



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 3

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Thought for the Week

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

Happy Mother's Day to all our Mums

MOTHER'S DAY STALL - Tomorrow, Friday, 12 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, Beauty Anywhere With Stacey and the Keystone Café** for their generous donations towards the raffle.

LOVE YOUR SISTER - THE BIG HEART PROJECT

During the last couple of weeks our school has been 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. All coins donated will go to cancer research to help vanquish cancer. Last Friday was our final day for collecting coins and every student and staff member had a pink love heart painted on their face on arrival at school. All the coins were laid out on the school square in the shape of a heart. A huge thank you to the families of our school who sent in a total of 9,208 coins! A fabulous effort.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE VISIT

Mrs Kerry Morris, Principal of St John's College Dubbo will visit our school this Monday, 15 May. Mrs Morris will address our Year 6 students regarding high school education at the college.

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. 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>.

'CIRCULAR CIRCUS' SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

'Circular Circus' is a mathematical concept circus and will be staged at our school next Wednesday, 17 May at 2:00 p.m. It promises all the fun of the fair as well as learning how mathematical concepts can help solve everyday problems. With loads of audience participation, comedy, magic, rope tricks, illusions, juggling, whip cracking, lasso spinning, fabulous costumes and loads of hula hoops, Circular Circus keeps the audience involved as they explore the maths behind the excitement.

PRIMARY ROBOTICS DAY

Next Thursday, 18 May all primary classes will be involved in a robotics session presented by Mr Geoff McIver, an ex-teacher with many years of experience in teaching robotics in the Broken Bay Diocese. Classes will spend time learning to code and program robots using iPads and computers, developing our learning based around STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

SCHOOL FEES

School Fee Statements were emailed or sent home with the eldest child on Tuesday. Just a reminder that Term 2 school fees are due by 26 May. Term 3 fees are payable by 18 August.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Joseph's Church - Sunday, 28 May - 9:45 a.m.

The excitement is certainly building for the First Holy Communion class as this special day is quickly approaching. Our school community and parish are warmly invited to celebrate First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church on Sunday, 28 May at 9:45 a.m. **It would be fabulous to have lots there for this great occasion.**

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 that was with last week's About (or send in a note) to school by tomorrow, 12 May together with the relevant entry fee (\$18.00 for the writing competition and \$12.00 for the spelling competition).

VISIT BY ST STANISLAUS COLLEGE BATHURST

Representatives from St Stanislaus College, Bathurst will visit our school on Monday, 23 May at 9:30 a.m. to speak to the boys in Years 5 and 6, and any interested parents, regarding the education opportunities available at St Stannies. As mentioned, parents are more than welcome to attend.

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 Tuesday, 6th and Wednesday, 7th June. Children are required to wear full winter uniform. **Girls are to wear tunics.** Times for the verse speaking choirs are as follows:

Tuesday, 6 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Section 5572 - Years 3/4 - Junior Primary (we are competitor no. 6 of 6 competitors), followed by

Section 5575 - Small Schools (3 competitors), followed by

Section 5573 - Years 5/6 - Senior Primary (we are competitor no. 3 of 4 competitors)

Wednesday, 7 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Section 5570 - Years 1/2 - Infants (we are competitor no. 6 of 6 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 Monday, 22 May to enable us to organise transport. The cost for the bus to travel to Dubbo will be \$5.00 per student.

A timetable for those children performing individual items at the eisteddfod was sent home last week. All the children are practising very hard for their eisteddfod items and we wish them the best of luck.

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 still **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.

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 - \$8.00, sports socks - \$10.00.

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.

NUTRITIOUS AND DELICIOUS WORKSHOP

Everyone is invited to join previous MasterChef winner, Kate Bracks for a free community cooking class on Monday, 19 June from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Gilgandra CWA Rooms, 3 Warren Road. Come along and learn how easy it is to prepare delicious and healthy meals for your family whilst reducing food waste, saving time and money! Have fun and discover tips on shopping for, preparing and storing food that is good for your family's health, the environment and your back pocket. There will be lots of prizes and giveaways!

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Mia Mudford, Ashley Gilmour and Ruby Ryan for lovely illustrations of 'Jesus Is Risen', Amity Henry for painting a great orange spotted octopus, Callan Tobin for writing a fantastic free choice story, Anna Walker for counting collections of dots expertly and Chloe Harris for giving a fantastic explanation of why we write recounts.

YEAR 1: Evie Peart, Jacqueline Hutchison and Riley Hutchison for great contributions to our 'museum' table, Jemima Harrison for settling in so well to the Joey's family and Poppy-Grace Newton for making excellent progress in reading.

YEAR 2: Jonas Naden for always trying hard to solve Problem A Day and Operations, Eliza Larkin for a consistent effort to improve in Spelling, Alicia Fordham for great elaboration in writing a holiday recount, Darcy Morris for giving 100% to all activities in class, Isabelle Mudford for an excellent effort in comprehension groups and Bonica Henry for great work during poem practices.

YEAR 3: Charlie Zell for fantastic work with fractions in Maths, Tahleigh Davey for great improvement in telling the time, Brooke Woollams for super problem solving in Maths, Ethan Morris for sensational work in Spelling and Rydah Whitehouse for a descriptive orientation to his narrative.

