



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 Wednesday. 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, 3 May at 6:00 p.m. in the school library 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, 3 June.

POLDING WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

We wish Darcy Neeves and Will Spora the best of luck when they play 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 Darcy and Will. Congratulations also to Miss Giffin who will manage the diocesan netball team.

DIOCESAN CROSS COUNTRY

We held our St Joey's Cross Country Trials on Thursday, 12 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, 8 May: Will O'Connor, Brody Heffer, Jonas Naden, Mitchell Fuller, Ryder Ryan, Shane Estens, Declan Gale, Henry Purvis, Rhyann Hutchison, Eliza Larkin, Alicia Fordham, Alana Elsom, Grace Tancred, Emilia Peart, Nick Tancred, Nick Gale, Ry Heffer, Lucy McIsaac, Billie Allan, Jade Elsom and Emma Durrant. 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to Term 2. Just a reminder for all students to return overdue books from Term 1 and the holidays. Students will take home overdue slips next week so please return overdue books tomorrow. May is National Family Reading Month. Scholastic is running a competition where students can win book vouchers. Entry forms can be collected from the library. A Book Club catalogue is being sent home today with orders due on Friday, 18 May. *Mrs McIsaac & Mrs Thomas*

P & F MEETING

Thank you to all those who attended the P&F meeting on Tuesday night. The following items were reported on at the meeting:-

- This year's Debutante Ball saw a very healthy profit of \$9,154.47.
- The P&F has generously made a donation of \$600 to the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus. If any family would like to make a donation towards this wonderful service, please contact the Ear Bus direct or drop donations into school and we will pass them on.
- A date has been set for this year's fete, being 7 September. This will be Rochelle Easman's last year as fete co-ordinator. Please consider putting your hand up to take over running the fete, which is one of the P&F's major fundraisers. You may even consider some on the job training leading up to this year's fete.
- We are looking at holding a P&F Trivia Night. Stay tuned for this fun night out.

GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL - OPEN DAY

Gilgandra High School is holding an Open Day on Wednesday, 9 May from 10:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a complimentary BBQ lunch. There will be displays showcasing the various school faculties and information will be provided on the STEM program. A note went home with Year 5 and 6 students last term with full information on the Open Day.

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, 11 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 - 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. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall.

ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING COMPETITIONS

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding both writing and spelling competitions on Thursday, 14 June and Friday, 15 June for children in Years 3-6. If you would like your child to enter either one or both of these competitions please return the tear-off slip with today's About to school by next Friday, 11 May together with the relevant entry fee (\$18.00 for the writing competition and \$12.00 for the spelling competition).

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, 15 May, Wednesday, 16 May and Thursday, 17 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 today. 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.

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.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2019

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2019. 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, 6 July.*

BANNER BEARERS

An interesting coincidence at the ANZAC march was that the GHS banner bearers, Abby Ryan and Jasper Schembri, were our bearer's, Camilla Beveridge and Jack Oehm, buddies when Abby and Jasper were in Year 6 here at Joey's. We didn't realise this until the conclusion of the march. Once a Joey, always a Joey!

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 2

WEEK 1

- Thursday, 3 May - First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, 4 May - Polding Winter Sports Trials – Tamworth – Darcy Neeves, Will Spora, Miss Giffen
- Principals Meeting

WEEK 2

- Tuesday, 8 May - Diocesan Cross Country – Coolah
- Wednesday, 9 May - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
- Gilgandra High School Open Day – Years 5 & 6
- Friday, 11 May - Polding Winter Sports Trials back-up date
- Mother's Day Stall

WEEK 3

- Monday, 14 May - Kerry Morris, Principal St John's College Dubbo to visit – Year 6 – 12:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, 15 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Wednesday, 16 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Thursday, 17 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 18 May - Walk Safely to School Day
- Sunday, 20 May - Pentecost Sunday

WEEK 4

- Tuesday, 22 May - Diocesan Cross Country back-up date
- Year 4 Reconciliation – 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 23 May - Child Protection Professional Development
- Thursday, 24 May - Our Lady Help of Christians Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- Year 3 Reconciliation – 12:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 27 May - Trinity Sunday

WEEK 5

- Tuesday, 29 May - ICAS Science Competition
- Wednesday, 30 May - Life Education Van
- Thursday, 31 May - Spelling Bee – Wellington
- Life Education Van
- Friday, 1 June - Kinder Nursery Rhymes – City of Dubbo
- Eisteddfod
- Sunday, 3 June - First Holy Communion – 9:00 a.m.

WEEK 6

- Monday, 4 June - Life Education Van
- Thursday, 7 June - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 7

- Monday, 11 June - Queen's Birthday holiday
- Tuesday, 12 June - City of Dubbo Eisteddfod
- Wednesday, 13 June - City of Dubbo Eisteddfod
- Thursday, 14 June - Principals/Priests Meeting
- ICAS Writing Competition
- Friday, 15 June - Polding Cross Country
- ICAS Spelling Competition

WEEK 8

- Tuesday, 19 June - Year 6 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- P & F Meeting
- Thursday, 21 June - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Year 5 Reconciliation – 11:30 a.m.
- Sunday 24 June - Nativity of John the Baptist Sunday

WEEK 9

- Thursday, 28 June - Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 29 June - Primary Athletics Carnival
- Reports home

WEEK 10

- Monday, 2 July - NAIDOC Week celebrations
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Tuesday, 3 July - NAIDOC Week Mass – 9:00 a.m.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Wednesday, 4 July - Richardson Cup Finals – Dubbo
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Thursday, 5 July - Year 4 Hut Day
- Friday, 6 July - Athletics Carnival back-up date
- Last Day – Term 2

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Welcome back to another busy term in Kinder. We are enjoying reading our new book 'Mrs Wishy- Washy's Farm' and finding all the rhyming words in the text. Our sound this week is "oo" and we are exploring words that begin with this sound. In Religion we have started our unit 'Belonging to God's People'. We visited our church and talked about all the special things we could see. We are all anticipating the arrival of our mystery class pet ... all will be revealed next week!! It was very pleasing to see some of our Kinder students marching on Anzac Day. Have a great weekend.

Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Welcome back. It was great to see everyone's smiling faces as they returned for another busy term. In Grammar we are investigating prepositions and the blends bl, cl, fl, gl, pl and sl are our sound focus for the next two weeks. In Maths we consolidated our work in division and completed a picture graph about hair colour. Our Literature theme this term is all about bears with a special spotlight on the author Nick Bland. In Art we coloured bear faces to decorate our window and have begun working on a special Mother's Day surprise. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 Welcome back everyone! It sounds like everyone had a well deserved break. We wrote about holidays during writing. In Maths we looked at the duration of time and enjoyed doing as many jumping activities and drawings as we could in time limits of 1 minute. We also revised addition and subtraction. 'Friendships and Bullying' is the new focus in Religion and we discussed the importance of including others and caring for one another. The spelling focus was 'd, dd' words. Have a wonderful weekend.

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 'Books are better than TV'. Year 3 has come up with lots of convincing arguments both for and against and have tried writing convincing arguments to persuade the reader. During Spelling we have looked at the possessive apostrophe rule. We have also begun our Religion unit as Year 3 prepare to make their First Holy Communion in only four week's time. Tonight we have our parent meeting and it would be lovely to see as many people as possible come along as we prepare for this celebration. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell

YEAR 4 Welcome back to another busy term in Year 4. It sounds like everyone enjoyed their holidays with lots of exciting things happening over the past 2 weeks. In class this week we have begun looking at number patterns and measurement during our Maths lessons whilst in Art we completed a commemorative artwork based around ANZAC Day as well as starting our Mother's Day creations. Our Grammar focus this week has been homophones where we have been busy listening and identifying as many as we can throughout the week. During writing we have written our holiday recounts using the chrome books. In Religion we have begun to investigate our new bullying topic that we will be doing for the next few weeks. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady & 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 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. This week we have continued writing a persuasive text using high modality vocabulary. Homework has started this week and well done to all those who have worked hard on their reading during the holidays!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 A big thank you to all the boys and girls who attended the ANZAC Day march last Wednesday. 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 focused on composite and prime numbers, number patterns and triangles and their properties. In Writing we have written a holiday recount. It was great to hear about lots of holiday fun! In History we learnt about The Stolen Generation, The 1967 Referendum and the Mabo Decision. What a great start to the term Year 6! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 4 May – Tanya Hutchison & Simone Fordham
- Monday, 7 May – Suzanne Profke & Emma Meyers
- Wednesday, 9 May – Sarah Hickey & Lorraine Thurlow
- Friday, 11 May – Nikki Church

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 6 May – Dennis Gale & Jess Scholte