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Term 2 Week 10

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Thought for the Week

*You may not know what is going to happen when you try,
but if you do not try... nothing will happen!*

Keep trying!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday. School resumes for staff and students on Monday, 17 July.

CEDARS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONS

Congratulations to all the students for their participation, enthusiasm, skill and the sportsmanship displayed at the athletics carnival last Friday at McGrane Oval. Many thanks to the staff, parents, family and friends who organised and ran the carnival. A team will now be selected to represent St Joey's at the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo on Thursday, 27 July. Congratulations to Cedars who are the 2017 champions.

JOEY'S SHINE IN DUBBO

On a wet day in Dubbo yesterday the Joey's footy stars sure did shine. Our Years 5/6 team consisting of **Rhys O'Neill, Luke O'Neill, Isaiah Gleadhill, Zac Ferguson, Mason Fryers, Will Gaff, Will Fuller, Bailey Wykes, Bradley Kildey** and **Darcy Neeves** defeated a combined St Pat's Lithgow/St Joseph's Portland team and also Parkes Public School and had one loss against Blayney Public School. Unfortunately the boys missed out on the semi finals on a count back. Our Years 3/4 team consisting of **Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Nick Tancred, Nick Gale, Ben Harland, Elten Walker, Sam Dunn, Ryder Ryan** and **Will Younghusband**, defeated Holy Family and St Philomena's Bathurst, with also one loss to Wallarawang Public School by only one try. Both teams displayed tremendous team spirit and were very, very competitive. Congratulations to all the boys. A special mention to **Hayden Ferguson** and **Isaiah Gleadhill** who were named in the ten best players on the day team for their respective competitions. Well done Hayden and Isaiah! Also a big thank you to Nathan Ferguson and Dean Ferguson for coaching the teams. Go Joey's!

YEAR 4 HUT DAY

It was great this morning when all the Year 4 students, Mr Keady and Mrs Stewart arrived at school dressed superbly in their early settlers' clothes. We all enjoyed a beautiful morning tea before the children spoke about their fantastic huts. Congratulations Year 4 – your huts were spectacular. Many thanks to all those parents, family and friends who joined Year 4 for another wonderful 'hut day'. The huts may now be picked up from school as soon as convenient.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Many thanks to all those parents and carers who have come to school this week to meet with the teachers. Working in partnership is a vital part of each child's education and we value your input.

KINDER ENROLMENTS FOR 2018

Just a reminder that the closing date for enrolments for our Kinder class of 2018 is **tomorrow, Friday, 30 June**. If you have picked up an enrolment form and haven't yet returned it, could you please do so tomorrow.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, 25 July in the school hall from 3.30 - 4.15 pm. There will be a wonderful selection of books for all ages including picture books, junior novels, non-fiction, budget buys and our very popular posters and novelty items. A catalogue was sent home with your child this week so that you can see some of the books that will be on offer. If your child is unable to attend the Book Fair

after school, they may shop at lunch time and all books must be paid for on the day of the fair. I look forward to seeing you there. *Mrs Kilby*

"No Way!" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

Friday, 28 July 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Our Year 6 students have decided that 'No Way!' will be our theme for this year's fancy dress social for all students from Years 3-6. Year 6 want you to use your sense of humour and imagination as you prepare for the Primary Social. Some suggestions for our fancy dress social might include: favourite TV or movie characters, country and western, someone from the future or from the past, superheroes, fairies or footballers, pyjamas, sporting stars, crazy colours or a change of character – a boy Cinderella or a girl Bob the Builder. The social will be held in our school hall on Friday, 28 July (Week 2 of next term) from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself! So start thinking 'No Way!'

FATHER'S DAY STALL COORDINATOR

We are looking for a coordinator for our Father's Day Stall. Mrs Danielle Diggs has held this position for a number of years but due to work commitments, cannot continue this year. Father's Day is on Sunday, 3 September which means our stall would be held on Friday, 1 September. This may seem a long way off at the moment but we all know how quickly time passes! Our Father's Day Stall is one of our four fundraising activities for the year, but more importantly, as with the Mother's Day Stall, it is something that gives much pleasure to the children, being able to purchase their own special gifts. Could you please give this role serious consideration and if you are interested contact the office.

TARONGA WESTERN PLAINS ZOO ADVENTURES

Taronga Western Plains Zoo Education Centre's Zoo Adventures is a school holiday program for students attending primary school aged 5-12 years and will be held during the school holidays. This education program is designed for primary school-aged students and all activities are run by qualified staff.

