



# ABOUT

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### Thought for the Week

*You must be the change you wish to see in the world*

.... Mahatma Gandhi



#### **MOTHER'S DAY STALL**

Another fabulous Mother's Day Stall was held last Friday. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the stall. Due to the generosity of our families, there were many gifts for the children to choose their special presents. Thank you also to stall coordinator, Toni Fuller and her helpers who were very busy last week wrapping gifts and organising the stall. In conjunction with the Mother's Day Stall we had a number of marvellous prizes raffled. We would like to thank Shalyn Chandler of Travelling Hair by Shalyn, Cynthia Anderson of Tingles Massage & Beauty, and Mel Ferguson who kindly made donations towards the raffles. There were also free raffles for each class for which every student had the chance to win. This caused much excitement and we thank the families from our school for their generous donations towards these raffles. Results of the raffles were as follows:

First Prize – Rydah & Violet Whitehouse    Second Prize – Tom Staggs

Third Prize – Pat & Will Spora

Class Raffles - Kinder –Toby Davis, Year 1 – Jonas Naden, Year 2 – Alison Mudford, Year 3 – Nick Gale, Year 4 – Molly Fairey, Year 5 – Mason Fryers, Year 6 – Charlie Banks.

#### **ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION**

The ICAS Digital Technologies Competition will be held next Tuesday, 17 May for those children who entered this competition.

#### **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.

#### **LEAGUE & NETBALL IN COONAMBLE**

We have seventy-three students playing either rugby league or netball in Coonamble next Thursday, 11 June. The rugby league boys will be participating in the Peachey Shield and the Richardson Cup while the girls will play in the Primary Netball Challenge. We all look forward to a day of fun, friends and fitness. The students competing include:

Billie Allan, Chelsea Brand, Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Nick Gale, Paige Gilmour, Lucas Gleadhill, Ben Harland, Sienna Marchant, Ava Meyers, Lucy McIsaac, Samantha Naden, Mattea Purvis, Will Spora, Ben Standing, Nick Tancred, Jett Tarrant, Elten Walker, Grace Winter, Jasmine Zell, Camilla Beveridge, Rhys Bonnington, Kyzack Corcoran, Tom Dunn, Emma Durrant, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Ry Heffer, Isaiah McKenzie, Chloe Mudford, Dylon Murray, Jack Oehm, Luke O'Neill, Oscar Spora, Sarah Temple, Aiden Walker, Molly Wilson, Jerome Woodrow, Kate Woollams, Bailey Wykes, Rani Diggs, Laura Farragher, Zac Ferguson, Mason Fryers, Will Fuller, Will Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Isaiah Gleadhill, Kelsey Hutchison, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Olivia McClelland, Tayarna McKenzie, Samantha Miller, Rhys O'Neill, Oli Schier, Jessica Scholte, Patrick Spora, Ella Wykes, Charlie Banks, Hamish Beveridge, Ashleigh Carlow, Thomas Durrant, Tom Eason, Tyler Evans, James Ferguson, Olivia Ferguson, Jett Grimshaw, Madison Hourigan, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Aliza Purvis, Lachlan Riley, Laura Smith, Abby Tate, Mary Westwood, Jacob Wilson.

#### **PRIMARY SPORT**

Sport for the Years 3-6 students will be on Thursday next week as many of the children will be travelling to Coonamble. Therefore all primary children should wear their sports uniform on Thursday next week, not Friday.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S ABOUT**

Next week's About will go home on Wednesday instead of Thursday due to so many students participating in the league and netball in Coonamble.

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**St Joseph's Church - Sunday, 29 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, 29 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, 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 that was with last week's About (or send in a note) to school by tomorrow, Friday, 13 May together with the relevant entry fee (\$17.00 for the writing competition and \$11.00 for the spelling competition).

