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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, 23 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. Congratulations to Cedars who are the 2018 champions.

WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

St Joe's will send a strong squad to the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo on Monday, 30 July (Week 2). A permission note was sent home yesterday. Participating schools include St Joseph's Gilgandra, St Brigid's Coonamble, St John's Baradine, St Lawrence's Coonabarabran, St Mary's Dubbo, St Mary's Wellington and St Pius X Dubbo. Our team consists of: Alyssa Ferguson, Georgia Tancred, Bonica Henry, Sailor Ryan, Alex Cosier, Angus Johnson, Sienna Zell, Alex Gaff, Molly Nichols, Will O'Connor, Mitchell Fuller, Ryder Ryan, Lilla Oehm, Grace Tancred, Jordan Neeves, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Lochlann Henry, Billie Allan, Mattea Purvis, Chloe Mudford, Darcy Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Bailey Wykes, Jade Elsom, Emma Durrant, Layney Godber, Jack Oehm, Aiden Walker, Isaac Grimshaw, Jonas Naden, Will Spora, Kate Woollams, Ry Heffer, Jerome Woodrow, Emilia Peart, Alicia Fordham, Brody Heffer, Lucy McIsaac, Oscar Spora, Emily Zell, Molly Wilson, Kyzack Corcoran, Will Youngusband, Brooke Woollams, Trinity Zell, Rhyan Hutchison, Nick Kirsop, Dylon Murray, Camilla Beveridge, Jacob Harland, Eva Bonnington.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS

THEME: BECAUSE OF HER WE CAN

The staff and students have had a wonderful time celebrating NAIDOC Week at our school. On Monday we began with the national anthem, flag raising and welcome to country followed by cutting of the NAIDOC cake. This was followed by class activities. 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 and Mr Pearce for their help in organising this fabulous week and the variety of activities.

NAIDOC WEEK THANK YOU

What a fantastic start to our NAIDOC Week with our flag raising at assembly, followed by cake cutting and welcome by Isaac Grimshaw and Mrs Reid as our special guest. Mrs Reid also told a dreamtime story and taught the classes a respect song in Wiradjuri. Mr Pearce played the didj and talked about weapons and their uses. On Tuesday we had our whole school Mass where Mr Pearce welcomed us to country. Thank you Mrs Banks for organising it all. At lunch we all enjoyed a sausage sizzle and Mr Pearce cooked his famous Johnny cakes. Thank you to my helpers in the canteen, Rainbow Pearce and Sarah Wighton and thank you also to our Elders, Kath Bird, Phyllis Morgan, Lois Towney and Fay Ward and to all of the St. Joe's staff for your support.

Mrs Pearce & Mr Pearce

RICHARDSON CUP – SEMI FINALISTS

Congratulations to our Years 3/4 rugby league team who made the semi finals of the Richardson Cup played in Dubbo yesterday. Our team was outstanding all day defeating St Philomena's School Bathurst, St Laurence's School Forbes and drawing with Mulyan Public School before going down to eventual winners St Mary's Dubbo in the semis. This was an amazing effort by all our players and their team work, school spirit and skill was truly inspiring. Well done to Eva Bonnington, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Lochie Henry, Lilla Oehm, Henry Purvis, Ryder Ryan, Will Youngusband, Mitch Fuller, Brody Heffer and Will O'Connor. A special mention to Lochie Henry who was awarded a Panther's jumper by Penrith player Dylon Edwards as one of the players of the day. Well done Lochie! A big thank you to Mr Keady

and to all the parents who did a fabulous job looking after our team yesterday. Go Joey's!

YEAR 4 HUT DAY

It was great this morning when all the Year 4 students as well as Mr Keady, Miss Giffins and Mrs Colwell 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.

GARDENING NEWS

The rain was wonderful, just what we needed for the garden. Two weeks ago we weeded the bird garden to get the big kikuyu runners out. We had a lot of helpers and they were great. We all got the job done! In the mini green house, the sugar snaps are sprouting and should be ready to plant next week.

By Casey Gaff

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.

P & F TRIVIA NIGHT – DATE CHANGE

The date for the St Joseph's P & F Association Trivia Night has been changed to **Friday, 3 August** at Gilgandra Sporties. There will be tables of eight, so get a table together or come on your own and join a table. The cost will be \$10.00 per head. The evening will commence at 7:00 p.m. and feel free to bring your own nibbles. Tickets are available for purchase from the school office.

TRIVIA NIGHT MEETING

There will be a meeting **TONIGHT** at 7:00 p.m. at the Sporties for anyone interested in helping to organise the Trivia night. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to come along and share some ideas.

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 24 - 27 July and looking at the itinerary it promises to be an awesome experience for all. The first day back next term, Monday, 23 July, will be an out-of-uniform for the Years 5 and 6 students so all their uniforms will be clean for the excursion.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Tuesday, 31 July (Week 2) 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. Catalogues will be sent home with your child during the first week of next term 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. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs McIsaac & Mrs Thomas

"DREAM BIG" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

Friday, 17 August 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

It's just about time for the fancy dress social and our Year 6 leaders want you to 'DREAM BIG'!! What does it mean to 'DREAM BIG' we hear you ask? Well how about you dream about coming as an **OUTBACK LEGEND**, or **LIGHT IT UP** and dress in different colours, or dress as your favourite **MOVIE CHARACTER**, or as what you want to be **WHEN YOU GROW UP**, or as a **ROCK 'N' ROLL STAR**, or your **BIGGEST IDOL**, or someone from **ONCE UPON A TIME** or **ONCE**

IN A MILLION YEARS, or what about **SPONGEBOB** or one of his mates, or come up with your own dream character. **BUT DON'T DREAM IT, DO IT!!**. See you at the social to be held in our school hall on Friday, 17 August from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself and **DARE TO DREAM!**

2017 ANNUAL SCHOOL EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT
Our 2017 Annual School Education and Financial Report has been uploaded to the BOSTES website and the Bathurst Diocesan CEO website. This report is a requirement of the Australian Government. If any parents wish to view the report, please visit:-
www.bth.catholic.edu.au/contentuploads/files/GILSTJ_2017.pdf.

GULARGAMBONE TENNIS CLUB

The Gulargambone Tennis Club is holding kid's coaching on 16 and 17 July. For further details please contact John on 0427 251 231.

WATOTO 'SIGNS & WONDERS' CONCERT

A free concert, 'Signs & Wonders', is being held on Tuesday, 10 July at 7:00 p.m. at the Gilgandra Shire Hall. This will be a vibrant worship experience with the sound of a transformed generation by a family of orphans from Uganda.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Akhiro Baker** for writing a good story about what you like about NAIDOC week, **Isabelle Peart** and **Mackenzie Skinner** for creating a lovely NAIDOC week artwork and **Lucy Profke** for good work naming various 3D shapes.

YEAR 1: **Ashley Gilmour** for lovely expression when reading, **Joe Staggs** for writing a great recount, **Anna Walker** for wonderful effort in Spelling, **Jeremiah Woodrow** for super work in Grammar and **Cooper Lummis** for a well prepared news item.

YEAR 2: **Vaughan Zell** for making great contributions in Science discussions, **Layla Wykes** and **Olivia Westwood** for good work in Problem A Day and Operations, **Makynli Hazelton** for reading with lovely expression, **Hayden Nichols** for asking good questions in History, **Dimity Wykes** for writing a great description and **Evie Peart** for always showing kindness to others.

YEAR 3: **Stuart Wheatley** for an improved effort in Text Type writing, **Abbie Skinner** for great progress in Comprehension and **Brody Heffer** for fantastic work in Maths Operations.

YEAR 4: **Tia Allan** and **Alex Gaff** for writing some impressive sizzling starts, **Eva Bonnington** for writing some impressive sizzling starts for a persuasive text and **Shane Estens**, **Henry Purvis** and **Jessie Riley** for showing enthusiasm during Hut Day practices.

YEAR 5: **Jett Tarrant** for giving 100% effort to all set tasks, **Alana Elsom** for playing the ukulele so beautifully at our Mass, **Nick Gale** and **Chelsea Brand** for working consistently to master new concepts in Maths.

