



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 2

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Thought for the Week

*A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it
... it just blooms!*

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Rhys O'Neill** (12 years) who won his event, **Will Fuller** (11 years) who came 2nd and **Bailey Wykes** (10 years) who came 3rd at the Diocese of Bathurst Cross Country held at Coolah on Tuesday. There are over 70 competitors in these events and to win or come in the top six is a fabulous achievement. Well done Rhys, Will and Bailey! They will now represent the diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Cross Country Championships to be held at Eastern Creek on Friday, 16 June. Other students who finished in the top twenty included: **Ryan Ferguson** – 12th, **Lucy McIsaac** – 11th, **Billie Allan** – 12th and **Emilia Peart** – 20th. Well done!

MARATHON HEALTH AUTUMN SUN SAFETY

CAMPAIGN

Thank you to Megan O'Connor and Roz Tiffen from Marathon Health who visited our school yesterday and spoke to the children about being sunsmart, particularly now as figures show complacency towards sun protection as the cooler months set in, particularly in young children and adolescents. We appreciate the time given by Megan and Roz to visit our students with their Autumn sun safety campaign.

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 next Tuesday, 9 May, Wednesday, 10 May and Thursday, 11 May. 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, 11 May at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome and morning tea will follow the Liturgy so please bring a plate to share.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL – FRIDAY, 12 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 next Friday, 12 May. 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.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL WORKING BEE

Thank you to those who attended the working bee for the Mother's Day Stall today. There will be another working bee next Wednesday, 10 May, commencing from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. If anyone can help wrap presents, please come along. You may be able to come for an hour or two or stay all day. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE

In conjunction with the Mother's Day Stall there will be a raffle with four wonderful prizes. Tickets are \$2.00 each and a book of 5 tickets together with full details of the prizes went home on Monday. Thank you to **This N That Gifts and Homewares, Travelling Hair by Shalyn, Beauty Anywhere With Stacey and the Keystone Café** for their generous donations towards the raffle. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall next Friday.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINTER SPORTS TRIALS

REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to **Patrick Spora, Isaish Gleadhill, Mason Fryers and Rhys O'Neill** who represented the Bathurst Diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Winter Sports Trials for rugby league in Bathurst last Friday. A special mention to Pat who was selected in the Possibles – v- Probables match. It was a fantastic achievement to reach this high level of competition. Well done boys!

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that Term 2 school fees are due by 26 May. Fee 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.

ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING COMPETITIONS

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding both writing and spelling competitions on Tuesday, 13 June and Thursday, 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, 12 May together with the relevant entry fee (\$18.00 for the writing competition and \$12.00 for the spelling competition).

LOVE YOUR SISTER - THE BIG HEART PROJECT

As reported last week, our school is participating in 'Love Your Sister – The Big Heart Project'. Gold Logie winner, Samuel Johnson and his sister, Connie, are fundraising to break the world record for the longest line of coins. They need 4.2 million five cent coins to snatch the title. Connie will lay the coins in the shape of a giant heart on Wednesday, 10 May. All coins donated will go to cancer research to help vanquish cancer. Thank you to those families who have donated 5¢ coins already. The final day is tomorrow, Friday, 5 May, so if you haven't already done so, bring in your 5¢ coins tomorrow.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2018

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2018. 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, 30 June.*

CHAIR COVER WASHING

We are desperate for volunteers to help wash the chair covers that we used at the Ball. **There are still approximately 200 to wash** and many hands make light work! So come and get a dozen or grab 100! It all helps.

LIBRARY NEWS

This month's Book Club orders must be in no later than Monday, 8 May. If your child doesn't have a library bag we have some for sale for only \$4 and they can be purchased from Mrs Hodge in the office. *Mrs Kilby*

THE VEGIE PATCH

Our vegie patch is looking fantastic thanks to the 'Gardening Gurus'. They have been busy caring for the patch, watering, weeding and mulching. The new painted drums are full of herbs and the blue wheelbarrow has snapdragons, foxgloves and pansies, which will look beautiful in the

coming months. In the patch we have a variety of lettuce, radishes, rainbow silverbeet, baby spinach, beetroot, turnips, sugar snap peas, snowpeas and strawberries. Thank you to the P & F for generously providing the patch with potting mix, plants, mulch, more gardening gloves and paint for the drums. Happy gardening!