#### **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, 8<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> June. Children are required to wear full winter uniform. **Girls are to wear tunics.** Times for the Verse Speaking Choirs are as follows:

**Wednesday, 8 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

**Section 5573 – Years 5/6 – Senior Primary** (we are competitor no. 3 of 3 competitors) , immediately followed by

**Section 5572 – Years 3/4 – Junior Primary** (we are competitor no. 3 of 4 competitors)

**Thursday, 9 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.**

**Section 5575 – Small Schools** (3 competitors)

**Section 5570 – Years 1/2 – Infants** (we are competitor no. 5 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 Monday, 23 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 went home on Wednesday. All the children are practising very hard for their eisteddfod items and we wish them the best of luck.

#### **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.**

#### **STRICTLY NO PARKING ON THE BASKETBALL COURT**

The resurfacing of our basketball court will be completed this weekend. It's looking fabulous and we ask that no one parks on the court for any reason. It would be a shame if our new court had tyre or oil marks on it!

#### **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.

### **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.

### **KUCA CLUB**

Unfortunately, due to lack of interest, Kuca Club at the Uniting Church will be discontinued for the time being. Apologies for any inconvenience.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Brooke Beaton** for giving of her best in reading, **Alex Cosier** for great expression in reading, **Mia Ferguson** for being a helpful member of Kindergarten, **Jack Gibson** for his knowledge of 3D shapes, **Dimity Wykes** for beautiful handwriting in Sentence A Day and **Makynli Hazelton** for her knowledge about staying alive in our Science topic.

**YEAR 1:** **Riley Fiddes** for writing a great imaginary recount about the Circus, **Jessica Ibe** for thoughtful responses about the Ascension of Jesus, **Orlando Ryan** for beautiful reading at our Liturgy and **Lauren Thurlow** for trying hard in Maths.

**YEAR 2:** **Blake Fairey** for taking a mature approach to his learning, **Ryder Ryan** for fantastic work with adjectives in Grammar, **Alex Gaff** for using terrific adjectives in her recount, **Alison Mudford** for terrific work in Sentence A Day and Grammar, **Ryda Whitehouse** for being a more settled and mature worker in Term 2 and **Brooke Woollams** for careful setting out and neat bookwork.

**YEAR 3:** **Ben Harland** for fabulous work in Operations, **Lucy McIsaac** for being a kind and considerate member of Year 3, **Samantha Naden** for great work in Comprehension and **Nick Tancred** for great contributions to class discussions.

**YEAR 4:** **Camilla Beveridge** for great work completing number patterns, **Emily Zell** for asking interesting questions, **Kate Woollams** for writing a lovely prayer for courage and **Isaac Grimshaw** for reading with great fluency.

**YEAR 5:** **Tylah Anforth** for outstanding improvement in the use of challenging words in writing, **Anton Davis** for asking intelligent questions to clarify understanding in History, **Bradley Gibson** for working hard to improve results in Maths Operations and **Jennifer Ibe** for working diligently during our reading group activities.

**YEAR 6:** **Olivia Ferguson** for accurate work when multiplying fractions, **Ashleigh Carlow** for a consistent effort in Maths Operations, **Amber Tarrant** for an improved effort in handwriting and **Billie Buckland** for being an excellent classroom helper.

### **WHAT'S ON**

**WEEK 3 - Year 3 Reconciliation**  
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.  
Thursday, 19 May - Peachey/Richardson Football/ Primary Netball Challenge – Coonamble  
- Principals' Retreat  
Friday, 20 May - Principals' Retreat  
- Walk Safely to School Day

**WEEK 5**  
**Monday 23 May - Pupil Free Day**  
Tuesday, 24 May - Our Lady Help of Christians Mass (Year 4) K-6 – 10:30 a.m.  
Thursday, 26 May - Diocesan Spelling Bee – Wellington  
- Working Bee for Year 3 Parents to Clean Church for First Holy Communion – 4:00 pm  
Friday, 27 May - McNamee – Years 5 & 6 - Coonamble  
Sunday, 29 May - First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ

**WEEK 6**  
Tuesday, 31 May - ICAS Science Competition  
Thursday, 2 June - Priests and Principals Meeting  
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 3 June - Kinder Nursery Rhymes - Eisteddfod

