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Term 2 Week 2

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Thought for the Week

A mother's arms are always open when a hug is needed. Her heart understands when it is time to be a friend. Her gentle eyes are stern when a lesson is required and her strength and love will guide and give her child wings to fly.

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums on Sunday!



CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Rhys O'Neill (11 years)** who won his event and **Will Fuller (10 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 win or come in the top six is a fabulous achievement. Well done Rhys and Will! They will now represent the diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Cross Country Championships to be held at Eastern Creek on Friday, 17 June. Other students who finished in the top twenty included: **Ryan Ferguson – 17th**, **Lachlan Riley – 17th**, **Ashleigh Carlow – 20th** and **Pat Spora – 20th**.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL - Tomorrow, Friday, 6 May

Thank you to those who have donated items to our Mother's Day Stall this year. **We are still a little short of gifts. If you haven't already done so, could you please send in some gifts 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 Shalyn Chandler of Travelling Hair by Shalyn, Cynthia Anderson of Tingles Massage & Beauty, and Mel Ferguson who have kindly made donations towards the raffles.

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, 10 May, Wednesday, 11 May and Thursday, 12 May. If you require any information about the NAPLAN tests please contact the school.

SCHOOL LEARNING REVIEW & DEVELOPMENT

Today we welcomed consultants from the Catholic Education Office Bathurst to our school for the Diocesan School Learning Review and Development (DSLDRD). A DSLDRD is the process to review the overall operation and performance of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Bathurst and is held every five years. Our visitors will be at school again tomorrow.

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINTER SPORTS TRIALS REPRESENTATIVES

Congratulations to **Lachlan Riley (Soccer)** and **Mason Fryers and Patrick Spora (Rugby League)** who represented the Bathurst Diocese in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Winter Sports Trials held in Bathurst last Friday. Special mention to **Patrick** who was selected in the Possibles –v- Probables match for the Under 11's Rugby League. It is a

fantastic achievement to reach such a high level of competition. Well done also to Mr Soares who coached the diocesan soccer team.

POLICE VISIT

We welcomed Senior Constable Greg King to school yesterday when he addressed our Years 3-6 students regarding the role of the police in the community, the types of crimes that are committed and the consequences of these crimes. We thank Senior Constable King for speaking to the children about this very important topic.

YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 12 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.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE VISIT

Mrs Kerrie Morris, Principal of St John's College Dubbo will visit our school next Thursday, 12 May. Mrs Morris will address our Year 6 students regarding high school education at the college.

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that Term 2 school fees are due by 20 May. Fee Statements will be going home early next week.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On Tuesday, 17 May from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. all staff will be completing compulsory online training modules in the areas of Child Protection and Discrimination, Bullying and Harassment. This compliance training is important in ensuring that as employees of the Diocese of Bathurst Catholic Education Office, the staff is aware of their legal and other obligations in the workplace. More importantly it guides the staff in interacting responsibly with colleagues, students and families.

PUPIL FREE DAY – Monday, 23 May

On Monday, 23 May the staff will be participating in an ICT professional development day focusing on our schools new reporting system and Diocesan ICT endorsed resources. Teachers will be looking at how to access the new reports as well as sharing and collaborating resources within our school and other schools in the diocese during the day.

ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING COMPETITIONS

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding both writing and spelling competitions on Tuesday, 14 June and Wednesday, 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, 13 May together with the relevant entry fee (\$17.00 for the writing competition and \$11.00 for the spelling competition).

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2017

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2017. 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, 1 July.**

SCHOOL CLOTHING AVAILABLE AT ST JOSEPH'S

Just a reminder to all our parents that the following **new** clothing is available for purchase from our clothing pool: maroon tunics - \$50.00, track pants - \$25.00, girls skorts - \$20.00, boys sports shorts - \$23.00, sports shirts - \$25.00, school jumpers - \$35.00, jackets - \$55.00, hats - \$10.00, brown socks - \$6.00, girls tights - \$6.00, sports socks - \$10.00.

GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Everyone is invited to visit Gilgandra High School for its Open Day on Friday, 13 May from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Visitors will be given the

opportunity to talk to students and staff about everything the school has to offer and view projects from across all subjects and age groups. Entry is free. Coffee, cakes, slices, drinks and sausage sandwiches will be available for purchase.

KUCA

Its Kuca time again! Kuca commenced last Monday 2 May at the Uniting Church and is held each Monday from 3:20 – 4:45 p.m. Kuca is for children aged from 5 – 12 years and is a fun afternoon with afternoon tea, games, cooking and craft. The cost is 50¢ per child. For more information ring Mary on 68472931.

GILGANDRA BASKETBALL AUSSIE HOOPS

Aussie Hoops is an introduction to basketball and skills for infants and lower primary students. It will commence on Tuesday, 10 May at 4:00 p.m. at the Youth Club. The cost is \$20.00 for Term 2. For more information contact Judy Quayle on 68471612, Margie Stewart on 68472315 or see Kim at Junior Basketball.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Evie Peart** for giving of her best with sight words in her story writing, **Sailor Ryan** for being a considerate member of Kindergarten, **Mason Evans** and **Tilla Chandler** for contributing to Science discussions about how to keep alive and **Sophie Gilmour** and **Jacqueline Hutchison** for contributing to the sound table each week.

YEAR 1: **Emily Standing** for a very interesting news item about Ned Kelly, **Lucas Fong** for a great recount about his trip to Vietnam, **Eliza Larkin** for trying hard to skip count by 2's and 5's and **Jordan Wighton** for writing a great story about being a snake.

YEAR 2: **Rani Diamond** for great use of adjectives in Sentence A Day, **Declan Gale** for great addition skills in Maths, **Charlie Zell** for fantastic neatness in Sentence A Day, **Lilla Oehm** for beautiful neat bookwork, **Dakotah Gilmour** for sharing interesting news about ANZAC Day and **Molly Nichols** for careful setting out of Operations in Maths.

YEAR 3: **Chelsea Brand** for a dedicated approach to her learning, **Jett Chandler** for working well in Writing, **Hayden Ferguson** for an enthusiastic approach to his reading and **Paige Gilmour** for great participation in netball.

YEAR 4: **Rhys Bonnington** and **Oscar Spora** for working well in pairs to write a fantastic limerick, **Tom Dunn** for great work identifying thirds and sixths and **Ry Heffer** for writing a descriptive recount of his holidays.

YEAR 5: **Marshall Fairey** for being constantly enthusiastic about Literacy Pro reading, **Laura Farragher** for an improved effort in all Maths activities, **Isaiah Gleadhill** for contributing to class discussions with confidence and **Samantha Miller** for settling in so well at St Joey's.

YEAR 6: **Tyler Evans** for showing a mature and focused approach to all classroom activities, **James Ferguson** and **Mary Westwood** for writing well structured and thoughtful expositions and **Hamish Beveridge** for accurate use of apostrophes in his writing.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 2

Friday, 6 May - School Learning Review & Development
- Mother's Day Stall

WEEK 3 - Year 3 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 10 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Wednesday, 11 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
Thursday, 12 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5
- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Kerry Morris – Principal St John's College – visit Year 6 – 12:15 p.m.

Friday, 13 May - Principals' Meeting

WEEK 4 - Year 4 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 17 May - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition
- Staff Online Compliance Training 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 18 May - Principals' Retreat
Thursday, 19 May - Peachey/Richardson Football/ Primary Netball Challenge – Coonamble
- Principals' Retreat

