



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, 10 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 **Travelling Hair** by Shalyn, **Beauty Anywhere** with Stacey, **Let's Communicate - Speech Pathology Services** and **This N That Gifts and Homewares** for their generous donations towards the raffle.

MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM PRIMARY BAND WORKSHOP

A number of students from St Joey's attended the Macquarie Conservatorium's Primary Band Workshop held in Dubbo on Monday. It was a fun day of combined music making, giving beginner and continuing students a chance to play in a large ensemble, learn new repertoire and develop their ensemble skills. Those students who attended included: **Tilla Chandler, Sienna Zell, Georgia Tancred, Grace Tancred, Alison Mudford, Dakotah Gilmour, Mitchell Fuller, Cameron Davis, Isabelle Mudford, Adison Thomas, Eliza Mudford and Abigail Davis.**

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS

Congratulations to **Mitchell Fuller (10 years)** who came 5th, **Blake Fairey (11 years)** who came 8th and **Sophia Peart (8 & 9 years)** who came 8th 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 ten is a fabulous achievement. Well done Mitchell, Blake and Sophia! They will now represent the diocese at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Cross Country Championships to be held at Eastern Creek on Friday, 14 June. Other students who finished in the top twenty included: **Lucy McIsaac - 19th, Nick Tancred - 14th, Emilia Peart - 17th, Alyssa Ferguson - 14th and Tilla Chandler - 18th.** Well done!

P & F MEETING

The April P&F meeting was held last week. The following items were reported at the meeting:-

- This year's Debutante Ball was a fabulous success and we thank all those involved for their many contributions.
 - A date has been set for this year's fete, being **Friday, 6 September**. Thank you to Karen Harris who has taken on the role Fete Coordinator this year.
- The P & F agreed to purchase new books for the classrooms to the value of \$2,400.00 and new Mathematics resources valued at \$2,300.00.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE VISIT

Mr James Gay of St John's College Dubbo will visit our school this Monday, 13 May. Mr Gay will address our Year 6 students regarding high school education at the college.

PAINT AUSTRALIA REaD BOOK RELAY Kinder and Year 6

The Paint Australia REaD Book Relay will be passing through Gilgandra this **Monday, 13 May** and students from Kinder and their Year 6 buddies are going to meet them at the Gilgandra Library. The relay began in Perth on 20 March and will finish in Wollongong on 22 May. The key message of the relay is to highlight how important it is to read to our children from birth. Therefore students from Kinder and Year 6 are invited to come to school dressed in red on Monday so we look the part when the relay arrives at the Library.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 2 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. Term 2 fees are due on Friday, 31 May. If anyone is experiencing difficulty with the payment of school fees, please make an appointment to see Mr Musgrave to discuss any issues.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 16 May at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Mass.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Staff will be participating in a spiritual retreat on Thursday, 30 May in Dubbo. This is a Diocesan Formation Day recognising St John Baptist's Tercentenary of his death - the Patron Saint of Christian Educators. The purpose of the day is to remind and challenge us of our special vocation as Catholic Educators. Therefore **Thursday, 30 May** will be a pupil free day.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

Students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) online format next Tuesday, 14 May, Wednesday, 15 May and Thursday, 16 May. 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.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk Safely to School Day will be held on Friday, 17 May. 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.

CITY OF DUBBO EISTEDDFOD

All students from Year 1 to Year 6 will be participating in the verse speaking choirs at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod on Wednesday, 5 June. Children are required to wear full **winter** uniform. **Girls are to wear tunics.** Times for the verse speaking choirs are as follows:

Wednesday, 5 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Section 5570 - Years 1/2 - Infants (we are competitor no. 3 of 3 competitors), followed by

Section 5575 - Small Schools (2 competitors), followed by

Section 5573 - Years 5/6 - Senior Primary (we are competitor no. 3 of 3 competitors)

Wednesday, 5 June commencing at 12:00 noon

Section 5572 - Years 3/4 - Junior Primary (we are competitor no. 1 of 5 competitors)

All families of children from Years 1-6 need to fill in the permission/transport note with today's About and return it to school by Wednesday, 15 May to enable us to organise transport. The cost for the bus to travel to Dubbo will be \$5.00 per student.

