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Term 1 Week 9

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Thought for the Week

A mind is like a parachute... it does not work if it is not open!

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

Saturday, 30 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 Kitchen Hands, Washing Up Helpers and on the Wet and Dry Bars on Saturday night and to tidy up on Sunday.** Let us know or just turn up. Here is the timetable for the weekend:

Saturday, 30 March - At the Ball

5:30 p.m. onwards – Kitchen Hands

7:30 – 10:00 p.m. – Washing Up Helpers

7:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. – Bar

7:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.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.

TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR BALL

It's not too late to purchase your tickets to the Ball. Tickets can be purchased at Kelly & Astill Lawyers or better still, why not get your friends together for a great night out and book a table! Tickets are \$35.00 each. The doors open at 7:30 p.m. with the debutantes being presented at 8:00 p.m. Finger food will be provided and bar facilities are available. Dress is formal. So for a great night out get your tickets and we will see you at the Ball!

LEAGUE IN DUNEDOO – CHAMPION TEAMS

St Joey's had a most successful day last Thursday when they competed at the Peachey Shield and Richardson Cup Gala day held in Dunedoo. Our Years 3/4 team which consisted of **Sailor Ryan, Toby Davis, Te Mana Diamond, Xanthe Gale, Riley Hutchison, Alex Cosier, Mitchell Fuller, Brody Heffer, Darcy Morris, Jonas Naden, Will O'Connor and Jordan Wighton** played in the Richardson Cup which is a non-competitive competition. All our players acquitted themselves very, very well playing three outstanding games of dominating tackling and running. Our Years 5/6 team consisted of **Elten Walker, Will Spora, Ryan Ferguson, Ben Standing, Nick Tancred, Nick Gale, Hayden Ferguson, Sam Dunn, Ryder Ryan, Will Youngusband, Harry Mudford, Lucas Gleadhill, Ben Harland, Cameron Davis, Jett Tarrant, Rhyan Hutchison, Eva Bonnington, Declan Gale, Lochie Henry, Henry Purvis, Blake Fairrey, Rydah Whitehouse and Shane Estens** and were divided into two teams. All players were again superb with one of the sides narrowly going down to St Matthew's Mudgee in the final. This side will now play at the finals day to be held in Dubbo next term. Congratulations to all our players for their fabulous school spirit and determination on the field. We were very proud of all the St Joey's teams. A big thank you to our coaches **Nathan Ferguson, Dean Ferguson and Nunka Pearce**. Their time and expertise ensured all our teams were well prepared.

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: **Sam Naden, Grace Tancred, Lucy McIsaac, Rani Diamond, Trinity Zell, Billie Allan (Netball), Sam Dunn, Ryder Ryan, Will Spora, Ryan Ferguson, Hayden Ferguson, Nick Tancred, Ben Standing (Rugby League), Will**

Youngusband, Eva Bonnington (Rugby Union), Jordan Neeves, Alex Gaff, Beatie Davis, Henry Purvis, Ryan Hutchison, Nick Kirsop, Lochie Henry, Charlie Zell (Soccer). We wish the best of luck to all our sportspeople.

PAINT AUSTRALIA READ BOOK RELAY

A small team of volunteers are travelling across Australia from Perth to the Pacific, stopping at communities enroute, to celebrate with them the importance of reading with their children. Instead of passing on a book, the team will be building a book as they go. Our school has been invited to contribute a page showing how we celebrated reading with the children on the relay. Therefore, next Monday the children will be visiting author, Nathan Luff, with students from Gilgandra Public School and later creating a page for the relay book. We thank Liz McCutcheon from Gilgandra Library for including our school in this activity.

SUPER SPELLERS

Our school Spelling Bee Finals will be held next **Tuesday, 2 April** for Years 3 and 4 at 10:00 a.m. and **Thursday, 4 April** for Years 5 and 6 at 10:00 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, Tom Staggs, Hudson Duffy, Alicia Fordham, Eliza Mudford, Darcy Morris, Darron Mulligan, Evie Peart, Alex Cosier, Vaughan Zell** while the Years 5 and 6 contestants will be **Cameron Davis, Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Ben Harland, Charlotte Ferguson, Ethan Morris, Eva Bonnington, Indi Murphy, Tahleigh Davey, Ella Mudford, Dakotah Gilmour, Lilla Oehm, Brooke Woollams, Michael Ibe**. Well done to you all!