Friday, 20 May - Principals' Retreat

WEEK 5

Monday 23 May - Pupil Free Day
Tuesday, 24 May - Cross Country back-up date
- Our Lady Help of Christians Mass (Year 4) K-6 – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 26 May - Diocesan Spelling Bee – Wellington
Friday, 27 May - McNamee – Years 5 & 6 - Coonamble
Sunday, 29 May - First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten learnt a new song for the sound 'Gg' and brainstormed as many words as we could beginning with 'Gg'. Next week our sound is 'Ll'. During reading we read "Grandpa Grandpa" and discussed the characters and the setting of the book. The class also predicted what would happen in the story. As part of our Science and Technology unit, 'Staying Alive', we compared what pets and people need to stay alive and we even have a class pet named Charlie the chimpanzee in our class for a week. In History we discussed special events that we celebrate with our families and discussed the similarities and differences from the past. I would like to wish all mums a happy and special day on Sunday. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate our beautiful Mother's Day Liturgy. We hope all our mums, aunts and grandmas have a wonderful day on Sunday. This week we have been focusing on our recount writing. We sequenced a recount about 'A Trip to the Zoo' and have written an imaginary recount about our 'Visit to the Circus'. Prepositions and exclamation marks have been our grammar focus and in Maths we have modelled 2 digit numbers, practised our left and right and compared 2D shapes. Wow, are we clever!! Our comprehension text type is all about making a lego car and we have discussed the steps involved in constructing it. Have a fabulous weekend *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 This week we have begun preparing for our class Liturgy, 'God is' and we hope many of our family and friends can join us next Thursday for this celebration. In Maths we investigated angles and revised work on halves and quarters. In preparation for the eisteddfod each child has taken home a copy of the two poems we will be reciting and we hope each student can read through these each night. In History we are creating a timeline of Gilgandra's history and have discussed the Aboriginal Wiradjuri tribe and the early settlers. In Art we have been busy decorating a special gift for our mums and we hope all mums have a wonderful Mother's Day on Sunday. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 has been very busy this week! We have written narratives about natural disasters and expositions about someone whom we admire. It is great to see people trying to use a higher level of vocabulary and clear structure. In Maths we have investigated objects that are less than, about and more than one metre. During Religion we have focused on how we belong to a church through Baptism and how rituals and ceremonies are important ways to mark special occasions. We have been busy with our Mother's Day craft and we wish all our mums and grandmothers a very happy day on Sunday! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 has been learning about limericks this week and have read a variety of limericks by Edward Lear. They then wrote and published, on Microsoft Word, their own limerick. For Grammar we explored direct and indirect speech by adding speech marks to direct speech and converting direct speech to indirect speech. During Maths we have revised our eight times tables, counted in a variety of patterns and used hefting, an equal arm balance and kitchen scales to organise an assortment of items into the categories; more than 1 kilogram, about 1 kilogram and less than 1 kilogram. I hope all the mothers enjoy their day on Sunday. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 A big thank you to Mr King for coming and talking to us today about bullying – it was very interesting. This week in Year 5 we have been working hard at identifying principal and subordinate clauses in our writing as well as using a marking rubric to gauge what elements of writing make it successful. In Maths we have been identifying decimal places and refreshing our memory on words that we can use to describe possibility. In History we have spent time reflecting on the stolen generations while in Art we have been creating a special present for our mothers. Happy Mother's Day to all mums this Sunday. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 Congratulations to everyone who competed at Coolah for cross country on Tuesday, it sounds like everyone gave of their best! Year 6 has been presenting their free choice speeches this week. It's been great to hear everyone's creativity and the speeches have been very informative and entertaining. In Grammar we have revised compound sentences and conjunctions whilst in Maths we've focused on the properties of triangles, decimals and fractions. Our History lesson focused on discussing and learning about the 1967 Referendum. In Art we have finished off our Mother's Day cards and I hope all the mums have a great day on Sunday. Have a great weekend! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 6 May – Rochelle Harmer & Paula Purvis
Monday, 9 May – Katherine Gaff

Wednesday, 11 May – Rachel Kirsop & Lexine Mallison

Friday, 13 May – Lorraine Hutchison & Leesa Gilmour

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 8 May – James O'Neil, Rhys O'Neil, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier

