



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 2

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Thought for the Week

Mothers hold their children's hands for a while but their hearts forever.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL - Tomorrow, Friday, 11 May

Thank you to those who have donated items to our Mother's Day Stall this year. If you haven't already done so, it's not too late, just send them in in the morning. Just a reminder that the gifts range in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00 and don't forget to send a plastic bag with your child to bring home their precious gifts.

HELPERS FOR THE STALL

If anyone can spare some time tomorrow to wrap last minute gifts and help man the stall, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Helpers are needed from 9:00 a.m.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

All raffle tickets need to be returned to school tomorrow as the raffles will be drawn at the conclusion of the Mother's Day Stall. We would like to thank **This N That Gifts and Homewares, Travelling Hair by Shalyn and Ben & Nicole Chapman and Brian & Natalie Mudford** for their generous donations towards the raffle.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RUGBY LEAGUE REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to **Darcy Neeves** and **Will Spora** who represented the Bathurst Diocese in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Winter Sports Trials for rugby league held in Tamworth last Friday. It is a fantastic achievement to reach this high level of competition. Special mention to Darcy Neeves who was selected in the Possibles-v-Probables game on the day. Congratulations also to **Miss Giffin** who managed the diocesan netball team.

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Congratulations **Mitch Fuller** (9 years) who came 5th at the Diocese of Bathurst Cross Country held at Coolah on Tuesday. There are over 70 competitors in these events and to come in the top six is a fabulous achievement. Well done Mitch! He will now represent the diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Cross Country Championships to be held at Eastern Creek on Friday, 15 June. Other students who finished in the top twenty included: **Ryder Ryan** – 10th, **Lucy McIsaac** – 13th and **Ry Heffer** – 20th. Well done Ryder, Lucy & Ry!

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE VISIT

Mrs Kerry Morris, Principal of St John's College Dubbo will visit our school next Monday, 14 May. Mrs Morris will address our Year 6 students regarding high school education at the college.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is being held next Tuesday, 15 May, Wednesday, 16 May and Thursday, 17 May 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). If you require any information about the NAPLAN tests please contact the school.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 17 May at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend and morning tea will follow the Liturgy so please bring a plate to share.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Next Friday, 18 May is Walk Safely to School Day. Objectives of the day are:

- To promote the health benefits of walking and help create regular walking habits at an early age.
- To help children develop the vital road-crossing skills they will need as they become mature pedestrians.
- To ensure that children up to 10 years of age hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.
- To reduce the car dependency habits that are being created at an early age and which will be difficult to change as children become adults.
- To reduce vehicle emissions to help tackle climate change and improve air quality.

We ask you to discuss with your child the health benefits of walking as well as safety rules. All students will receive a Walk Safely to School sticker so that they might like to wear it tomorrow to highlight the importance of being a safe pedestrian.

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 that was with last week's About (or send in a note) to school by tomorrow, Friday, 11 May together with the relevant entry fee (\$18.00 for the writing competition and \$12.00 for the spelling competition).

CHICKENPOX

We have recently received notification that two students have been diagnosed with chickenpox. Whilst the cases are limited, it is important for you to be aware of the symptoms for chickenpox. Chickenpox usually begins with fever, fatigue and loss of appetite followed by a generalised rash a day or so later and starts as itchy red spots but rapidly progresses to blisters. A person is infectious from two days prior to the onset of the rash until the blisters have all crusted into scabs, usually about five days after they appear. Children with chickenpox must miss school until all remaining blisters have become scabs then exclusion is no longer required. Please seek medical attention if unsure.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 Fees Statements will be sent home, via email for those who have provided email addresses, or otherwise with the eldest child in the family, early next week. Term 2 fees are due on Friday, 1 June. If anyone is experiencing difficulty with the payment of school fees, please make an appointment to see Mr Musgrave to discuss any issues.

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.

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.*

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.

ANNUAL SCHOOL SURVEYS

The Catholic Education Office emailed a survey to all parents, staff and Year 5 and 6 students last week. 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.

ROLL MARKING – UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school it is important that you let us know either by phone, in writing or via our school app, the reason for the absence. We are required by law to report any child who has more than 10 unexplained absences. The children have been reminded to bring in notes for absences and we would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WHS REQUIREMENTS

As part of our WHS requirements, the office of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Bathurst and our school recommend that all volunteers complete the WHS Induction e-learning module online. If you wish to undertake this module please contact the school for the online instructions.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Eva Mulligan** for working hard on all classroom tasks, **Izakk Tarrant** for following instructions beautifully, **Heidi Colwell** for super work identifying objects with the biggest volume and **Oliver Peart** for drawing a great picture of his mum.

YEAR 1: **Georgia Allan** for lovely work in Art, **Tilly Tancred** for great work in Grammar, **Ruby Ryan** for working hard in Maths and **Jock Mills** for a good effort in all areas.

YEAR 2: **Olivia Westwood** for being a settled worker who tries hard, **Tilla Chandler** for magnificent work in Maths, **Riley Hutchison** for being ready and organised during class, **Ava Lacey** for being a kind and caring friend to other classmates, **Sophie Gilmour** for working well to finish tasks happily and **Alyssa Ferguson** for speaking clearly and sharing interesting news.