### **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** students have been very busy this week learning about the 'Ll' sound with the Jolly phonics song and listening for this sound in many words. Next week we are learning about the 'Hh' sound. In our shared reading, we read "Lazy Mary", described how the characters may have felt and discussed what a question mark is used for and what it looks like. During our History unit, 'Personal and Family Histories' we discussed different types of significant events we celebrate with our families. In Mathematics, we have been practising counting to 20 and learning numbers that come before and after up to 20. We also discussed how 3D shapes are different or similar to each other. In Religion we learnt why it is important to thank God and wrote our own thank you flower prayers. Just a reminder that homework will start next week and each week students will present news on their given news day.

Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

**YEAR 1** In Religion we have been discussing Pentecost and the arrival of the Holy Spirit. We tried to imagine how Jesus' disciples must have felt and how important it is that we try to continue spreading Jesus' love to everyone we meet. Our literacy focus this week is based on the book "How Frogmouth Found Her Home". We recalled all the places Frogmouth tried living and why he decided to eventually live with Moon. Thank you to everyone who has brought in so many great 'olden day' things for our class museum table. It looks fantastic! In Maths this week we tried the strategy of counting back on a number line to solve subtraction number sentences, recognising and describing quarters of a whole and characteristics of hexagons. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 2** Congratulations Year 2 on your beautiful Liturgy today. It was lovely to see so many parents and friends at the church for this celebration. During the week we were challenged in Maths with multiplication, volume and division. We began our Literature unit, "Where The Wild Things Are" and enjoyed learning about Max's adventures and wild imagination. It sounds like all the mums had a great Mother's Day and we discussed and wrote about this special day during writing time. Eisteddfod practices are in full swing so keep up the great work. If you're learning an individual poem we'd love to hear you say them to us next week. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** As part of our First Communion preparation this week we have learnt about the four main parts of the Mass: GATHER, LISTEN, EAT and GO FORTH and we are learning to identify what happens in each section. During Maths we have looked at division with remainders and revised our ten times tables. Our Science unit this term is 'Wrap It Up' and this week we are investigating materials that objects are made from. Well done to those children who are trying hard with their Literacy Pro Reading. The aim of this program is to encourage the children to read books at their individual level and complete quizzes that will move their Lexile number along the chart. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

**YEAR 4** has used coordinating and subordinating conjunctions in Grammar this week. During writing we have explored information reports and have researched convict life in order to begin our own information report. During Comprehension we have read and discussed our eisteddfod poem, 'The Ghoul' and drew a comic strip to illustrate the poem. For Maths this week we have used different strategies to subtract and learnt about mixed numerals. In History we researched the ships of the First Fleet. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

**YEAR 5** Congratulations to all the Year 5 and Year 3 students on completing NAPLAN over the past three days – I am sure you all did a great job. This week in Year 5 we have not only been doing our testing but also looking at multiples and line graphs in Maths. In History we have been investigating the stolen generations and the impact this policy had on the lives of so many Indigenous Australians. In Art we have started creating a wacky landscape artwork that looks at incorporating shapes and design strategies to add layers to our drawing. Have a great weekend.

*Mr Tim Keady*

**YEAR 6** This week in Writing we wrote imaginative poems titled 'At the Edge of the World'. We shared these as a class and discussed the language techniques used. In Maths we have been learning about data, multiplication and percentages. We have learnt about the Mabo decision in our History unit. Year 6 discussed how the decision recognised native title for the first time. In Grammar we have written and identified principal clauses. Keep up the great work Year 6! *Mr Damien Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 13 May – Lorraine Hutchison & Leesa Gilmour  
Monday, 16 May – Sarah Hickey & Kristy Gale  
Wednesday, 18 May – Mel Ferguson & Dean Ferguson  
Friday, 20 May – Amy Spora & Michelle Woollams

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 15 May – Laura Smith, Jessica Scholte, Martin Fryers, Mason Fryers