DR JUSTIN COULSON – CHILD PSYCHOLOGIST

Dr Justin Coulson is a very well known and highly respected child psychologist and often appears on television and is heard on many radio stations. Justin is also an accomplished author. Parents are invited to join him on Monday, 15 May at St John's Primary School Hall in Sheraton Road, Dubbo from 7:00–9:00 p.m. and learn the three secrets to surviving the parenting roller coaster. This is a free event proudly sponsored by Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst. RSVP: <http://www.bth.catholic.edu.au/justin-coulson>.

THE DANCE ACADEMY

Ballet and jazz classes are held at the Gilgandra Shire Hall on Saturdays. These lessons are for children aged between 3 and 10 years. Interested parents may phone 68451998 or 0477230079 for more information, or call at the Shire Hall on Saturdays between 9:15 and 11:45 a.m. *Doreen Thompson*

AFTER SCHOOL LEGO CLUB AT THE LIBRARY

Do you like Lego? Then the Shire Library's "Designs From Your Mind Club" is just for you. It will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. beginning 9th May and is for children aged 5-12 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult with a maximum of twelve children in each session. This is a free activity. For more information or to book, please phone Gilgandra Shire Library on 68178877 or email library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Jagger Hazelton** for super work following instructions, **Clayton Wheatley** for taking great care with all his work, **Georgia Allan** for great sounding out when writing stories, **Baxter Whitehouse** for great work following instructions when drawing a picture of his mum, **Joe Staggs** for using lovely manners and **Callan Tobin** for enthusiasm during shared reading activities. **YEAR 1:** **Mia Ferguson** for super work in Maths Warm-Up, **Makynli Hazelton** for an excellent holiday recount, **Alexia Riley** for thoughtful responses about ANZAC Day and **Georgia Tancred** for trying hard in Handwriting. **YEAR 2:** **Will O'Connor** and **Jordan Wighton** for an excellent effort in reading and comprehension, **Jaida Tarrant** for great concentration and trying hard in Spelling groups, **Adison Thomas** and **Kaycee Bugmy** for working hard in Maths with Mrs Batten and **Emily Standing** for beautiful book work in all subjects. **YEAR 3:** **Lilla Oehm** for wonderful work in text types, **Alison Mudford** for an improved effort in Handwriting, **Jordan Neeves** for great participation in all areas, **Rhyan Hutchison** for fabulous work in Maths and **Henry Purvis** for a good effort in narrative writing. **YEAR 4:** **Chelsea Brand** for fantastic bookwork in all subjects, **Casey Gaff** for sharing his ideas with others during our Mathletics challenge, **Ben Harland** for always showing kindness and courtesy in the classroom and **Dylan Tobin** for writing with fantastic detail during our ANZAC task. **YEAR 5:** **Dennis Gale** for working hard to complete Operations accurately, **Kyzack Corcoran** for his interesting sentences in Spelling, **Kate Woollams** for a fabulous effort in Problem A Day and Operations and **Sarah Temple** for a great attitude to learning. **YEAR 6:** **Tylah Anforth** for excellent work with apostrophes, **Isaiah Gleadhill** for working carefully in Maths Operations and **Samantha Miller** and **William Gaff** for accurate work with prime and composite numbers.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 2

Friday, 5 May - The Big Heart Project coins due
Saturday, 6 May - Gilgandra Show

WEEK 3- Year 3 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 9 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Wednesday, 10 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Mother's Day Stall Working Bee – 10:00 a.m.
Thursday, 11 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- REC Assembly
- AEW Meeting
Friday, 12 May - REC Assembly
- Mother's Day Stall

WEEK 4- Year 4 Reconciliation

Monday, 15 May - Mrs Kerry Morris – Principal St John's College visit Year 6 – 12:15 p.m.
- Justin Coulson, Child Psychologist – St John's Primary School Dubbo, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 16 May - Robotics – Years 3-6
Wednesday, 17 May - Circular Circus – School Performance

WEEK 5

Tuesday, 23 May - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
Wednesday, 24 May - Principals Conference
- Our Lady Help of Christians Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- Junior Joey's to visit Cocee Lodge

