



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 on Tuesday. 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.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting this evening, 27 April at 6:00 p.m. at school in the computer room for parents of children in Year 3 to explain the First Communion program and organise the celebration. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, 28 May.

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

We held our St Joey's Cross Country Trials on Thursday, 6 April at school. Congratulations to the following students who will now represent St Joey's at the Diocesan Cross Country to be held at Coolah next Tuesday, 2 May: **Kelsey Hutchison, Rhys O'Neill, Bradley Kildey, Bradley Gibson, Jade Elsom, Will Fuller, Ry Heffer, Kyzack Corcoran, Billie Allan, Lucy McIsaac, Bailey Wykes, Ryan Ferguson, Will Spora, Hayden Ferguson, Ella Mudford, Grace Tancred, Emilia Peart, Jordan Neeves, Sam Dunn, Ryder Ryan, Blake Fairey and Henry Purvis.** 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.

YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 4 May at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome and morning tea will follow the Liturgy so please bring a plate to share.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL - FRIDAY, 12 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, 12 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.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL WORKING BEES

There will be two working bees leading up to the stall, one next Thursday, 4 May and a second one on Wednesday, 10 May, both commencing from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. If anyone can help wrap presents, please come along. You may be able to come for an hour or two or stay all day. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Due to the varying weather conditions at the moment children are permitted to wear either their summer or winter uniforms.

SCIENCE COMPETITION

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding its Science Competition on Tuesday, 30 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 the last About (or send in a note to school) together with the \$9.00 entry fee by Monday, 1 May.

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.

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, 9 May, Wednesday, 10 May and Thursday, 11 May. If you require any information about the NAPLAN tests please contact the school.

MATHLETICS

Mathletics is a fun, online learning resource that we introduced to the classrooms last term. The children complete a variety of activities that are aligned with the curriculum and are targeted at their individual level. This resource is also available to the students at home. Therefore if you wish your child to have access to this at home please see your child's teacher to receive log-in details.

LOVE YOUR SISTER - THE BIG HEART PROJECT

Our school is participating in 'Love Your Sister - The Big Heart Project'. Gold Logie winner, Samuel Johnson and his sister, Connie, are fundraising to break the world record for the longest line of coins. They need 4.2 million five cent coins to snatch the title. Connie will lay the coins in the shape of a giant heart on Wednesday, 10 May. All coins donated will go to cancer research to help vanquish cancer. Our school is asking all students to donate 5¢ coins to this cause. The coins can be brought in any time but need to be at school by Friday, 5 May so they can be added to Connie's 'Big Heart Project'.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2018

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2018. 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, 30 June.***

CHAIR COVER WASHING

We need some volunteers to help wash the chair covers that we used at the Ball. There are 250 to wash and many hands make light work! So come and get a dozen or grab 100! It all helps.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Project Compassion appeal. A total of \$825.80 was collected this year from our school which is an amazing effort. Thanks again for your generosity.

**LILLY IS CUTTING HER HAIR FOR KIDS WITH CANCER
AND ALOPECIA – Fundraising for Variety – the
Children’s Charity NSW**

<https://alopecia.everydayhero.com/au/lilly-s-hair-with-heart>

Hello everybody – my name is Lilly Hanson. I’m 5 years old and in Kindergarten. I am a lucky girl because I’m healthy, but also because I have very long hair. So I’ve decided to give my hair to someone who doesn’t have any hair – a beautiful girl who has alopecia or cancer. I would like to help raise \$5,000.00 in addition to donating my hair. Wigs cost families up to \$6,000.00 and last for 1-2 years, meaning families can spend tens of thousands of dollars on the purchase of wigs throughout a child’s youth. By making a donation to Variety – the Children’s Charity, you can help provide a wig or other vital equipment to a child in need. Please help me reach my goal. When I reach the total, I’ll ask the best hairdresser ever, Heather to cut my hair to give to Variety. The date for the chop will be Saturday, 3 June! You can donate via the above website (and get a receipt as well). Thank you for your donation and support – and thanks especially for helping kids to simply enjoy being a kid. Love Lilly.

CONGRATULATIONS KATE

Congratulations to **Kate Woollams** who won the Gilgandra Newsagent’s Easter Colouring competition. Well done Kate!

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 1

- Thursday, 27 April - First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, 28 April - Polding Winter Sports Trials – Bathurst - Pat Spora, Mason Fryers, Rhys O’Neill, Isaiah Gleadhill

WEEK 2

- Tuesday, 2 May - Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah
- Wednesday, 3 May - Junior Joey’s to visit Cooee Lodge
- Thursday, 4 May - Marathon Health Sunsmart Presentation
- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Mother’s Day Stall Working Bee – 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday, 6 May - Gilgandra Show

WEEK 3

Year 3 Reconciliation

- Tuesday, 9 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Wednesday, 10 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Mother’s Day Stall Working Bee – 10:00 a.m.
- Thursday, 11 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- REC Assembly
- Friday, 12 May - REC Assembly
- Mother’s Day Stall

WEEK 4

Program Supervision

- Monday, 15 May - **Year 4 Reconciliation**
- Kerry Morris – Principal St John’s College – visit Year 6 – 12:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, 16 May - Diocesan Cross Country back-up date
- Wednesday, 17 May - Circular Circus – School Performance

