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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, 18 July.

KURRAS 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. Also a big thank you to Cec Marchant and Gilgandra Shire Council for their invaluable assistance and support. A team will now be selected to represent St Joey’s at the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo on Thursday, 28 July. Congratulations to Kurras who are the 2016 champions.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS
SONGLINES: THE LIVING NARRATIVE OF OUR NATION
We’ve had a most enjoyable time celebrating NAIDOC Week. On Monday we began with the national anthem, flag raising and welcome to country before Mrs Pearce, Mr Riley, Billie Buckland, Jett Grimshaw, Laura Smith and Jacob Wilson cut the NAIDOC cake. This was followed by lots of fun and games in the weather shed. On Tuesday we began with a beautiful Mass in St Joseph’s Church followed by a scrumptious BBQ lunch. NAIDOC week is an important time to celebrate indigenous Australians and we thank Mrs Pearce, Mr & Mrs Wenden Riley, Ms Kirstie McKenzie, Mr Brendan Naden, Ms Lisa Murray and Miss Christine Harland for their help in organising this fabulous week and the variety of activities.

NAIDOC THANK YOU
Once again we’ve had a wonderful time celebrating NAIDOC Week. With our games, in class activities, a beautiful Mass and a delicious sausage sizzle lunch for all. It may have been cold but we enjoyed every minute of it. I would like to thank Mr Musgrave and Mrs Banks and the wonderful staff at Joey’s as well as Father Martin. Also thank you to my parent helpers – Kirstie McKenzie, Wenden and Lesley Riley, Brendan Naden and Lisa Murray and Christine Harland for their help in organising this fabulous week and the variety of activities.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is being celebrated this Sunday, 3 July at the 9:45am Mass at St Joseph’s Church. The Australian Catholic Bishops have declared the first Sunday in July a day dedicated to our indigenous brothers and sisters. All are welcome to come along and join in the celebration. We need children to help out with the slides, singing, and playing the clapsticks!

RICHARDSON CUP FINALS
Congratulations to our Years 3/4 rugby league team who played at the Richardson Cup finals held in Dubbo yesterday. The boys played some great footy having a win over Bletchington Public School, a draw with St John’s Dubbo and a loss to St Matthew’s Mudgee. A fine effort! Well done to the whole team and a big thank you to Nathan Ferguson for coaching the boys. At the end of the day the team was lucky enough to get a photo with former Eels, Blues and Australian footy legend, Nathan Hindmarsh. The side consisted of: Will Spora, Jack Oehm, Luke O’Neill, Jacob Harland, Ryan Ferguson, Bailey Wykes, Dylen Murray, Hayden Ferguson, Isaac Grimshaw and Aiden Walker.

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.

YEAR 2 RURAL MUSEUM & VISITORS INFORMATION CENTRE VISIT
Our Year 2 students have been counting down the days until their visit to the Gilgandra Rural Museum and Visitors Information Centre which will take place tomorrow, Friday, 1 July. This excursion is part of their History unit, ‘The Past In The Present’ and it should be most interesting investigating the way things were in days gone by. Thank you to those parents who have offered to help.

YEAR 4 HUT DAY
It was great this morning when all the Year 4 students and Miss Smith 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 and finished with some spectacular singing and dancing. 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.

MRS STEWART
We were saddened to hear the news that Mrs Stewart’s mother, Mrs Kath Creenaune passed away on Sunday. Please keep Marg, Murray, Brad and Jessie and all Mrs Creenaune’s family in your thoughts and prayers.

MOORAMBILLA SYDNEY TOUR
Congratulations to Jack Oehm who has been selected in the Moorambilla Choir to tour Sydney during the first week of the school holidays. The choir will perform at Parliament House, Government House and Manly beach. What a fantastic experience – well done Jack!

YEARS 5/6 CANBERRA/SNOWY EXCURSION
OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY
There are only two more school days before the Years 5/6 students depart for their Canberra/Snowy Excursion. They will be away from 19th to the 22nd July and looking at the itinerary it promises to be an awesome experience for all. The first day back next term, Monday, 21 July, will be an out-of-uniform for all the Years 5 & 6 students so all their uniforms will be clean for the excursion.

BOOK FAIR
Our annual Scholarstic Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, 26 July in the school hall from 3:20 – 4:15 p.m. The children who are unable to visit the Book Fair after school will be able to purchase books at lunch time. This year there will be a ‘Specials’ box with books starting at $1.00 as well as the very popular ‘variety boxes’. Hope to see you there!

