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Term 1 Week 9

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Thought for the Week

Let us be with Jesus in our thoughts, prayers and actions as we remember His journey to Calvary during Holy Week and His glorious resurrection on Easter Sunday!



EASTER MASSES AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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| Holy Thursday, 29 March | - | Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 p.m. |
| Good Friday, 30 March | - | Stations of the Cross – 12:30 p.m. |
| | - | Celebration of the Passion – 3:00 p.m. |
| Holy Saturday, 31 March | - | Mass Tooraweenah – 7:00 p.m. |
| Easter Sunday, 1 April | - | Mass – 9:00 a.m. – Gilgandra |



HOLY & HAPPY EASTER

We wish everyone a holy and happy Easter. Easter Mass times are above and it would be wonderful if as many families as possible could attend the Masses as Holy Week is the most important week in the church year.

ST JOSEPH'S P & F DEBUTANTE BALL

The St Joseph's P & F Royal Debutante Ball was held in the Gilgandra Shire Hall on Saturday evening. Eight stunning debutantes and their handsome partners came down the red carpet to be presented to Matron of Honour, Mrs Carol Spora and Parish Priest, Fr Martin O'Mahony. The hall was once again brilliantly decorated thanks to the hard work of the Ball Committee headed by Marilyn King, Melissa Welsh, Helen Naef and Mandy Musgrave. Mrs Shere Spora did a wonderful job as compere. The contribution to the night by so many of our school community was superb, from the hard working committee, to those who attended working bees, went to practices, helped decorate the hall, prepared the food and served, worked on the bars and door, donated food, prepared food, organized light and sound, attended the ball and helped dismantle everything! This was a huge effort by a fantastic lot of helpers and our school appreciates the amount of time and effort that goes into such a successful evening.

CHAIR COVER WASHING

We now need volunteers to help wash the chair covers that we used at the Ball on Saturday night. There are nearly 300 to wash and many hands make light work! So come and get a dozen or grab 100! It all helps.

DIOCESAN WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

Congratulations to those Years 5 and 6 children who represented the school at the Diocesan Winter Sports Trials held in Bathurst last Friday. Well done to **Darcy Neeves** and **Will Spora** (Under 11's Rugby League) and **Jack Oehm** and **Eltan Walker** (Rugby Union) who were selected in their respective Possibles vs Probables matches. Congratulations to Darcy and Will who were then both selected in the Diocesan Under 11's Rugby League team. They will now represent the Diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Championships to be held next term.

SENSATIONAL SPELLERS

Congratulations to our sensational spellers who competed in the St Joey's Spelling Bee Finals held this week. The audience was amazed at the students' super spelling. Well done! Special mention to **Michael Ibe** and **Ethan Morris** in the Years 3/4 section and **Kate Woollams** and **Camilla Beveridge** in the Years 5/6 division. **Michael, Ethan, Kate** and **Camilla** will now represent Joey's at the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held in Wellington on Thursday, 31 May.

KINDER COOEE VISIT

Our Kinder class had a wonderful time visiting the residents of Cooee Lodge yesterday. The children sang songs, gave gifts and wished all a very happy Easter. Well done to all the children. Many thanks to Miss Smith and Mrs Newstead for organising the visit and to the helpers, Amanda Chandler, Kerry Riley, Penny Zell, Jill O'Connor, Jodie Peart, Tamara Hackett, Nadine Hutchison, Rhonda Madgwick, Toni Tarrant, Amber Tarrant, Pat Lummis, Rhonda Zell, Max and Margaret Zell.

LAST WEEK OF SWIMMING FOR SPORT

Today was the last day of swimming for sport this season as the pool closes this weekend. Sport will continue for both Infants and Primary students on a Thursday for the rest of this term.

YEAR 5 EXCURSION TO CACTUS WORLD

This term during Science we have been learning about deserts, particularly about cacti and other plants and how they survive and thrive in extreme conditions. As part of this unit we will be visiting Cactus World next Wednesday, 4 April.

YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 5 April in St Joseph's Church at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is most welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

GRANDPARENTS DAY/OPEN DAY

One of our most anticipated and exciting days of the year is nearly here and that is when we host Grandparents Day on Tuesday, 10 April. Everyone is invited from the very young to the very old to celebrate Grandparents Day with us. 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.