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

Due to the lovely rainy day on Monday, a whole school photo was unable to be taken. Advanced Life photographers will be back at school next **Tuesday, 2 April** to take the whole school photo, so if you can ensure your child/ren are present at school on Tuesday, dressed in their full summer school uniform, it would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Training for the school cross country has commenced. Cross country is for any students in Years 3-6. Nine and ten year olds run 2 kilometres while eleven and twelve year olds run 3 kilometres. The Joey's trial will be held next **Thursday, 4 April** at 11:20 a.m. The Diocesan Cross Country will be held in Coolah on Tuesday, 7 May.

FETE CO-ORDINATOR – STILL REQUIRED!!

We are still in desperate need of someone (or even a group of people!) to take on the role of Fete Co-Ordinator. We urge you to please consider putting your hand up to take on running the fete, which is one of the P&F's major fundraisers and one of the students' favourite events of the year. It would be such a shame to have to cancel the fete because we don't have someone to run it! If you can assist or would like some more information about what is involved in running the fete, please speak with Heather or Toni in the office.

HEAR OUR HEART EAR BUS PROJECT

It was wonderful to have the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus at our school last Friday checking children's hearing. It is a wonderful initiative and the service is provided free of charge by a not for profit charity. The Ear Bus Project is always in need of more helpers to continue to raise money so that the Ear Bus is able to return to our school.

CANTEEN WORKERS

Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who give up their valuable time each term to work in the school canteen. If you are not on the roster and would like to work in the canteen next term, please make

contact with Heather or Toni in the school office. Just a few things to remember in the canteen:-

- Please don't forget to sign the Visitor's Register in the office when you arrive and depart school.
- All canteen money is to be placed together in one large money bag. These bags are located next to the phone in the canteen.
- When collecting the lunch orders from the classes, please pop into each classroom and ask if all children have put their lunch orders in their basket. You may like to cook an extra two (2) each of the party pies and party sausage rolls in case there are any late orders, otherwise a simple sandwich can be made for any orders not put in.
- If you are required to purchase items from IGA, please ensure they are placed on **Account ID 81 – St Joseph's P&F**.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Darcy Adams** for excellent sounding out during our "sound hound" activities, **Charlie Howard** for super counting to 20 during Maths Warm Up, **Hannah Meers** for always using her manners when speaking to others, **Neve Walker** for sharing very interesting news about her mum's stethoscope.

YEAR 1: **Heidi Colwell** for being a kind and helpful member of Year 1, **Connor Jones-Copelin** for great work modelling halves of a collection, **Thomas McIsaac** for reading with beautiful expression and **Chloe Alexander** for a great effort in Story Writing.

YEAR 2: **Clayton Wheatley** for working well in Science, **Jock Mills** for great setting out in Problem A Day and Operations, **Elsie Adams** for great work in Religion, **Jacob Fordham** for being a sensational speller, **Nikola Riley** for kindness to others and being a good friend and **Amity Henry** for always trying hard in Mrs Alchin's Mini Lit group.

YEAR 3: **Olivia Westwood** for her contributions and willingness to participate in class discussions, **Sailor Ryan** for trying his best in all mathematical tasks and **Kenedi Hazelton** for great setting out in Problem A Day and Operations.

YEAR 4: **Hudson Duffy** for consistently producing work of a high standard in Grammar, **Alicia Fordham** for being a responsible class member who puts outstanding effort into all learning tasks, **Jessica Ibe** for writing an outstanding recount using the Seven Steps, **Darcy Morris** for bringing a positive attitude into our classroom every day.

YEAR 5: **Shane Estens** for working hard in Reading, **Charlotte Ferguson** for using descriptive sentences in Writing, **Dakotah Gilmour** for working well in small groups and **Kimbaelee Gilmour** for showing great interest in Geography.

YEAR 6: **Casey Gaff** for his continuous dedication and care for the environment, **Ryan Ferguson** for his willingness to participate and be an active member of our class, **Ben Harland** for his superb spelling! Achieving 100% each week and **Jett Tarrant** for strengthening his Maths skills with a smile and a positive attitude.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 9 *Years 5 & 6 Reconciliation*

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| 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 |
| <u>WEEK 10</u> | | |
| Monday, 1 April | - | Paint Australia REAd Book Relay |
| Tuesday, 2 April | - | Spelling Bee Finals – Years 3/4 – 10:00 a.m. |
| | - | Whole School Photo – 11:30 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