ENROLMENTS CLOSE TOMORROW FOR KINDER 2017
Just a reminder that the closing date for enrolments for our Kinder class of 2017 is tomorrow, Friday, 1 July. If you have picked up an enrolment form and haven’t yet returned it, you will need to return it by tomorrow.

GILGANDRA SHIRE LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS COMPETITION: “READING PASSPORT”
Looking for something to do during the school holidays? Why not enter the Library’s Reading Passport competition? Pick up a passport at Gilgandra Shire Library and get reading! All you need to do is read for ten minutes, and ask a parent or carer to sign a box to show you’ve done it. There are twelve boxes in the passport, so once you’ve completed all of it the whole team and a big thank you to Nathan Ferguson for coaching the boys. At the end of the day the team was lucky enough to get a photo with former Eels, Blues and Australian footy legend, Nathan Hindmarsh. The side consisted of: Will Spora, Jack Oehm, Luke O’Neill, Jacob Harland, Ryan Ferguson, Bailey Wykes, Dylen Murray, Hayden Ferguson, Isaac Grimshaw and Aiden Walker.
them, you will have read for a total of two hours. Bring your completed passport to the Library by Friday 12th August and you will go in the draw to win a Lenovo 7” tablet! And you can complete as many passports as you like! This competition is open to everyone under the age of 19 years. For children under the age of 6 years, time spent being read to counts also. For more information, phone the Library on 68178877, or email library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

**POSITION VACANT**

Casual Cleaner required at the Orana Windmill Motel. No experience necessary for the right applicant. Please call Mrs Newstead on 68472404.

**MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** Toby Davis for being a great role model for others to follow, Te Mana Diamond for contributing to discussions in History about the past, present and future, Mason Evans and Alyssa Ferguson for being responsible members of Kindergarten, Mia Ferguson for giving of her best in her handwriting. Xanthe Gale for giving of her best during Story Writing, Sophie Gilmour for great singing during Jolly Phonics and Makynli Hazelton for sounding out words in Story Writing.

**WEEK 1:**
- Lauren Thurlow for sharing interesting information about bush tucker.
- Stuart Wheatley for trying hard in Maths.
- Jordan Wighton for a fabulous effort in History.
- Mitchell Fuller for writing a super story about a frog.

**WEEK 2:**
- Dakotah Gilmour for always trying hard in Maths.
- Alison Muddford for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations.
- Sam Dunn for an imaginative narrative about a Cyclops teacher.
- Carter Chapman for a super effort in Comprehension and Ryder Ryan for working hard in Maths.

**WEEK 3:**
- Jett Chandler for a creative approach to writing.
- Mattea Purvis for excellent work in Comprehension groups.
- Ryan Ferguson for great work in Problem A Day and Lucy McSaae for being a kind and cooperative member of Year 3.

**WEEK 4:**
- Jack Oehm for learning his Hut Day speech in record time.
- Jacob Harland for being a helpful member of Year 4.

**YEAR 1:**
- Kelsey Hutchison for being a Maths Whiz during class Operations.
- Bradley Kildey for outstanding results in our reading group activities.
- Laura Farragher for demonstrating great enthusiasm towards our Canberra unit.
- Isaiah Gleadhill for showing a sincere interest in learning about the Australian War Memorial and Olivia Schier for presenting a great speech about a person she admires.

**YEAR 2:**
- Laura Smith for excellent work with improper fractions.
- Aliza Purvis for a consistent effort in Maths Operations.
- Amber Tarrant for writing a well-structured discussion.
- Emily Skinner for great work in Problem A Day.
- Tom Eason for enthusiastically presenting his Canberra interview and Jacob Wilson for constructing 3D objects with accuracy.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 10**
- Friday, 1 July - Last Day – Term 2
- Year 2 Rural Museum Visit

**WEEK 1 - Mrs Stewart – Long Service Leave**
- Monday, 18 July - First day Term 3
- Tuesday, 19 July - Friday 22 July
- July - Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion
- Tuesday, 19 July - Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, 22 July - PSSA Cross Country – Rhys O’Neill

**WEEK 2 - Year 5 Reconciliation**
- Tuesday, 26 July - Book Fair
- Thursday, 28 July - Western Region Athletics
- Friday, 29 July - GHS Careers Expo