WEEK 5

- Tuesday, 23 May - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
- Wednesday, 24 May - Principals Conference
- Our Lady Help of Christians Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- Junior Joey’s to visit Cooee Lodge
- Thursday, 25 May - Principals Conference
- Friday, 26 May - Principals Conference
- Sunday, 28 May - First Holy Communion – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 6

- Tuesday, 30 May - ICAS Science Competition
- Thursday, 1 June - Spelling Bee – Wellington
- Peachey/Richardson Footy – Coonamble
- Finance and Administration Conference
- Friday, 2 June - Kinder Nursery Rhymes – Dubbo Eisteddfod
- Finance and Administration Conference

WEEK 7

Eisteddfod Week

- Tuesday, 6 June - Junior Primary Verse Speaking Choir
- Senior Primary Verse Speaking Choir
- Infants Verse Speaking Choir

WEEK 8

Year 5 Reconciliation

- Monday, 12 June - Queen’s Birthday holiday
- Tuesday, 13 June - ICAS Writing Competition
- Wednesday, 14 June - Year 6 Religion Test
- ICAS Spelling Competition
- Junior Joey’s to visit Cooee Lodge
- Thursday, 15 June - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 16 June - CPS Cross Country

WEEK 9

- Tuesday, 20 June - P & F Meeting
- Wednesday, 21 June - Junior Joey’s to visit Cooee Lodge
- Thursday, 22 June - PSSA Open Rugby League

- Thursday, 22 June - Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 23 June - AP Meeting
- Athletics Carnival

WEEK 10

- Monday, 26 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday, 27 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday, 28 June - Peachey/Richardson Finals – Dubbo
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday, 29 June - Year 4 Hut Day
- Friday, 30 June - Athletics Carnival back-up date
- Last Day – Term 2

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Welcome back for Term 2. Kinder has been busy this week revising the sounds ‘f’, ‘d’ and ‘r’. Our Literature unit this term is ‘Down on the Farm’ so all the big books we read each week will be revolving around this theme. We have begun by reading “Mrs Wishy-Washy’s Farm”, sequencing events and a sentence from this story. We also coloured and cut out Mr and Mrs Wishy-Washy to decorate our classroom. During Mathematics we’ve explored the number 10 by writing the numeral and finding and making groups of 10. Our new unit in Religion is ‘The Easter Season’. Homework will resume next week. I’m looking forward to another great term. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 Welcome back to another fabulous term in Year 1. It sounds like everyone had a great holiday and thoroughly enjoyed lots of chocolate over Easter. Thank you to everyone who came along and marched on ANZAC Day. It is truly inspiring to see our young people carrying on the traditions of ANZAC Day. In Religion we read about Jesus’ resurrection and completed an activity about His life. Our Literature Unit this term will be based on fairy tales and we will be incorporating traditional tales and some fractured fairy tales written by Babette Cole. This week we practised where to place our fingers on the computer keyboard to make typing much easier for us. We really enjoyed racing against the clock to find as many letters as we could on the keyboard. Remember to bring in any olden day things that could be placed in our class museum. Have a great weekend *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Welcome back everyone! It sounds like everyone had a great Easter and relaxing holiday. Get ready for a very busy term. It was great to see so many children proudly marching on ANZAC Day – rain, hail or shine. We’ve been discussing the importance of remembering our ANZACS – Lest We Forget. During the past few days we also reflected on Easter Sunday and the joy the risen Christ brings to us. We’ve been writing a recount of our holidays and sharing our stories during News. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 Welcome back everyone! We hope you all had a wonderful Easter and relaxing break. We have a very busy but exciting term ahead with the highlight being our First Holy Communion and we are looking forward to discussing the preparation for this special Sacrament tonight at the parent meeting (computer room – 6:00 p.m.) In PDH we looked at the respiratory system and continued work on expositions in writing. In Maths we looked at number patterns and counting by tens with three digit numbers. A big thank you to all the wonderful students who represented our school at the ANZAC Day service on Tuesday. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 Welcome back to another busy term in Year 4. This week we started off with a very special commemoration to the soldiers that have fought for our country. Thank you to all those people who came along and joined in our ANZAC Mass as well as the march – you all did a great job. In class we have been revisiting what nouns are and the different types of nouns we use when writing. During Maths we have been investigating different number sentences that can equal a set number. I look forward to another great term with you all. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 A big welcome back to another wonderful term in Year 5! This week we have leapt straight back into work with our new novel, “The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe” by C.S Lewis. 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 prime and composite numbers. Easter is our Religion focus and we recounted the story of Jesus’ resurrection and discussed that this season is a time for new life and hope. Homework will get under way next week and well done to all those who have worked hard on their reading during the holidays! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 A big welcome back to Term 2! In Year 6 we all have our batteries recharged and are ready for an action packed term! We have started our new class novel “Chinese Cinderella” which we are reading as an eBook on the iPads. In Maths we have looked at geometric patterns and prime and composite numbers. We reminisced about our holidays as we wrote a short recount remembering to include elaborations. It is great that so many people have been working on their free choice speeches over the holidays. We are all looking forward to hearing them! *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 28 April – Belinda Murray & Jessica Whitehouse
- Monday, 1 May – Emma Meyers & Sarah Hickey
- Wednesday, 3 May – Nicole Brand & Simone Beaton
- Friday, 5 May – Mary Davis & Alicia Heffer

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 30 April – Zac Ferguson, Aiden Walker, Rani Diggs, Emily Zell