YEAR 4: Alana Elsom for writing with expression during power writing, Lucas Gleadhill for great participation in our spelling activities, Nick Tancred for accurately identifying direct speech in sentences and Jasmine Zell for working hard at identifying number patterns using a number chart.

YEAR 5: Ry Heffer and Tom Dunn for outstanding spelling results, Oscar Spora for sensational improvement in handwriting and presentation of work and Madison Riley for excellent work in Writing.

YEAR 6: Jennifer Ibe and Zac Ferguson for writing fabulous holiday recounts, Olivia McClelland for accurately identifying clauses within complex sentences and Heidi Ferguson for reading our class novel with fluency and expression.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3- Year 3 Reconciliation

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.
Wednesday, 17 May - Circular Circus – School Performance
Thursday, 18 May - Robotics – Years 3-6
Friday, 19 May - Walk Safely To School Day

WEEK 5

Tuesday, 23 May - St Stanislaus College Bathurst visit Years 5 & 6 boys – 9:30 a.m.
- 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 Cooee 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.

WEEK 6

Tuesday, 30 May - ICAS Science Competition
Thursday, 1 June - Spelling Bee – Wellington
- Peachey/Richardson Footy and Primary Netball Cup – Coonamble
- Finance and Administration Conference

Friday, 2 June - McNamee Sports Day - Years 5 and 6
- Kinder Nursery Rhymes – Dubbo
- Eisteddfod
- Finance and Administration Conference
Saturday, 3 June - Lilly has her hair cut
Sunday, 4 June - Pentecost Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER We welcomed two new members to our classroom this week. Their names are Hermie and Crabby and they are hermit crabs Mrs Colwell has brought in for the term as part of our science unit, 'Staying Alive'. During English we enjoyed reading "Mrs Wishy-Washy" and learning about the 'Gg' sound and how this letter is formed. Next week our sound will be 'Ll'. Writing tasks we have completed include a recount of the weekend and a story starting with 'I love Mum because...'. For Mathematics this week the children have counted using five as a base, combined two groups of numbers and finished repeating patterns. During History we have learnt about different religious events and in Art we painted colourful ghosts with watercolour paint. I hope everyone has a fantastic weekend and Happy Mother's Day. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 What a beautiful Mother's Day Liturgy we celebrated today. Thank you to all our mums, nans, family and friends who came along. We hope you all have a fabulous day on Sunday. This week Year 1 enjoyed writing a story map for Little Red Riding Hood in our 'Fairy Tale' unit. We discussed the characters, setting, problem and solution to this famous story. In Maths we have tried counting back as a strategy for subtracting two numbers and we have also tried to recognise quarters of a whole. Our new Science unit this term is all about mixtures and we have tried to guess some mixtures that could be made by different people like chefs, wizards and scientists! Have a wonderful weekend. Happy Mother's Day! *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 has written fabulous descriptions of their mums and nans during writing time and all agree these special people are worth their weight in gold! In Maths the emphasis has been on skip counting patterns, bridging strategies and looking at the duration of seconds, minutes and hours in time. Our Sentence A Day and Grammar focus has been on using verbs in past, present and future tense. Some beautiful art has been made for Mother's Day and we hope all the mums and nans have a fabulous and relaxing day on Sunday. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week, during News, Year 3 has been sharing their favourite memories of the Gilgandra Show and will write a recount about their adventures. In Maths we have continued to look at fractions and are attempting three step problems in Problem A Day. In Science we are investigating packaging in our unit, 'Wrap It Up' and have continued to prepare for First Holy Communion by looking at the Liturgy of the Word. We wish all the mums a very happy Mother's Day on Sunday. We hope you have a lovely day. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 This week in Year 4 we have been working hard practising our poems, 'The Hairy Toe' and 'My Boomerang' in preparation for the eisteddfod. In Writing we have been creating a group information report about our class while Grammar for the week has focused on conjunctions. During our Spelling time we have been looking at words that are turned into plurals by adding 'es'. In Maths we have been spending time looking at the jump and bridging strategies as well as beginning to understand mixed numerals. Our Religion unit on 'Bullying' instigated some fantastic class discussions on how we can all prevent bullying in our world. Have a fantastic Mother's Day on Sunday to all our Mums. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 This week in Year 5 we have continued our focus in Geography on the continent of Asia and in groups we located countries using different geographical tools. During Maths we have revised percentages, equivalent fractions and practised using a scale to read maps. 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 Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 This week we have written poems about 'a moment in time'. Year 6 used lots of personification, metaphors, similes and varied line length to enhance our texts. In Maths we have learnt about probability from zero to one and multiplying fractions and square numbers. Our Grammar activities have focused on identifying principal clauses in text. We have continued to learn about Chinese culture through reading our class novel, "Chinese Cinderella". Year 6 is looking forward to Mother's Day this Sunday, we have prepared some beautiful cards for our mums. Keep up the hard work Year 6! *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 12 May – Kristy Gale & Toni Tarrant
Monday, 15 May – Anna Mudford & Lib Walker
Wednesday, 17 May – Kirstie Bugmy & Lesley Riley
Friday, 19 May – Briony Mills & Lorraine Hutchison

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 14 May – Pat Spora, Charlie Banks, Madison Hourigan, Amber Tarrant