Thursday, 25 May - Principals Conference
Friday, 26 May - Principals Conference
- Year 3 Working Bee to clean the church for First Holy Communion – 2:30 p.m.
Sunday, 28 May - First Holy Communion – 9:45 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has enjoyed reading "Mrs Wishy-Washy's Tub" this week. They have completed a variety of activities based on this book including shared reading, sequencing, cloze passages and labelling using word shapes. We have also written our own stories about some characters from this book. This week I have been particularly impressed with the improvement we have made in identifying letter sounds and blending these sounds together to read and write unknown words. During Mathematics we've completed addition questions and counted and recorded the number of dots on dice and dominos. The children have also been introduced to analog clocks and how to read time to the hour. For our History lesson we talked about how our families celebrate birthdays and identified some special days Australia celebrates. Our sounds next week is 'g'. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 This week Year 1 has been continuing the story of Easter and recalling Jesus' message about spreading the Good News to everyone we meet. We welcomed Jemima Harrison to our class this week. We hope Jemima enjoys being part of the Joey's family. We enjoyed brainstorming the names of some familiar fairy tales and recalling the events in Cinderella. In Maths we tried 10 frame addition, modelling numbers and trying to remember our left from right! Our Mother's Day Liturgy preparation is coming along nicely and thank you to everyone who has been practising their readings. It is great to see our museum table filling up with lots of objects from the olden days. So far we have old kettles, butter paddles, an army helmet, a porcelain doll, wash stick and much more. Keep looking everybody. *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Thank you Year 2 for a beautiful Liturgy and prayer reflection on our theme, 'He Is Risen'. It was great to see so many parents and friends at the church to help us celebrate. In the classroom we've begun poem practices with Year 1 in preparation for the Dubbo Eisteddfod. Keep learning the poems at home everyone! In Maths we investigated addition, number patterns and continued working hard in Mathletics. Thanks Mr Keady for helping our class. Verbs and adjectives were the focus in Sentence A Day and Grammar and recounts about the holidays were finished with some students sharing their stories with their classmates. Lots of 5¢ coins have come in – thanks everyone. They will all add up and go to a very good cause. Have a terrific weekend everyone. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week Year 3 has been busy preparing for the First Eucharist by learning how we belong to the Church and learning the four parts of a Mass. The students wrote about why we gather for a Mass and why we gather for a special celebration. Thank you to those parents who attended our First Communion parent meeting last week. We have begun our countdown to our special First Communion Mass. In Mathematics we discussed thirds and what thirds look like. We continue to learn about tens and hundreds as well. During History we thought of symbols to represent the 'Last Post' and discussed how the 'Last Post' makes us feel. We look forward to another busy week in Year 3. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 Great work Year 4 so far with all the 5c pieces coming in – don't forget it's not too late to bring them in and donate to a great cause. This week in class we have been looking at different ways to plan our work in writing, looking at mind mapping as an alternative method to group our thoughts. During reading time we have begun to work with our partners for a rapid reading activity using Literacy Pro. Maths time has seen us look at symmetry as well as chance with our challenge being to roll dice in a way that will produce the most reliable results. Our Religion time has been spent by starting our bullying unit and looking closely at cyber bullying. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 has been hard at work this week in Maths ordering decimals up to 2 decimal places, looking at probability being expressed as a decimal and finding equivalent fractions. In writing we have practised writing descriptive sentences and we've tried to step up our vocabulary to include more challenging words in our texts. During Religion we read Matthew's account of the Easter story and discussed how the disciples were feeling on that special morning. Our Geography focus is on the countries of Asia and we played a game that helped us identify the location of these countries. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 In Maths this week we have learnt about the properties of triangles, angles and area. Our Grammar activities have focused on compound sentences where we identify clauses and conjunctions. In our Geography unit we have continued to learn about Asia and its changing population over time. The presentation of our free choice speeches has been amazing, they are definitely informative and entertaining. Well done Year 6! Have a great weekend. *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 5 May – Mary Davis & Alicia Heffer
Monday, 8 May – Rachel Lacey & Kate McClelland
Wednesday, 10 May – Rachel Kirsoop
Friday, 12 May – Kristy Gale & Toni Tarrant

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 7 May – Marshall Fairey, Molly Fairey, Luke O'Neil, Rhys O'Neill