YEAR 6: **Camilla Beveridge** for being a positive and enthusiastic member of Year 6, **Jack Oehm** for excellent work with perimeter, **Molly Fairey** for quick and accurate work in Maths Operations and **Chloe Mudford** for presenting your Canberra interview with confidence.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 10

Thursday, 5 July - Year 4 Hut Day
- Trivia Night Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 6 July - Last day – Term 2

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WEEK 1

Monday, 23 July - First day Term 3
Tuesday, 24 July -
Friday, 27 July - Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion

WEEK 2

Monday, 30 July - Western Region Athletics Carnival
Tuesday, 31 July - ICAS English Competition
- Book Fair
Wednesday, 1 August - Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, 3 August - Jeans for Genes Day
- Trivia Night

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER It is hard to believe that another term has come to an end! We have had a great time learning many new and exciting things in Kindergarten. We have enjoyed all the fabulous NAIDOC week activities and a big thank you to Mr and Mrs Pearce for all their hard work. We read the Dreamtime story about Boondaburra the platypus and discussed how we are all

wonderfully made and God created us all unique and special. Everybody completed a very life like platypus and we wrote about our favourite part of the story. Thank you to all the parents who came along to parent teacher interviews it was lovely to see you. We hope everyone has a happy and restful holiday. *Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*
YEAR 1 What a wonderful week we have had to finish off the term. We began with NAIDOC Week activities, sharing a piece of celebratory cake and a lovely Mass on Tuesday with a sausage sizzle lunch. Each afternoon we have played an 'old fashion' game – pick up sticks, marbles, hopscotch and hoops, as we completed our History unit 'Present and Past Family Life'. In Maths we consolidated work on subtraction and investigated months/seasons and in Grammar we continued looking at articles. We are looking forward to our Teddy Bears Picnic tomorrow and finish watching 'Kung Fu Panda' as we celebrate the conclusion of our term's theme on bears. It was wonderful to catch up with everyone during parent teacher interviews and I hope everyone has a fantastic break. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 2 It has been a wonderful time celebrating NAIDOC week. Many thanks to Mrs Reid, Mr Pearce and Mrs Pearce for teaching us an aboriginal song and letting us play some NAIDOC games. In our Literature unit we focused on 'Dreamtime' stories and the importance of learning about Aboriginal culture. We designed some great Aboriginal handprints and investigated dot paintings in Art. Thank you to everyone who came along to the Parent Teacher Interviews. It was great to catch up with you to discuss your child's progress. Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. Have a relaxing and well deserved holiday everyone. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week Year 3 has enjoyed watching a short clip called 'Lou'. 'Lou' reminded us about the importance of being kind and treating people how we would like to be treated. We also read the book 'Sometimes We Were Brave' as part of our Bounce Back program. This story helped us understand 'accept what can't be changed (but try to change what you can first)'. Our new focus during 'Bounce Back' is Relationships - Getting along well with others. We enjoyed celebrating NAIDOC this week and thanks to Mrs Pearce, Mr Pearce and Mrs Reid for organising such a great celebration. We created some NAIDOC artworks which will be displayed in our classroom. We also went to see the Year 4 huts and were very impressed. The children are already discussing how they will build their huts for next year! What a fabulous term we have had! We hope you all enjoy a wonderful, safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all for Term 3. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

YEAR 4 Wow, what a fantastic Hut Day today! Well done to everyone on their marvelous presentations they made as early settlers and thank you to everyone who came along to join us on this fun day. We all enjoyed celebrating NAIDOC week! In class we have been working hard in Writing to identify how we can use sizzling starts and show 'don't tell' methods when writing expositions. In Maths we have looked at rounding as well as identifying factors of numbers. We have certainly had a very busy term in Year 4 and we hope that you have a very restful and relaxing break. We cannot wait to see you back again for another action packed term in 2 weeks. Enjoy the holidays! *Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 has really enjoyed all the activities of NAIDOC Week. In Personal Development & Health we have looked at and practised the skills needed to listen with attention. We have also revised showing empathy to others and how to deal with feelings of frustration. During Maths we looked at probability, properties of 3D shapes and adding fractions. In English we have been making comparisons between the book "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and the movie. We have focused on the characters, setting and plot and filled in a graphic organiser to record our observations. It has been wonderful meeting with parents this week to discuss the progress of their children. We hope everyone has a fabulous holiday and we look forward to a fun filled Term 3! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 In Maths this week we have learnt about perimeter, adding fractions and converting improper fractions to mixed numerals. Year 6 has now finished their Canberra booklets and we can't wait until our excursion. In Grammar we have reviewed the topics we have covered this term. It sounds like everyone has enjoyed the NAIDOC Week celebrations. A big thank you to all the helpers who made the activities possible. Have a safe and happy holiday. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 6 July – Alicia Heffer and Amy Naef
Monday, 23 July – Ash and Lib Walker
Wed, 25 July – Amanda Chandler and Gai-Maree Younghusband
Friday, 27 July – John and Helen McIsaac

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 8 July – Olivia McClelland & Oli Schier