



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 1

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Thought for the Week

God never asks if we can... He asks if we will.

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 Monday. 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. *Lest We Forget.*

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a meeting this evening, 28 April in the school computer room at 6:00 p.m. for those parents whose children will receive their First Holy Communion this year. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church on Sunday, 29 May at 9:45 a.m.

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

We held our St Joey's Cross Country Trials on Thursday, 7 April at school. Congratulations to the following students who gained placings:

12 years 1st - Ashleigh Carlow, 2nd - Madison Hourigan 1st - Lachlan Riley, 2nd - Hamish Beveridge, 3rd - Jacob Wilson, 4th - Charlie Banks, **11 years** 1st - Kelsey Hutchison, 2nd - Rani Diggs, 3rd - Ella Wykes 1st - Rhys O'Neill, 2nd - Pat Spora, 3rd - Zac Ferguson, 4th - Thomas Durrant **10 years** 1st - Laura Farragher, 2nd - Jade Elsom, 1st - Will Fuller, 2nd - Kyzack Corcoran, 3rd - Ry Heffer **9 years and under** 1st - Billie Allan, 2nd - Samantha Naden, 3rd - Lucy McIsaac, 1st - Bailey Wykes, 2nd - Ryan Ferguson, 3rd - Will Spora, 4th - Hayden Ferguson. The above students will now compete in the Diocesan Cross Country event to be held in Coolah next Tuesday, 3 May. The nine and ten year old competitors run two kilometres while the eleven and twelve year olds run three kilometres. Just writing that is exhausting! Good luck to all our runners.

SCHOOL LEARNING REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT

Next week the school will be visited by consultants from the Catholic Education Office Bathurst as part of the Diocesan School Learning Review and Development (DSL RD). A DSL RD is the process to review the overall operation and performance of Catholics schools in the Diocese of Bathurst and is held every five years. We look forward to the consultants' visit next Thursday and Friday.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 5 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, 6 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 next Friday, 6 May. We are very short of gifts at this stage we are desperate for gifts. 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 50¢ to \$5.00 and we aim to have enough gifts for each child to purchase at least two gifts.

MOTHER'S DAY 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 going home to each family today. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL WORKING BEES

There will be two working bees leading up to the stall, one next Monday, 2 May and a second one on Thursday, 5 May, both commencing from 9:00 a.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.

BASKETBALL COURT RESURFACING

At a recent Year 6 Leaders meeting, the possibility of having our basketball court resurfaced was discussed. Thanks to the generosity of our P & F and a grant received from the ASP Certified Community Fund established by Southern Cross Agriculture, this project is now going ahead. Work will start on the resurfacing work within the few weeks. Thank you to our Year 6 leaders, Mr Michael Mudford and Southern Cross Agriculture, and our P & F Association.

SCIENCE COMPETITION

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding its Science Competition on Tuesday, 31 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 \$8.00 entry fee by tomorrow, Friday, 29 April.

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, 10 May, Wednesday, 11 May and Thursday, 12 May. If you require any information about the NAPLAN tests please contact the school.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2017

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2017. 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, 1 July.*

PROJECT COMPASSION

Thank you to all who contributed to this year's Project Compassion appeal. A total of \$442.00 was collected this year from our school. Thanks again for your generosity.

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 2

WEEK 1

- Thursday, 28 April - First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, 29 April - Polding Winter Sports Trials – Bathurst

WEEK 2

- Monday, 2 May - Mother's Day Stall Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, 3 May - Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah
- Thursday, 5 May - School Learning Review & Development
- Mother's Day Stall Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Polding Winter Sports Trials back-up date
- Friday, 6 May - School Learning Review & Development
- Polding Winter Sports Trials back-up date
- Mother's Day Stall

WEEK 3 -

Year 3 Reconciliation

- Tuesday, 10 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Wednesday, 11 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Thursday, 12 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Kerry Morris – Principal St John's College – visit Year 6 – 12:15 p.m.
- Friday, 13 May - Principals' Meeting

WEEK 4 -

Year 4 Reconciliation

- Tuesday, 17 May - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
- Staff Online Compliance Training 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, 18 May - Principals' Retreat
- Thursday, 19 May - Peachey/Richardson Football/ Primary Netball Challenge – Coonamble
- Principals' Retreat
- Friday, 20 May - Principals' Retreat

WEEK 5

Monday 23 May

Pupil Free Day

- Tuesday, 24 May - Cross Country back-up date
- Our Lady Help of Christians Mass (Year 4) K-6 – 10:30 a.m.
- Thursday, 26 May - Diocesan Spelling Bee – Wellington
- Friday, 27 May - McNamee – Years 5 & 6 - Coonamble
- Sunday, 29 May - First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ

WEEK 6

- Tuesday, 31 May - ICAS Science Competition
- Thursday, 2 June - Priests and Principals Meeting
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 7 -

Eisteddfod Week

Year 5 Reconciliation

- Wednesday, 8 June - Eisteddfod
- Thursday, 9 June - Eisteddfod
- Friday, 10 June - Life Education Van
- 'A Fish Outta Water' –An Olympic Odyssey, School Performance – 12:00 p.m.

WEEK 8 -

Year 6 Reconciliation

- Monday, 13 June - Queen's Birthday holiday
- Tuesday, 14 June - Life Education Van
- ICAS Writing Competition
- Wednesday, 15 June - Life Education Van
- ICAS Spelling Competition
- Thursday, 16 June - Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 17 June - CPS Cross Country

WEEK 9

- Tuesday, 21 June - P & F Meeting
- Thursday, 23 June - Year 6 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 24 June - Athletics Carnival
- Reports home

WEEK 10

- Monday, 27 June - NAIDOC Week Celebrations
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday, 28 June - NAIDOC Week Celebrations – Mass
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday, 29 June - Peachey/Richardson Finals – Dubbo
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday, 30 June - Year 4 Hut Day
- Friday, 1 July - Athletics Carnival back-up date
- Last Day – Term 2

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten has learnt the sound 'Oo' and we brainstormed as many words as we could beginning with this sound. Next week our sound is 'Gg', so start thinking and looking for things for our sound table. We have been reading "Smarty Pants" and discussed the characters and setting of the story. We also made predictions of what the story might be about. We started our Science and Technology unit, 'Staying Alive' and discussed what being alive means and what things we need to keep alive. There were lots of ideas shared by all. In History we continue to discuss special events we celebrate with our families. Also this week, Kindergarten made some outrageous octopi in Creative Arts. Just a reminder to bring in a paint shirt for art. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 Welcome back everyone. This term we are looking forward to learning lots of new and exciting things! We are busily preparing for our Mother's Day Liturgy next week and we hope to see lots of our mums and grandmas there. Our Literacy unit this term is based on Australian animals and we have read the picture book "Bundaburra" about a platypus who saves his bush friends. In Maths we are trying hard to skip count by 2's and 5's. Thank you to everyone who has brought in an old fashioned household item used in the past. We would love to see some more things if possible. We have started working in groups for spelling and have introduced a spelling rule. Maths homework will begin next week. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 Welcome back Year 2! By all accounts everyone had a great holiday and it's been interesting to learn about all the holiday adventures during News. We are now writing a recount of our holidays. We've enjoyed painting paper bag monsters as part of our new theme for the term. It's been a busy start to the term and in Grammar and Sentence A Day we focused on using and identifying adjectives in sentences. We've made a great start at being lovely neat hand writers this term. Have a wonderful weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 A big welcome back to another wonderful term in Year 3. This week we've focused on writing strong conclusions for expositions and have written an exposition titled 'Homework Should Be Banned'. In Maths we have practised subtraction with trading and looked at equivalent fractions. During Grammar we have learnt about direct speech and our spelling sound is 'w', 'wh'. This evening we have our First Communion parent meeting where we will outline what the children will be learning in class and organising the First Communion Day. We look forward to seeing you there at 6:00 pm in the computer room. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 Welcome back to a new term. We have been busy getting settled this week revising nouns in Grammar and writing recounts of our holidays. The children have also been given their eisteddfod poems to learn for homework and we have read through and discussed the poem 'Dad Can Fix It' for comprehension. During Maths this week we have learnt about patterns and fractions. For History we explored the voyage of The First Fleet. It was great to see some faces at the ANZAC Day march on Monday. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 Welcome back everyone – it was great hearing about all the fun things people did during their holidays. A special welcome to Samantha Miller who has joined our class this term. Thank you to everyone who came along and marched with us on ANZAC Day. It was fantastic to see so many people paying their respects. In class this week we have been looking at prime and composite numbers as well as the different types of triangles – we even learnt a new little saying to help us remember them. In History we have been looking at the three types of government and the role each has within our society. Our Eisteddfod poems have been sent home this week so I hope everyone is practising them. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 A big thank you to all the students who attended the ANZAC Day march on Monday. We have started this term off with a very busy week. In Grammar we have been consolidating our understanding about apostrophes. Our Maths activities have been focused on composite and prime numbers, number patterns and triangles and their properties. In Writing we have written an exposition titled 'Petrol prices should be lowered'. Year 6 came up with some strong arguments on this topic. In History we learnt about the three levels of government and what each level is responsible for. Keep up the great work Year 6!

Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 29 April – Jodie Johnson & Alicia Heffer
- Monday, 2 May – Emma Meyers & Nikki Church
- Wednesday, 4 May – Nicole Scholte
- Friday, 6 May – Rochelle Harmer & Paula Purvis

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 1 May – Pat Spora, Charlie Banks, Olivia Newstead, Amber Tarrant