Dates: 4-13 July **Age:** 5-12 years **Time:** 8:30am to 3:30pm

Cost: \$55.00 per child per day **How to Book:** All information including booking form and daily activities can be found on our website <http://taronga.org.au/taronga-western-plains-zoo/whats/zoo-adventures-dubbo> or see Mrs Hodge in the Office. You can also contact the zoo on 6881 1433.

GILGANDRA SHIRE LIBRARY "DESIGN A CODE CLUB POSTER" SCHOOL HOLIDAY COMPETITION

Looking for something to do in the school holidays? Design a Poster for the Library's Code Club and you could win one of our \$30 gift cards!

- * Poster should be on a piece of A4 paper i.e. 210 x 297 mm
- * Poster should include the following words: "CODE CLUB" and "GILGANDRA SHIRE LIBRARY"
- * Poster may include the hashtag for Code Club Australia #getkidscoding
- * Please write your name, age, address and phone number on the back of your poster and bring it to the Library.
- * Competition entries will be laminated and displayed at the Library and may be published on the Library's Facebook page.

* Competition closes Friday 11th August 2017- 5pm.

For more information, please phone 6817 8877 or email: library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

ASPIRE SCHOOL HOLIDAY CODING DAYS

Looking for something to do in the holidays? Interested in computers, games, robotics and coding? Aspire will be holding two fun Coding Days during the holidays, open to everyone between Year 4 and Year 8.

When: Thursday 13th July for students from Year 4-Year 6

Friday 14th July for students from Year 7- Year 8

Time: 9.30am-3.00pm with a break for lunch

Where: Gilgandra Youth Club

Cost: Free!

Bookings essential, and a parental consent form must be completed for each student prior to the day. Places are limited, so please contact Gilgandra Shire Library soon to book your place. Phone 6817 8877 or email: library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday:

KINDER: Max Fiddes for fantastic progress in MiniLit, Ryder Larkin for an excellent effort during MiniLit, Elsie Mudford for trying hard to sound out words in Reading and Story Writing, Ivy Murphy for reading with confidence, Brodie Nichols for playing well with others on the playground, Nikola Riley for carefully sounding out words during Story Writing and Anna Walker for consistently writing interesting stories.

YEAR 1: Makynli Hazelton and Toby Davis for well prepared News items about their favourite Australian animal, Poppy-Grace Newton for beautiful presentation of bookwork and Hayden Nichols for writing a thrilling narrative about a platypus.

YEAR 2: Hudson Duffy for achieving excellent results in Maths testing, Lauren Thurlow for trying hard in Problem A Day and Athletics, Emma Mills and Jessica Ibe for writing great procedures, William O'Connor for a huge improvement in reading and Orlando Ryan for beautiful handwriting.

YEAR 3: Ella Mudford for a fantastic effort in reaching Literacy Pro goals, Declan Gale for a great effort in Grammar, Grace Jones-Copelin for great work in Grammar and Molly Nichols for great improvement in her handwriting.

YEAR 4: Alana Elsom for a super effort during our Grammar revision tasks, Casey Gaff for sharing some great responses during our Mary MacKillop tasks, Ben Harland for amazing presentation of bookwork in all subjects, Ava Meyers for some fantastic achievements in Athletics activities and Jasmine Zell for sharing ideas with the class during our Hut Day activities.

YEAR 5: Darcy Neeves, Isaiah McKenzie and Dylon Murray for enthusiasm towards Athletics activities.

YEAR 6: Jinda Green for reading our class novel with expression, Anton Davis for excellent contributions to class discussions and Kelsey Hutchison for accurate work with similes.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 10

Friday, 30 June - Last Day – Term 2

WEEK 1 - Year 5 Reconciliation

Monday, 17 July - First day Term 3
Tuesday, 18 July - Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.
- Diocesan Conference
Wednesday, 19 July - Mr Neal Reed – Years 4-6 – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, 20 July - Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

WEEK 2 - Year 4 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 25 July - Book Fair
- Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 27 July - Western Region Athletics
Friday, 28 July - Years 3-6 Fancy Dress Social
Sunday, 30 July - Kinder and Year 5 Sunday Mass – 9:45 a.m.
- Confirmation Rite of Commitment

WEEK 3 - Year 6 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 1 August - ICAS English Competition
Wednesday, 2 August - Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 4 August - Life Education Van
- St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day
- Jeans for Genes Day
Sunday, 6 August - The Transfiguration of the Lord

