathurst tomorrow. The sports include rugby league, netball, soccer and rugby union. The sportsmanship and enthusiasm of every single child has been absolutely fantastic. Those children who will represent our school tomorrow include: **Molly Wilson, Sarah Temple, Camilla Beveridge, Emma Durrant, Kate Woollams, Jade Elsom (Netball), Jacob Harland, Darcy Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Will Spora, Nick Gale, Oscar Spora, Luke O'Neill, Nick Tancred, Hayden Ferguson (Rugby League), Dylon Murray, Cameron Davis (Soccer) and Aiden Walker, Jack Oehm and Elten Walker (Rugby Union).** We wish the best of luck to all our sportspeople.

SHELL QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS

The Shell Questacon Science Circus is a major outreach program from Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre in Canberra. A Science Circus experience is designed to stimulate and challenge students to explore science and technology for themselves. It includes an exciting and interactive presentation covering aspects of science in everyday life. The Science Circus is visiting our school tomorrow. Kinder to Year 2 students will be attending from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. while the Years 3-6 students will visit this exciting workshop from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken **this Monday, 26 March**. Each child has been provided with an envelope 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.

SUPER SPELLERS

Our school Spelling Bee Finals will be held next Tuesday, 27 March for Years 3 and 4 at 11:20 a.m. and Wednesday, 28 March for Years 5 and 6 at 11:20 a.m. Congratulations and good luck to these super spellers who have qualified for the school's finals. The Years 3 and 4 finalists include **Jessica Ibe, Michael Ibe, Tahleigh Davey, Eva Bonnington, Brooke Woollams, Jordan Neeves, Ethan Morris, Rhyen Hutchison, Indi Murphy, Lilla Oehm, Dakotah Gilmour, Jessie Riley, Taylor Hayes and Alex Gaff** while the Years 5 and 6 contestants will be **Camilla Beveridge, Ben Harland, Sarah Temple, Rhys Bonnington, Chloe Mudford, Kate Woollams, Dylon Murray, Jack Oehm, Hayden Ferguson and Layney Godber.** Well done to you all.

KINDER COOEE VISIT

Our Kinder class will visit Cooee Lodge next Wednesday, 28 March at 10:30 a.m. bearing gifts. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to spread some Easter cheer.

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.

ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding its Digital Technologies Competition on Tuesday, 8 May for children in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to enter this competition, please complete the tear-off slip attached to today's About and return it to school together with the \$9.00 entry fee. Entries must be received at school by Wednesday, 28 March.

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 on Thursday, 13 April at 7:00 p.m. This Mass is where we will offer our Project Compassion boxes.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Harrison Newton** for great illustrations of how the Good Shepherd protects his sheep, **Mitchell Cosier** for following instructions beautifully, **Jessie O'Connor** for making a great leprechaun for St Patrick's Day and **Olamide Kuku** for writing a lovely story about a leprechaun.

YEAR 1: **Elsie Adams** for good work in Spelling, **Bella Brand** for a wonderful effort when reading, **Jeremiah Woodrow** for super work in Maths and **Max Fiddes** for an interesting narrative about a monkey.

YEAR 2: **Xanthe Gale** for a fantastic effort in Maths, **Riley Hutchison** for being a more settled worker, **Poppy-Grace Newton** for great setting out in Problem A Day, **Dimity Wykes** for a great effort in free writing and **Lara Youngusband** and **Kenedi Hazelton** for lovely listening and careful work in Religion.

YEAR 3: **Bonnie Henry** for a great effort in Maths Operations, **Hope Jones-Copelin** for sensational work in Spelling, **Orlando Ryan** for a consistent effort in all areas and **Molly Temple** for trying hard in Comprehension.

YEAR 4: **Blake Fairey** for his continued efforts and enthusiastic approach to Mathematics, **Rhyan Hutchison** for contributing positively to class discussions, **Nick Kirsop** for persisting enthusiastically with all learning tasks, **Indi Murphy** for creative thinking in narrative writing and **Molly Nichols** for working hard to create a fantastic artwork.

YEAR 5: **Lucas Gleadhil** for working hard on new concepts in Problem A Day and Operations and **Chelsea Brand**, **Alana Elsom**, **Nick Gale**, **Lucy Kilpatrick** and **Grace Winter** for dancing a fantastic Irish jig.

YEAR 6: **Isaac Grimshaw** for showing lots of enthusiasm during our synchronized swimming practices, **Isaiah McKenzie** for designing his artworks with creativity, **Darcy Neeves** for excellent work with fractions and **Oscar Spora** for approaching long division problems with confidence.

WHAT'S ON

Friday, 23 March	- Diocesan Winter Sports Trials
	- Shell Quetacon – 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 Cooee Visit – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 29 March	- Holy Thursday
	- Stations of the Cross (Years 3-6) – 12:30p.m.
Friday, 30 March	- Good Friday
Sunday, 1 April	- Easter Sunday
WEEK 10 - Year 3 Reconciliation	
Monday, 2 April	- Easter Monday
Wednesday, 4 April	- Year 5 to Cactus World – 11:45 a.m.
Thursday, 5 April	- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
WEEK 11	
Monday, 9 April	- The Annunciation of the Lord Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, 10 April	- Grandparents Day
Friday, 13 April	- Last Day Term 1
HOLIDAYS	
Friday, 20 and	
Saturday, 21 April	- Gilgandra Show
Wednesday, 25 April	- ANZAC Day

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kinder students wrote a recount about what they enjoyed most about our St Joseph's Day celebrations. Many of us liked watching our Year 6 buddies dance in the pool and having a ride on the biscuit. A big thank you to Mrs Amanda Chandler for making our delicious cupcakes! In Maths we focused on the numeral 7 and we also explored the concept of making halves by cutting and eating fairy bread!! Yum! Our sound focus this week was 'd' and we read a fun, informative story called "There's a Diplodocus at my Door". We then wrote our own dinosaur story. In Religion we have started 'The Easter Story' beginning with the events of Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Kinder is very excited about visiting Cooee Lodge next week so please remember to return the permission note by Monday.

Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 What a fabulous day we had on Monday as we celebrated St Joseph's Day with a beautiful Liturgy and lots of fun at the pool. A big thank you to Mrs Tancred and Mrs Nichols for the delicious cakes. We also wrote a class recount about the day and our favourite activity. In Maths we consolidated our knowledge of halves and investigated number combinations to 10. In Religion we discussed the events of Palm Sunday and completed a Healthy Eating pie chart in PDH. In Art we used crayons to create a 'rubbing' technique of an autumn leaf to decorate our classroom tree. We can't wait to participate in the Shell Quetacon tomorrow. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 What a fabulous celebration for everyone on Monday – Happy St Joseph's Day! Thanks Captain Musgrave and tour crew of Year 6 helpers for the terrific biscuit rides at the pool. Thank you Sophie Gilmour and Riley Hutchison for supplying our yummy cupcakes. In the classroom we worked hard on 3D properties, digital time and counting on strategies in Maths and we wrote a recount of St Joseph's Day in Writing. We looked at the qualities of both St Patrick and St Joseph in Religion. We painted our hands in Art to make awesome handprint pirate pictures. Easter is around the corner and we are looking forward to creating some exciting Easter craft. Have a great weekend everyone.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Wow! What a busy week it has been. We celebrated a lovely St Joseph's Day Liturgy on Monday followed by our fun filled activities at the pool. Wasn't the weather just perfect? Thank you to Sheree Staggs for providing our yummy cakes. Congratulations to all those students who participated in the football and netball in Dunedoo yesterday, you did St Joey's very proud. Our Grammar focus this week has been on verbs and being able to identify the type of verbs in our sentences when writing. During our literature unit have continued to read "The Lorax" and discussed the meaning of the story.

In Maths we have looked at subtraction patterns, halves, quarters and eighths and pyramids, while in Science this week we looked at melting chocolate, ice cream and honey and we have predicted what will happen when we freeze them again. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell

YEAR 4 What a fantastic day we had on Monday celebrating St Joey's Day! A huge thank you to Dakotah's, Sienna's, Rhyan's and Beatie's families for providing us with some delicious cupcakes. We really enjoyed our celebrations at the pool. We also had a great day on Wednesday playing football and netball in Dunedoo. The students tried their best and should be really proud of themselves. We're looking forward to a wonderful Quetacon presentation tomorrow. In class, the students have been participating in engaging science experiments based on the topic 'Heating Up'. We have been studying adverbs in Sentence A Day and learning about fractions, the seven times tables and 3D objects in Mathematics. Students have also created some fabulous Easter Bunny artworks to decorate our classroom.

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 We had a fabulous celebration for St Joseph's Day on Monday and congratulations to all our new Junior Joey's! We thank Jasmine Zell, Harry Mudford, Casey Gaff and Grace Winter for bringing yummy cakes for our class party! During Maths we have learnt a shortcut for finding 10% of a number, looked at equivalent fractions 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!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 What a wonderful day we had celebrating St Joseph's Day! Well done Year 6 on such a great synchronised swimming performance! A big thank you to Kirsty McKenzie, Nikki Church and Rochelle Harmer for cooking the cupcakes for our celebration. In Maths we have been learning about number sentences and addition of 4 and 5 digit numbers. Our Grammar activities have focused on the use of the apostrophe. Well done to everyone who competed at Dunedoo yesterday, it was great to see lots of school spirit and all teams giving of their best!

Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 23 March – Simone Fordham & Tanya Hutchison
Monday, 26 March – Donna Wheatley & Lorraine Hutchison
Wednesday, 28 March – Sarah Hickey & Lorraine Thurlow
Friday, 30 March – **Good Friday**
ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER
Sunday, 25 March – Cameron Davis & Mason Fryers