INDIVIDUAL EISTEDDFOD PERFORMERS

A timetable for those children performing an individual item at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod was sent home last week. We hope all the children are practising very hard for their eisteddfod items and we wish them the best of luck.

ANNUAL SCHOOL SURVEYS

The Catholic Education Office emailed a survey to all parents, staff and Years 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.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2020

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2020. 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, 5 July.*

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.

PLANT STALL AT FETE

This year there will be a plant stall at the fete and donations of plants will be required. Now is a great time to start growing some clippings in preparation for the fete.

NATIONAL FAMILIES WEEK

National Families Week runs from 15 – 21 May and the Gilgandra Shire Council and Interagency will be holding a day to celebrate on Friday, 17 May from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Hunter Park. There will be a free BBQ, entertainment, activities for the kids and information stalls. Everyone is welcome to attend.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Tuesday: **KINDER:** **Regan Johnson** for sharing interesting news about his giraffe 'Gerry', **Oscar Medd** for writing a super story about a prince and a dragon, **Elijah Newton** for colouring a beautiful Easter title page and **Roxy Zell** for sensational sounding out when reading. **YEAR 1:** **Milla Morris** for drawing a great picture of her mum, **Ella Murphy** for working hard to complete phonics work accurately, **Keaghan Lummis** for a positive start to Term 2 and **Bayley Dent** for beautiful handwriting on your Mother's Day card. **YEAR 2:** **Jacob Fordham** and **Max Fiddes** for a great Science diagram and sentences about Forces, **Cooper Lummis** for writing a terrific recount about his holiday, **Elsie Mudford** for painting a beautiful "Footsteps of Jesus" poster and **Ryder Larkin** for a settled approach to his work. **YEAR 3:** **Tilla Chandler** for fabulous work with number patterns, **Toby Davis** for a fabulous effort in Handwriting, **Evie Peart** for writing a fantastic exposition on why country living is the best and **Lachlan Profke** for trying hard in Maths Operations. **YEAR 4:** **Mitchell Fuller** for outstanding improvement in Writing and producing a wonderful recount, **Darron Mulligan** for working hard in Spelling to achieve pleasing results, **Adison Thomas** for trying hard and producing wonderful work and **Stella Valler** for using her creative skills to produce some beautiful artworks. **YEAR 5:** **Tia Allan** and **Sam Dunn** for excellent results in the Literacy Pro reading test and **Beative Davis** and **Michael Ibe** for constructively using feedback to improve their writing. **YEAR 6:** **Paige Gilmour** for her creativity and passion for Art, **Jasmine Zell** for determination and a positive attitude in Maths, **Lucy Kilpatrick** for kindness and consideration towards others, **Ava Meyers** for being a polite and helpful member of our class and **Lucas Gleadhill** for completing and returning his homework promptly.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 2

Friday, 10 May - Mother's Day Stall

WEEK 3 Years 3 & 4 Reconciliation

Monday, 13 May - Mr James Gay (St John's College Dubbo) – Year 6 – 12:15 p.m.
- Paint Australia REaD Book Relay – Shire Library (or Hunter Park) – 10:50 a.m. (Kinder and Year 6 only)

Tuesday, 14 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5

Wednesday, 15 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5

Thursday, 16 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5

- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 17 May - Walk Safely to School Day

WEEK 4 Years 5 & 6 Reconciliation

Wednesday, 22 May - Principals State Conference

Thursday, 23 May - Principals State Conference

Friday, 24 May - Principals State Conference

- Our Lady Help of Christians Mass (Year 4) – K-6 – 10:30 a.m.