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| 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 This week in Kinder we have focused on the sound "Ff" and revised the sounds we already know. We really enjoy singing along to the "vowel song" and looking at words to count how many vowels they contain. In Maths we lifted objects to determine if they were light or heavy and combined two groups to find how many there were altogether. We have started to discuss the importance of the past in our History unit and we recorded all the things we could do as a baby and a toddler compared to what we can do now. Thank you to Year 3 for preparing a beautiful Mass to celebrate the Annunciation of Mary. In Religion we have continued listening to the parables Jesus told his followers and discussed the ways we change and grow during this season of Lent. We all really enjoyed the entertaining performance on Tuesday and we learnt so much about music and rhythm. Have a fabulous weekend!
Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Thank you to those children who attended our class Mass on Sunday. It was a lovely celebration! Today we celebrated The Annunciation. Thank you to Year 3 for preparing the Mass. In class we have been busy completing our diagnostic review in Maths along with many portfolio tasks. We have begun our stage Comprehension Groups and we are reading 'Wombat Divine' for our Literature focus. In History we are learning about timelines and how things from the past grow and change over time. We looked at some photos from the past and discussed the many changes we can see. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the school performance, with the Bongo Brothers on the quest for the ultimate rhythm.
Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 2 The Spelling and Phonics focus was I, ll, le (bell, lizard, whistle) and in Grammar we revised pronouns and proper nouns. Maths challenged us with 3-digit addition and subtraction, quarters and chance. We have been working on narratives and focusing on the structure of them. In Art we made cool pirate ships and drew pirate people. In Religion we listened to the story of Zaccheus and reminded ourselves that it is OK to make mistakes but we can be better people by treating others with kindness and forgiveness. It is never too late to change! Have a fantastic weekend everyone.
Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 This morning we enjoyed a lovely Mass to celebrate the Annunciation. Congratulations to all Year 3 students on your reverent participation and thank you to all those family and friends who came along and joined in our celebration. On Tuesday Year 3 completed a practice NAPLAN test online. This gave the students an opportunity to see what some of the questions may be like in the upcoming NAPLAN test next term. During Text Types we have begun looking at the structure of an exposition. We have learnt a little rhyme to go along when trying to remember how to sequence a piece of writing correctly. We have discussed whether or not school uniforms should be compulsory and have now come up with some great arguments for the topic 'Cats are better than dogs.' In Maths we have focused on the split strategy for addition, the 4-times tables and picture graphs. Have a nice weekend. *Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 4 Thank you to everyone who attended our Mass on the weekend. It was a lovely Mass and the students did a fantastic job reading, singing and collecting. This week Year 4 has been looking at picture graphs, am and pm time and addition strategies in Maths. In Grammar and Sentence A Day we have been learning about conjunctions to try and improve our sentences in our writing. Students have started studying explorers in History and we have been busy completing portfolio tasks in each of our subjects to show parents how we are going in class at the end of the term. In Religion, students learnt what a cinquain poem is and wrote one about Lent. Students have also been enjoying participating in Typing Tournament on the Chromebooks. Have a fantastic weekend. *Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 is enjoying reading our class novel "The Donkey Who Carried The Wounded". This week we are focusing on the way the author, Jackie French uses imagery to make her writing more descriptive. During Grammar we have been focusing on simple and compound sentences and in Maths we have looked at picture graphs, division strategies and finding circumference and area of a circle. In Religion we completed our portfolio task and learnt about the feast of the Annunciation. In Geography we have looked at lines of longitude and latitude and how they help us locate specific locations. Well done to all those who have been busy completing Lexile quizzes and are on their way to achieving their reading goals! *Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 has been busy completing their persuasive writing pieces on their chosen topics. There are certainly some interesting arguments regarding 'Country is better than city', 'Mobile phones should be allowed at school' and 'Books are better than TV'. The Seven Steps program has certainly motivated the students and fostered their inner creativity! In Geography we have continued our focus on Asia, whilst developing skills to read and interpret maps. In Maths we have focused on collecting, interpreting and plotting data and creating graphs, whilst sneaking in a few long divisions!! We are excited to announce that our class football competition is also up and running! Good luck everyone! May the best team win!
Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

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| Friday, 29 March | – Sarah Adams & Rebecca Medd |
| Monday, 1 April | – Katherine Gaff |
| Wednesday, 3 April | – Ashleigh Mudford & Jill O'Connor |
| Friday, 5 April | – Alicia Heffer & Kirstie Bugmy |

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

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| Sunday, 31 March | – Nick Gale & Declan Gale |
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