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has spent the week revising the 'h', 'u', 'c' and 'b' sounds. They have also enjoyed reading the Aboriginal Dreamtime story titled "How The Kangaroos Got Their Tails". The children have sequenced the events from this book and completed a close passage. They also wrote a response beginning with the words 'If I were a kangaroo...'. During Mathematics Kinder has used coat hangers and pegs to complete take away number sentences and they've continued and identified the missing parts in a number of patterns. For History

this week Kinder read "Jessica's Story" which is about a young Aboriginal girl growing up in a small Aboriginal community and noted the differences and comparisons between their life and Jessica's. Have a happy holiday!

Miss Smith

YEAR 1 Our final week of Term 2! Where has the time gone? Year 1 has enjoyed reading Dreamtime stories this week and completing some fun activities. We researched some interesting facts about the platypus and found out that they close their eyes underwater and the males have a poisonous spur on their hind leg. In Religion we read the story of 'The Feeding of the Five Thousand' and discussed how God will provide for us in our need if we trust in Him. We brainstormed all the properties of quadrilaterals in Maths and identified shapes that were regular and irregular quadrilaterals. We hope that everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Mrs Newstead

YEAR 2 Thank you to those parents who came along for a Parent/Teacher Interview this week. It's been great to meet with you and discuss your child's progress. During the week we read some favourite Dreamtime stories and looked at Aboriginal artwork used to tell stories. We decorated handprints and used charcoal ochre and dot patterns to create some interesting designs. The focus in Maths was on number patterns, multiplication and area. We worked hard in text types to write procedures of how to do things and how to make things by writing simple recipes. Have a fantastic and well deserved holiday everyone. See you next term.

Miss Harvey

YEAR 3 What a busy week we have had! Year 3 has finished their Religion Pentecost unit about the Holy Spirit. Together we discussed what the Holy Spirit gave the Apostles. In Maths we revised subtraction using the trading method and worked out how many millimetres are in a centimetre and how many centimetres are in a metre. During History we learnt about the Legend of Chang Er and the Moon Festival and how it is remembered in the Asian culture. During Writing we wrote a discussion titled, 'Homework Should Be Banned'. Students brainstormed their ideas and found there were a lot of benefits from homework being completed! As another term ends, the Year 3 teachers would like to wish all families a happy and safe holiday. Take care.

Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke &

Mrs Morris

YEAR 4 Thank you to everyone who came along to share in our festivities as we stepped back in time as early Australian settlers. I'm sure you will agree that Year 4 did a fantastic job today presenting their huts to all our visitors – top work! This week in class we have been finishing off our units of work in preparation for the end of term as well as getting a head start on our class novel for next term, "Paper Planes". Well done to all of the boys who went to Dubbo yesterday for the football finals, you definitely did represent our school with pride. It has been great to have the opportunity to meet with all the mums and dads this week during parent/teacher interviews. Thanks for coming along. I hope you have a safe, restful and relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Mr Keady

YEAR 5 has continued to work hard this week. In Religion we looked at the feast of Pentecost and how the Holy Spirit gave the disciples special gifts to go out to spread the Word of God. We discussed how we can be like them by how we treat others. During Maths we looked at rotational symmetry, number patterns and adding fractions. In English we have finished our writing task which was a discussion about school uniforms being compulsory. In Geography we have been comparing and analysing statistics of countries in the areas of population, health and education. It has been wonderful meeting with parents this week, discussing the progress of your children. We hope everyone has a fabulous holiday and we look forward to a fun filled Term 3!

Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

YEAR 6 In Maths this week we have learnt about order of operations, fractions and volume. We have put our final touches on our narratives titled, 'A Sign'. Year 6 has revised this term's Grammar topics and we have focused on using quotation marks for direct speech. In Art we finished drawing and designing our 'Chinese Dragons', they look magnificent! In Geography we have examined statistics and data that compares the average income, population and life expectancy of people in different countries. It was wonderful to see lots of great school spirit at our athletics carnival last Friday. I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday!

Mr Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 30 June – Lorraine Hutchison & Jessica Whitehouse

Monday, 17 July – Alicia Heffer & Amii Marchant

Wednesday, 19 July – Kristy Gale & Toni Tarrant

Friday, 21 July – Penny Zell & Janine Ferguson

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 2 July – Charlie Banks, Molly Fairey, Isaac Grimshaw, Jett Grimshaw