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 on Thursday, 12 April at 11:20 a.m. The Diocesan Cross Country will be held in Coolah on Tuesday, 8 May.

ANZAC DAY

Our school has once again been invited to participate in the annual ANZAC Day March and an invitation is extended to all students from Years 2-6 to represent our school on ANZAC Day. St Joseph's has traditionally had a fantastic representation at this march and hopefully as many students as possible will give up an hour or so of their time to represent their school on such an important occasion and show respect for those who served our country. **Children need to assemble in Bridge Street at 10:30 a.m. or they could come to Mass at 9:00 a.m. after which I will walk them down to Bridge Street.** The march will proceed down Bridge and Miller Streets to the War Memorial for the service at 11:00 a.m. Students are required to wear full summer uniform. If any parents have a special request for any Kinder or Year 1 children to march, please contact the office and I'm sure there will be no problems.

PUPIL FREE DAY – Monday, 30 April **First Day Term 2**

The first day of next term, Monday, 30 April, will be a pupil free day. During the day teachers will be developing Mathematics Assessment and Programing Strategies to be implemented across all the grades. Therefore school will resume for all students in Term 2 on Tuesday, 1 May.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – FRIDAY, 11 MAY

Thank you to Rachel Lacey who has again offered to take on the role of coordinator for the Mother's Day Stall this year. Each year parents are asked to donate gifts which the children can then purchase at the Mother's Day Stall. The stall will be held on Friday, 11 May. This may seem a long way off at the moment, but with the school holidays in between, it will come around very quickly! Your contributions can be sent in at any time and left at the school office. **If the gifts could be wrapped in clear cellophane, that would be greatly appreciated.** The Mother's Day Stall is a fundraiser for the P & F Association but most importantly it gives the children the opportunity to bring in their own money to purchase a gift for their mothers and grandmothers that they have selected themselves. Prices at the stall range from \$1.00 to \$5.00 and we aim to have enough gifts for each child to purchase at least two gifts.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Tuesday: **KINDER:** Ben O'Brien for making a beautiful Easter card, Bayley Dent for writing a great dinosaur story and Isabelle Peart for beautiful manners.

YEAR 1: Isla Volkofsky for a fabulous effort with your reading, Clayton Wheatley for super work in Spelling, Brodie Nichols for great participation in class discussions and Finn Chapman for a good effort in Handwriting.

YEAR 2: Scarlet Chandler and Toby Davis for super work in reading and comp groups, Alyssa Ferguson for careful setting out of Problem A Day and Operations, Jemima Harrison for clever work in Maths, Jacqueline Hutchison for excellent work in Reading, Ava Lacey for being an organised worker who listens carefully and Georgia Tancred for lovely work in Religion.

YEAR 3: Jonas Naden for a great effort during Maths Operations, William O'Connor for trying hard in all areas, Lauren Thurlow for being an organized member of Year 3 and Darron Mulligan for a consistent effort in all areas.

YEAR 4: Kimbalee Gilmour for creating a fantastic heart artwork, Grace Jones-Copelin for trying hard to improve her handwriting, Henry Purvis for sharing working out methods during Problem A Day and Operations and Jessie Riley for being a kind an considerate member of Year 4.

YEAR 5: Ben Standing for writing a great poem about 'Star Wars' in Comprehension Groups and Jett Chandler, Cameron Davis, Nick Tancred, Jasmine Zell, Grace Winter and Lucy McIsaac for well prepared and presented speeches, 'About Me'.

YEAR 6: Madison Riley for working well with apostrophes, Emma Westwood for accurate addition of 4 and 5 digit numbers, Molly Wilson for carefully structuring her procedure about how to make slime and Kate Woollams for having a high standard of bookwork at all times.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 9

Thursday, 29 March - Holy Thursday Mass – 7:00 p.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.

- Rugby Union Gala Day - Nyngan

WEEK 11

Monday, 9 April - The Annunciation of the Lord Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, 10 April - Grandparents Day

Thursday, 12 April - School Cross Country Trials – 11:20 a.m.

Friday, 13 April - Last Day Term 1

HOLIDAYS

Friday, 20 and

Saturday, 21 April - Gilgandra Show

Wednesday, 25 April - ANZAC Day

TERM 2 - WEEK 1

Monday, 30 April - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, 1 May - School resumes for students

- P & F Meeting – 7:30p.m.

Thursday, 3 May - First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Friday, 4 May - Polding Winter Sports Trials – Tamworth – Darcy Neeves, Will Spora

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER What an exciting week we have had in Kindergarten! We couldn't believe our eyes today when the Easter Bunny arrived at school and delivered us lots of delicious eggs. Our visit to Cooe Lodge on Wednesday brought so many smiles to the residents. We loved singing 'Peter Cottontail' and giving out cards and Easter eggs. In Religion we have been learning all about the events that take place during Holy Week and how Jesus' message of loving one another is still very important in our own lives today. Our Maths focus has been the numeral 8, take away and interpreting information from data that has been collected. We loved eating skittles to help us understand the concept of take away! We hope everyone has a happy and safe Easter. *Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 This week we have been reading about the events of Holy Week – from Jesus' welcome to Jerusalem to his death on the cross. In Grammar we are enjoying the verb rap as we learn about action words and have completed a narrative about a small mouse which we read to our peers. In Maths we investigated regular/irregular 2D shapes, area and number patterns by 2's and 5's. We have been very busy completing lots of Easter craft and I wish everyone a happy and holy Easter. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 2 In Religion we discussed the events of Holy Week and shared our thoughts about Jesus dying on the cross for us. We've also been preparing for our Year 2 Liturgy next week. Everyone is welcome to join us for this special Liturgy. During Writing we finished Easter acoustic poems and free choice stories. We've been busy creating some 'egg-cellent' Easter craft and had an 'egg-citing' day at school searching for Easter eggs during the treasure hunt before recess. Have a lovely and relaxing Easter everyone. Hopefully lots of people will remember the true meaning of Easter over the long weekend with their families. See you all on Tuesday. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week in Geography the students have been learning about emblems and symbols in our community and also Australia's indigenous flags. In Maths we've used the split strategy for addition, interpreted picture graphs and also completed our diagnostic review. We also enjoyed being the audience for the Spelling Bee finals. Congratulations to all who participated! We've begun an exposition in writing trying to convince others about our favourite pet. The children are working very hard to structure their expositions correctly and use persuasive language. During Religion we've focused on Palm Sunday and the events of Holy Week. We've begun preparing for our class Mass 'The Annunciation', please ensure if your child has a reading that they practise at home. We wish you all a happy and holy Easter. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

YEAR 4 Week 9 has flown by in Year 4. This week we got to witness some super spellers testing their skills in the annual school spelling bee - well done to all those who participated, you did a great job. During Writing this week we have begun to develop our vocabulary when writing factual texts while in Grammar our focus has been on prepositions. In Maths we have been looking at multiplication strategies as well as am and pm time. Our History lesson saw us looking at the discovery of Australia and who discovered the different parts of our land. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable Easter and we look forward to hearing what the Easter Bunny brings. *Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 has been working hard publishing narratives for our portfolios and some people have even entered stories in the Write4fun Competition. In Religion we have focused on the events of Holy Week and today we reflected on Jesus' journey to Calvary during the Stations of the Cross. During Maths we've revised converting metres to kilometres and mixed numerals into improper fractions. Some excellent questions were asked to clarify understanding. We have enjoyed completing our display for Grandparents Day and creating some fun Easter craft. Happy Easter everyone! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 Well done to everyone who took part in our school Spelling Bee, it was great to see that everyone gave of their best! In Writing we have been learning about the structure of expositions and we discussed possible topics to write about. Our Maths activities have focused on drawing and sketching three dimensional shapes, multiplication and long division. In Grammar we revised different uses of apostrophes and we also identified them in text. I hope everyone has a safe, happy and holy Easter weekend! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 30 March – Good Friday

Monday, 2 April – Easter Monday

Wednesday, 4 April – Ade Kuku & Rachel Lacey

Friday, 6 April – Toni Tarrant & Rhonda Madgwick

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 1 April – Marshall Fairey & Molly Fairey, Cameron Davis,

Emily Zell and Luke O'Neill