YEAR 3: **Hope Jones-Coplin** for writing a fantastic exposition on 'Reading books is better than watching TV', **Hudson Duffy** for writing a fabulous exposition on 'All children should play sport' and **Alicia Fordham** for an outstanding effort in all Key Learning Areas.

YEAR 4: **Beatie Davis** for trying to use some great adjectives in her writing, **Alex Gaff** for using chromebooks in class activities with ease, **Taylor Hayes** for creating some fantastic Mother's Day art, **Ryder Ryan** for having a positive attitude towards all class tasks and **Will Youngusband** for sharing some great ideas during our Religion lessons.

YEAR 5: **Chelsea Brand** for beautiful expression when reading our class novel, **Cameron Davis** for completing difficult Maths question methodically and with accuracy and **Nick Tancred**, **Nick Gale** and **Ben Standing** for producing convincing arguments in persuasive writing activities.

YEAR 6: **Sarah Temple** for great work with apostrophes in Grammar, **Camilla Beveridge** for excellent work with squared numbers, **Tom Dunn** for outstanding contributions during comprehension groups and **Aiden Walker** for writing a well structured holiday recount.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 2

Friday, 11 May - 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 - 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

- Working Bee (Year 3 parents) to clean Church for First Holy Communion – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, 1 June - Kinder Nursery Rhymes – City of Dubbo Eisteddfod

Sunday, 3 June - First Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has been concentrating on sounding out short words and working out the beginning, middle and end sounds. In Religion we have been discussing symbols in our classroom and church that remind us that we believe in and love Jesus. We are very excited about celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday and we have lots of surprises in store for our mums and grandmas. Thank you to Dr. Nadine who came to share with us all the important things we need to know about looking after our pets. We also named our class budgie 'Tweety' and talked about some rules we must remember. Happy Mother's Day to everyone!

Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 This week we have begun preparing for our class Liturgy which is next Thursday. We hope many of our family and friends can join us, especially our mums. In Grammar we have been learning about prepositions and have enjoyed mixing some crazy ingredients together as part of our new Science unit 'Mix It Up'. In Maths we completed number patterns and investigated 3D shapes. We have been very busy putting our finishing touches on our special surprises for our mums for Mother's Day and we hope all Mums have a beautiful day on Sunday.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 It has been another busy week in Year 2 and we have enjoyed using the iPads. In Maths we have looked at volume, angles, division and multiplication. In Grammar we have identified verbs, adjectives and correct punctuation in sentence writing. Our Spelling focus was "a" used in the middle, ending and beginning of words. In Religion we looked at ways to have great friendships and also the definition of bullying. We all agree "it's better to be a buddy than a bully". Poem practices have begun and well done to Years 1 and 2 for your efforts to learn the poems so enthusiastically. Happy Mother's Day to all the mums and nans who we love dearly. We hope you get spoiled this weekend. Have a great weekend everyone.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Thank you to those parents who attended our First Holy Communion

meeting last Thursday. It was a great opportunity to see what the children are learning in the program. Our History lessons have us looking at the history of St Joseph's and how things have changed. We have written persuasive texts about "All Children Should Play Sport" and "Try This Activity!". It is wonderful to see everyone trying hard to use convincing language features. We have started learning our poems for the Eisteddfod: "Hist!" and "Sick". Well done to those who have been practising at home. In Art we have created warm and cool colour artworks and also some lovely Mother's Day craft. Happy Mother's Day to all our wonderful mums!

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell

YEAR 4 are back into the swing of things this week as we have begun practising our poetry for the eisteddfod later in the term. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm the students have been putting into their poems. We also had 5 students participate in the Cross Country this week, congratulations to all on a fantastic effort! In class we have been learning about information reports and students have been busy researching to construct an information report on a chosen animal. We have had a big focus on direct and indirect speech in grammar and in Maths we have learnt about number patterns, symmetry, chance and our 8 times table. Students have been engaged in science experiments with Mrs McIsaac. We hope all of our mums have a relaxing Mother's Day this Sunday!

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 This week in Year 5 we have continued our focus on writing persuasive texts. We have practised stepping up our vocabulary and using techniques to grab the reader's attention. During Maths we have revised percentages, properties of triangles and prime and composite numbers. In English we are enjoying reading aloud our class novel, discussing the characters and the descriptive devices that C.S Lewis uses. Our Grammar focus has been identifying and writing simple, compound and complex sentences. Year 5 has been busy creating some special artworks for Mother's Day and we wish all mothers a day full of happiness on Sunday!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 Congratulations to everyone who competed at Coolah for cross country. It sounds as though everyone gave of their best! Year 6 has been working busily to prepare their free choice speeches. It has been wonderful to hear a great variety of topics. In Grammar we have revised compound sentences and conjunctions. Maths activities have focused on the properties of triangles, decimals and fractions. In Art we have finished off our Mother's Day cards and we wish all our mums a happy Mother's Day. Have a great weekend!

Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 11 May – Nikki Church & Sarah Adams

Monday, 14 May – Kristy Cosier & Alicia Harrison

Wednesday, 16 May – Rachel Lacey & Catherine Neeves

Friday, 18 May – JB & Alison Tancred

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 13 May – Olivia McClelland & Oli Schier

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