



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 1

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Thought for the Week

The will of God is the seed of our dreams...ever growing with possibility and longing to leap forward, scattering new and surprising blessings throughout our everyday reality.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome to a new school term. Hopefully everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break and we look forward to another fruitful term.

ANZAC DAY

Once again the students of our school made us feel very proud when they participated in the ANZAC Day march last Thursday. Thank you very much to those students and staff who represented the school so well. It is a very important day and I am sure everyone appreciated your participation. Let's We Forget.

RUGBY CHAMPS

St Joey's entered a Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 team in the Western Region Primary Schools Rugby 7's competition held in Warren in the last week of last term. The Years 3/4 team went through the day undefeated beating Coonamble Public School in the final. Congratulations to **Brody Heffer, Stuart Wheatley, Xanthe Gale, Will O'Connor, Mitchell Fuller, Sailor Ryan, Jonas Naden and Hudson Duffly**. The Years 5/6 team was desperately unlucky losing the final to St Joseph's Nyngan in golden point. Well done to **Nick Tancred, Hayden Ferguson, Ben Standing, Ryder Ryan, Sam Dunn, Henry Purvis, Will Youngusband and Elten Walker**. All our players were fabulous and showed sensational school spirit. A big thank you to all those who transported our players and to coach JB Tancred and manager Nunka Pearce who prepared the teams so well during the day.

POLDING WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

We wish **Will Spora** the best of luck when he competes in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Winter Sports Trials for rugby league to be held in Tamworth tomorrow. It is a fantastic achievement to reach this high level of competition. Congratulations Will!

MOORAMBILLA VOICES

Paige Gilmour, Grace Winter and Lucy Kilpatrick are attending the Moorambilla Voices Girls Choral Intensive Weekend this weekend. It is a wonderful achievement being selected to participate in this event from over 3,600 primary and secondary students from over 126 schools and Paige, Grace and Lucy were identified in the top 50 primary voices! Well done Paige, Grace and Lucy!

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

The following students are representing St Joey's at the Diocesan Cross Country at Coolah next Tuesday, 7 May: **Toby Davis, Sailor Ryan, Hayden Nichols, Will O'Connor, Mitchell Fuller, Darcy Morris, Tilla Chandler, Alyssa Ferguson, Georgia Tancred, Sophia Peart, Alicia Fordham, Isabelle Mudford, Molly Nichols, Eliza Mudford, Nick Kirsop, Henry Purvis, Blake Fairey, Cameron Davis, Nick Tancred, Grace Tancred, Emmie Peart, Lucy McIsaac, Billie Allan**. The nine and ten year old competitors run two kilometres while the eleven and twelve year olds run three kilometres. Good luck to all our runners.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Children may wear either summer or winter school uniform for the beginning of this term. It is a personal choice, depending on the weather.

PRIMARY SPORT – TERMS 2 AND 3

Sport for the primary students will be held on Fridays in Terms 2 and 3. Therefore all Years 3-6 students will need to wear their sports uniforms on a Friday. Infants sport will remain on a Thursday.

PORTFOLIOS

All children took home their Term 1 Portfolios for the holidays. Hopefully you have been able to look at the children's work. Could all the portfolios be returned to school as soon as possible so we can start putting the Term 2 work into them.

YEAR 6 MASS

Year 6 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 9 May at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Mass.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – FRIDAY, 11 MAY

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, 10 May**. We are **very short of gifts at this stage**. 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. *Helpers will be required from 9:00 a.m. on the day of the stall to wrap last minute gifts and help man the stall.*

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – WORKING BEE

Thank you to the five mums who attended the working bee for the Mother's Day Stall today. There will be another working bee next **Wednesday, 8 May** from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 p.m. and it would be great to see a few more faces. If anyone can help wrap presents, please come along. You may be able to come for an hour or two or stay the whole time. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – RAFFLE

In conjunction with the Mother's Day Stall there will be a raffle with three wonderful prizes. Tickets are \$2.00 each and a book of 5 tickets is being sent home with today's About. Thank you to **Travelling Hair by Shalyn, Beauty Anywhere with Stacey, Let's Communicate – Speech Pathology Services and This N That Gifts and Homewares**. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall on Friday.

LIBRARY NEWS

May is National Family Reading Month. Information about the Read More in May competition can be found in the latest Book Club catalogue or by visiting www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm. There are great prizes to be won. The Joey's library will also hold an extreme reading competition this term. Students are to think about different, exciting, fun and safe places they can read a book! Details of this competition will be shared next week during library lessons.

Mrs McIsaac & Mrs Thomas

GREAT DAY BOOKS

Students from Years 3-6 received free books this week from GREAT Day. A big thank you to the Gilgandra Shire Council for this generous donation and to the staff of Gilgandra Library for organising this wonderful initiative.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Staff will be participating in a spiritual retreat on Thursday, 30 May in Dubbo. This is a Diocesan Formation Day recognising St John Baptist's Tercentenary of his death – the Patron Saint of Christian Educators. The purpose of the day is to remind and challenge us of our special vocation as Catholic Educators. Therefore **Thursday, 30 May** will be a pupil free day.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is again being held this year for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools. The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the agreed national benchmarks of student achievement. The tests will be conducted in the areas of Language, including spelling, punctuation and grammar, Writing, Reading and Numeracy (including Number, Algebra – function and pattern, Chance and Data and Measurement and Space). These tests will be conducted on Tuesday, 14 May, Wednesday, 15 May and Thursday, 16 May. If you require any information about the NAPLAN tests please contact the school.

ANNUAL SCHOOL SURVEYS

The Catholic Education Office will be emailing a survey to all parents, staff and Year 5 and 6 students. This survey is being conducted to gather knowledge, beliefs and experiences in relation to St Joey's with all data being confidential. Whilst participation is voluntary, all data collected will assist with the improvement of our school and we would greatly appreciate your input.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2020

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2020. If you have a child ready to start school next year, please call in and pick up an enrolment form. *Please note that this year applications close on Friday, 5 July.*

RURAL WOMEN'S PAMPER DAY

You are invited to a FREE Rural Women's Pamper Day to be held in the Gilgandra CWA Rooms on **Monday 6 May** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will be a free morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, free haircuts, massage and manicure and Lyn Sykes and Vianney McAllister will be guest speakers. For catering purposes please RSVP to Sr Robyn on 0488 075 066.

GILGANDRA MAINLY MUSIC GROUP

Gilgandra's Mainly Music Group is hosting a special morning for mothers with young children from birth to pre-school age to celebrate Mother's Day. Mainly Music is on every second Friday during school term and will commence on **Friday, 10 May** at 10:30 a.m. at the New Life Kids Building (through the car park behind the main New Life Centre church building), 74 Warren Road. Come along and enjoy a 30 minute session involving music, rhymes, stories, games and play, followed by morning tea in a relaxed setting. Please contact Beth Volkofsky on 0412 065 197 for further information.

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 2

WEEK 1

- Friday, 3 May
- Polding Winter Sports Trials – Will Spora
 - Moorambilla Intensive Weekend Workshop
 - Paige Gilmour, Grace Winter, Lucy Kilpatrick

WEEK 2

- Monday, 6 May
- Macquarie Conservatorium Primary Band Workshop, Dubbo Christian School – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 7 May
- Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah
- Wednesday, 8 May
- Mother's Day Stall Working Bee – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 9 May
- Year 6 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 10 May
- Polding Winter Sports Trials back-up date
 - Mother's Day Stall

WEEK 3 – Years 3 & 4 Reconciliation

- Monday, 13 May
- Mr James Gay (St John's College Dubbo) – Year 6 – 12:15 p.m.
 - Paint Australia REaD Book Relay – Shire Library (or Hunter Park) – 10:50 a.m.
- Tuesday, 14 May
- NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Wednesday, 15 May
- NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Thursday, 16 May
- NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
 - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 17 May
- Walk Safely to School Day

WEEK 4 – Years 5 & 6 Reconciliation

- Tuesday, 21 May
- Diocesan Cross Country back-up date
- Wednesday, 22 May
- Principals State Conference
- Thursday, 23 May
- Principals State Conference
- Friday, 24 May
- Principals State Conference
 - Our Lady Help of Christians Mass (Year 4) – K-6 – 10:30 a.m.
 - 'My Friends And I' School Performance – 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 26 May
- Safe Church Workshop – Hall – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 5

- Tuesday, 28 May
- Dubbo Netball
- Wednesday, 29 May
- HOH Dress in Red day
 - First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 30 May
- Pupil Free Day - Lasallian Tercentenary Staff Retreat Day
 - Heart Our Heart Ear Bus

WEEK 6

- Wednesday, 5 June
- City of Dubbo Eisteddfod
- Thursday, 6 June
- Spelling Bee Wellington
- Friday 7 June
- Kinder Nursery Rhymes

WEEK 7

- Monday, 10 June
- Queen's Birthday holiday
- Thursday, 13 June
- Principals/Priests Meeting
- Friday, 14 June
- Polding Cross Country

WEEK 8

- Tuesday, 18 June
- P & F Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, 19 June
- Life Education Van
- Thursday, 20 June
- Life Education Van
 - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

- Friday, 21 June
- Life Education Van
- Sunday, 23 June
- First Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.

WEEK 9

- Tuesday, 25 June
- Finance and Administration Conference
- Wednesday, 26 June
- Finance and Administration Conference
- Thursday, 27 June
- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 28 June
- Athletics Carnival
 - Reports home

WEEK 10

- Monday, 1 July
- NAIDOC Week celebrations
 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday, 2 July
- NAIDOC Week Mass – 9:00 a.m.
 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday, 3 July
- Athletics Carnival back-up date

- Thursday, 4 July
- Friday, 5 July

- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Year 4 Hut Day
- Peachey Finals – Dubbo
- Last Day – Term 2

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Welcome back to another busy term in Kinder! It was great to hear about all the exciting things everyone did in their holidays. This week we have started our Literature unit 'Down on the Farm' by reading the classic 'Mrs Wishy-Washy' by Joy Cowley. We giggled our way through the story as we read about all the mischief the farm animals got up to! We have also been discussing all the different types of farms people may live on. In Religion we read the story of Jesus' resurrection and imagined how everyone must have felt knowing that Jesus had risen from the dead. In Maths we have modeled and practised subtraction by taking away objects from a collection, collected data based on the fruit we ate during crunch and sip and compared the groups by counting. We made a very cute Oli Ostrich in art based on our sound of the week 'o'. This term for Sport we will be playing football with Mr Mus, learning skills to play soccer and basketball, completing obstacle courses and relay activities. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Welcome back to a new term. In English this week we have been learning about the 'ai' and 'ee' sound. During Writing we read Anthony Brownes' 'My Mum' and discussed and wrote about our mums and what makes them special. Our Grammar focus this week has been prepositions. In Maths we have skip counted in 2's, 5's and 10's. We also shared objects by dividing them into equal groups and have surveyed our class' eye colour and used this information to make a picture graph. We have a Liturgy coming up in Week 3 with the theme of 'Mothers'. A note has gone home asking for photos of our mums. Please send these in as soon as you can. We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 2 Welcome back everyone! From shows, movies, sleep overs and beach holidays, it sounds as though Year 2 enjoyed their holidays. We wrote recounts of our adventures and discussed Anzac Day. It was great to see lots of people marching to remember those who sacrificed so much for our freedom. We retraced the footsteps of Jesus in Religion and Art and talked about the Easter break. In Science Mrs McIsaac let us play with different toys as part of the new unit 'Forces'. We drew diagrams of the toys and identified push and pull forces that made them move. Have a great weekend everyone.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Welcome back. We hope that everyone had a lovely, restful holiday and are now ready for what is bound to be another action packed term. It was great to hear lots of exciting stories about everyone's holidays. This week we have been busy writing an exposition about 'Which is Better?'. Year 3 has come up with lots of convincing arguments on a number of different topics and have tried writing convincing arguments to persuade the reader. During Spelling we have looked at the possessive apostrophe rule. In Maths we have been counting by tens and exploring thirds and patterns. Whilst in Religion we looked at Easter Sunday and why we celebrate this day. We also completed a guided meditation focused on the Resurrection of Jesus. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 Welcome back to Term 2! It has been wonderful to hear that everyone had a safe and happy holiday. We have an exciting term ahead of us, with the eisteddfod and hut day coming up, along with other events! This week, we have been writing recounts about our holidays. We have been learning about equivalent fractions and angles in Maths, along with trading in subtraction and millimetres. In Religion we have been learning about the season of Easter. We have also been looking at homophones in Sentence A Day. We are getting creative in Art and it was lovely to display artworks from each Year 4 student in the Gilgandra Show. Have a fantastic weekend!

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 A big welcome back to another wonderful term in Year 5! This week we have leapt straight back into work by revising how to write persuasive texts focusing on engaging the reader and using high modality. We have also started to have a look at our poems for the eisteddfod. During Maths we have revised addition and subtraction strategies and investigated multiples and factors. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends join in our class Mass this morning. The readings and hymns reminded us to trust in God especially when we are experiencing difficulty. Homework has started this week and well done to all those who have worked hard on their reading during the holidays!

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 Welcome back, I hope you are ready for a busy, but fabulous term! We have jumped straight back into our learning, creating some wonderful holiday recounts, challenging ourselves with multiplication sprints and extending our literacy skills through comprehension and grammar activities. Sharing our exciting holiday adventures and learning more about Easter within our Religion unit has been a highlight this week. We look forward to preparing for the Year 6 class Mass and practising our eisteddfod items together. Don't forget your footy tips.

Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 3 May – Jo Lummis & Danelle Jones
- Monday, 6 May – Sarah Hickey & Lorraine Thurlow
- Wednesday, 8 May – Tanya Hutchison & Shiree Ryan
- Friday, 10 May – Donna Wheatley & Danielle Fiddes

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 5 May – Cameron Davis & Abigail Davis