- 'My Friends And I' School Performance – 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, 26 May - Safe Church Workshop – Hall – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 5

Tuesday, 28 May - Dubbo Netball

Wednesday, 29 May - Hear Our Heart Dress in Red day

- First Communion Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 30 May - Pupil Free Day - Lasallian Tercentenary Staff Retreat Day

Friday, 31 May - Hear Our Heart Ear Bus

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER In Religion this week Kinder continued reading the Easter story and we discussed how the woman would have felt who arrived at Jesus' tomb to discover He was no longer there. How surprised and shocked they must have felt! We are really enjoying our literature unit 'Down on the Farm', especially after reading all about "Mrs Wishy Washy's Farm". We couldn't believe that all the animals ran away to the city! We are becoming very confident sounding out new words and writing interesting sentences. In Maths we focused on combining groups and counting on by trying to place the first number in our head. In Art we drew some fabulous portraits of our mums and made a surprise for them for Mother's day. We hope all our mums, grandmas, aunts and special people in our lives have a wonderful Mother's Day.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 has written an information report about black bears. We watched a YouTube video to get the facts, then sequenced this information on a mind map. We then wrote the facts into an information report. Prepositions have continued to be our grammar focus. Our Science unit this term is 'All Mixed Up' and the children had a great time mixing up chocolate crackles with Mrs McIsaac. Thank you to those who have emailed photos for our Mother's Day Liturgy. It would be appreciated if we could have all photos asap. The children have created a special something for Mum and are excited to buy at the Mother's Day stall tomorrow. We hope all Mum's have a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 2 A very happy Mother's Day to all the wonderful mums – we hope you enjoy your special day and like the "goodies" we have made for you. In the classroom we have been revising "g" (gem) and "j" (just) in Phonics and working on verbs in Grammar. In Maths we focused on balancing number sentences, subtraction, halves, quarters and area. We did 4-digit addition this week. We have been looking at where the wild things are and we completed comprehension questions about the story. We drew some creative 'Wild Things' of our own. Have a great weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 has had another very busy week. During English we have been looking at the apostrophe of ownership during spelling while in text types we have revised the structure of a narrative and written some narratives about being 'Lost' and also about 'The Day It All Went Wrong'. Some children have very creative imaginations. In Maths we have looked at doubles and near doubles, multiplication facts and symmetry. We have also begun looking at our new Science topic for the term 'Energy Makes Things Happen'. We created a mind map about anything we know about energy and came up with lots of ideas as to what energy is. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers this Sunday. We hope you are spoilt and have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 This week Year 4 has been learning about patterns, kilograms and fractions in Maths. We have been creating a rainbow serpent artwork after learning about first contacts in History. We have also started looking at life on board the ships of the First Fleet. It is great to see students being enthusiastic about our Literacy Pro books and quizzes and students are encouraged to continue reading each day at home. We have started learning our two poems for the eisteddfod and it is great to see that students have been trying hard to learn these off by heart at home. Year 4 has also started learning how to write an information report this week. Happy Mother's Day to all of our wonderful mums, we hope you all have a lovely day on Sunday!

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 has completed numerous timed typing activities this week, with students learning to plan and pace the construction of their story over a 40 minute period. In Maths we have been learning to construct shapes using a protractor, which proved a tricky task. In digital technologies we programmed the Bolt Spheroes to complete similar tasks. During Religion we looked closely at the Emmaus story, reflecting on our journey with God. We were also busy this week making beautiful Mother's day gifts in Art. We wish all of our Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts and special people in our lives a wonderful day on Sunday!

Mr Keady, Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

YEAR 6 has had a busy, yet productive week! Thank you to all the students for their reverence during our class Mass this morning and thank you to those family and friends who came along and shared this with us. We have also spent time looking through the poems we are performing at eisteddfod. Students enjoyed publishing their holiday recounts and challenging their WPM typing skills on the computers. We look forward to sport (Friday) where we will continue our individual sport rotations. Don't forget your footy tips! We wish all our mums a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 10 May – Alicia Heffer & Danielle Fiddes

Monday, 13 May – Lorraine Hutchison & Michelle O'Brien

Wednesday, 15 May – Gai-Maree Youngusband & Monica Mudford

Friday, 17 May – Donna Wheatley & Rachel Lacey

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 12 May – Millie Spora & Emmie Peart