**WEEK 3 - Year 4 Reconciliation**
- Monday, 1 August - Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 2 August - ICAS English Competition
- Thursday, 4 August - Dental Visit
- Friday, 5 August - Western Region Athletics Back-Up date
- Sunday, 7 August - Rite of Commitment for Confirmation

**ARROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER**

This week Kindergarten has been revising the sight words and sounds they have learnt so far. We continue to hear the last and middle sounds in words. We read “How The Birds Got Their Colours” and explained what Dreamtime stories are and what the patterns in Aboriginal art might mean. In Mathematics we learnt about the number 0 and have been discussing patterns, area and volume. During History we finalised our personal history subject by discussing the significant events we celebrate and in Science we finished our ‘Staying Alive’ unit by discussing why shelter, food and water is so important. As we draw to an end of a busy term I want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and look forward to Term 3. Take care.

Miss Belinda Bourke

**YEAR 1**

Our very busy term has finally come to an end! We have had a fabulous time celebrating NAIDOC week and a big thank you to Mrs Pearce for all her hard work and organisation. Year 1 loved the games in the weathershed, especially pinning the tail on the dingo! In class we read the dreamtime story “What Made Tiddalik Laugh?” and completed a cloze passage and a sequencing activity. We also finished our information reports about frogs - did you know only male frogs croak? In Maths we tried our hand at making and describing equal groups, finding missing numbers and describing 3D shapes. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Mrs Alison Neustead

**YEAR 2**

This week we celebrated NAIDOC Week. We have enjoyed games, stories and creating Aboriginal art works. In Maths we investigated digital times and revised our flip, slide, turn abilities. In History we looked at special landmarks of Gilgandra and are very excited about our History excursion tomorrow. Thank you to those parents who attended Parent/Teacher Interviews this week. It was a great opportunity to discuss your child’s learning. Have a wonderful holiday and we’ll see you in Term 3! Mrs Michelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey

**YEAR 3**

What a wonderful time we had earlier in the week joining in all our NAIDOC activities and we thank Mrs Pearce for organising it all for us! Well done to those children who reached their Literacy Pro goals – a fabulous effort! Don’t forget to keep reading over the holidays! During English we had fun using a ‘stop – motion’ app to create a mini movie which we will use to help us write a narrative. It has been wonderful meeting with parents this week to discuss their child’s progress – it is certainly a great opportunity to share information. We wish everyone a happy holiday and we look forward to a terrific Term 3!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris

**YEAR 4**

A big thank you to all who came and celebrated Hut Day with us today. I’m sure you will agree that the children did an amazing job building their huts and preparing and presenting their speeches. In the classroom this week we have been revising a number of concepts we have learnt this term. This week we have also been celebrating NAIDOC week with a cake, some fantastic games in the weather shed, a lovely Mass and a sausage sizzle. A big thank you goes to Mrs. Pearce for organising all these activities. I hope everyone has a wonderful, relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed for Term 3.

Miss Philippa Smith

**YEAR 5**

Only two school days left until we head off to Canberra and we are all definitely excited. It has been fantastic to hear all of the interviews that we have practised over the last few weeks, now coming together – well done! In Maths we have looked at converting remainders into fractions when working with division as well as ‘floor plan views’ of different settings. Our NAIDOC activities at school this week have been a major highlight and we would like to thank Mrs Pearce and all her helpers for creating some fun activities for us. Have a restful holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in Week 1 – all ready to go on our excursion.

Mr Tim Keedy

**YEAR 6**

This week has finished polishing our Canberra interviews this week. They sound great! In Maths we have learnt about Roman numerals, finding the area of triangles and using 360 degree protractors to measure angles. We revised and wrote examples of metaphors and similes in Grammar. In our History unit we have learnt about Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial. Year 6 is very excited about our Canberra Excursion in Week 1 next term, we can’t wait! Year 6 has had a very productive term, I’m sure we will keep up the great work throughout the year. Have a restful and peaceful holiday.

Mr Damien Soares

**CANTER ROSTER**

Friday, 1 July – Katherine Gaff & Sarah Gordon
Monday, 11 July – Emma Meyers & Sally Temple
Wednesday, 20 July – Simone Beaton & Belinda Murray
Friday, 22 July – Michelle Woollams & Amy Spora

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 3 July – Charlie Banks, Jacob Wilson, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier