



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 3

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Thought for the Week

"The family is where we are formed as people. Every family is a brick in the building of society." Pope Francis

FANTASTIC MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Another fantastic Mother's Day Stall was held on 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, Rachel Lacey and the mums who attended working bees to wrap the gifts and also helped out on Friday at the stall. In conjunction with the Mother's Day Stall we had some fabulous prizes on offer for the raffles. 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. There were also free raffles for each class 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 – Nick Kirsop, Second Prize – Isabelle Mudford

Third Prize – Alison, Eliza & Ben Mudford

Class Raffles – Kinder – Layla Walker, Year 1 – Isabelle Peart, Year 2 – Georgia Allan, Year 3 – Riley Hutchison, Year 4 – Bonica Henry, Year 5 – Shane Estens, Year 6 – Will Spora

PAINT AUSTRALIA REaD BOOK RELAY

The Paint Australia REaD Book Relay passed through Gilgandra on Monday and students from Kinder and their Year 6 buddies met 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. We thank Liz McCutcheon from Gilgandra Shire Library for inviting us to be a part of the relay and for all her hard work in promoting this wonderful initiative.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Tomorrow is Walk Safely to School Day. The 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.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MASS

A Mass in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians will be celebrated next Friday, 24 May at 10:30 a.m. Year 4 is preparing the Mass and all are most welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

PUPIL FREE DAY

All members of 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.

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)

Thank you to those families who have returned the permission/transport note that was sent home with last week's About. If you haven't already done so, could you please return the note to school tomorrow 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 an individual item at the City of Dubbo 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.

WE ARE PLANTING POPPIES AGAIN!

Our Year 6 students have decided to continue again this year with the planting of poppy seeds in commemoration of the ending of World War 1. Under the guidance of Mrs Kilby, our Year 6 leaders will plant the seeds tomorrow at lunch time and hopefully, all going to plan, they will bloom in November for Armistice Day! Congratulations to our Year 6 class for again showing great leadership and to Mrs Kilby for coordinating this project. *LEST WE FORGET.*

PORTFOLIOS

All children took home their Term 1 Portfolios for the holidays. Hopefully you have been able to look at the children's work. Could all the portfolios be returned to school as soon as possible so we can start putting the Term 2 work into them.

2019 NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Catholic schools, along with Government and Independent schools across Australia, will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability ("NCCD"). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State Governments to better target support and resources in schools. This, in turn, will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs. The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning. The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child's principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return it to the principal. Further information about the NCCD is available at <http://www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au>.

FIRE & RESCUE NSW OPEN DAY

The annual Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) Open Day will be held this **Saturday, 18 May** from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. at the Gilgandra Fire Station. Take the family along to meet our local firefighters and check out the fire trucks, dress up, grab some gifts and enjoy a free sausage sizzle.

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.**

AUSSIE KINDIES DISCO

Aussie Kindies will hold a fancy dress disco for all children aged 12 years and under on Friday, 24 May at the Gilgandra Sporties from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. Entry is \$5.00 per child and includes a popper and packet of chips. Children must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Tuesday: **KINDER: Elijah Newton** for being very kind and thoughtful to our community helpers, **Neve Walker** for writing an amazing story about a fairy, **Parker Leven** for fantastic colouring in of Mrs Wishy Washy and **Layla Walker** for drawing a fabulous portrait of her mum.

YEAR 1: Indy Thomas and **Thomas McIsaac** for writing creative free choice stories, **Ivy Zell** for working hard to learn her reading for our Liturgy and **Connor Jones-Copelin** for great work using number lines to add in Maths. **YEAR 2: Brodie Nichols, Anna Walker** and **Baxter Whitehouse** for writing great acrostic poems about their mums, **Mia Mudford** for a great drawing of a 'Wild Thing' and **Jagger Hazelton** for super 'sounding out' in Spelling. **YEAR 3: Scarlett Chandler** for asking thoughtful questions to clarify understanding in Maths, **Vaughan Zell** for using creative ideas when constructing a narrative piece, **Sailor Ryan** for great work with 'verb tense' and **Xanthe Gale** for fantastic work in Maths. **YEAR 4: Kaycee Bugmy** for fantastic work with direct and indirect speech in Grammar, **Riley Fiddes** for always treating others with respect, **Will O'Connor** for focusing on using feedback to improve his writing and **Molly Temple** for entering our classroom every morning with a smile. **YEAR 5: Rani Diamond** and **Grace Jones-Copelin** for working diligently on 12 and 24 hour time, **Declan Gale** for a focused and positive approach to his learning in Term 2, **Emilia Peart** for improvement in speed and accuracy in Maths and **Lilla Oehm, Brooke Woollams** and **RyDAH Whitehouse** for using learned skills to improve their typing accuracy and speed. **YEAR 6: Jasmine Zell** and **Ben Standing** for taking the time to correctly construct a recount, **Jett Tarrant** for magnificent presentation of all book work and **Will Spora** for expression and enthusiasm when learning our poems.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3 **Years 3 & 4 Reconciliation**

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 Red Day – children come to school dressed in red – Out of Uniform 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

WEEK 6

Wednesday, 5 June - City of Dubbo Eisteddfod – Infants, Years 5/6 and Years 3/4 Verse Speaking Choirs
Thursday, 6 June - Spelling Bee Wellington
 - Year 2 (8 year old's) 100 m trials
Friday, 7 June - City of Dubbo Eisteddfod – Kinder Nursery Rhymes
 - Primary 200 m heats

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week we really enjoyed visiting the town library with our buddies to celebrate the REaD Day Book Relay. We loved listening to the story of 'Possum Magic' and signing the special book that has travelled all the way from Perth. Thank you to Mrs McCutcheon for inviting us and the delicious cake. We are very excited about the arrival of our class pet, Tweety.

In Science we discussed all the things that we need to do to look after Tweety to keep him happy and healthy. A reminder that Mrs McIsaac would like a picture of your pet if possible. We brainstormed some interesting facts about pigs and wrote some of our ideas in our Writing books. In Maths we have continued counting and trying hard to match numerals to a collection of objects. In Art we drew, coloured and painted sheep in a paddock. We tried blending watercolours for the background and used wax crayons for the sheep. Our portraits of mum look fantastic on the classroom window so make sure you call in and admire our artwork! We also made a beautiful card for Mrs Alchin to wish her a speedy recovery. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Thank you to all our family and friends who attended our Mother's Day Liturgy this morning. We think you'll agree that the children did a marvellous job reading and singing. They all put a lot of effort into their impressive portraits of their mothers as well. In class this week the children have been introduced to the concept of adverbs in Grammar. It has been interesting hearing about all the reasons their mums are special in News. We must say there are a lot of mothers in Year 1 who cook great spaghetti bolognese! During Maths this week we've revised a variety of number concepts including counting in 2's, 5's and 10's, ordering numbers to 100 and identifying and ordering the value of Australian money. We've also spent time this week preparing for the eisteddfod which is coming up in Week 6. Have a restful weekend. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 2 It was lovely to hear all about Mother's Day and how our mums were spoilt on the weekend. We've begun descriptive writing and we wrote a description about Mums. Next week we will write a description of a 'Wild Thing'! We've enjoyed reading and completing activities about Max in this imaginative adventure story. During Maths we revised multiplication, division, digital time and number patterns. In Religion we looked at symbols in our church (oil, candles, water) and how they remind us of God's love. Spelling and Grammar focused on the 'pf', 'ff' and 'gh' sounds and past, present and future tense. Keep practising our eisteddfod poems at home and have a lovely weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Wow! What a busy week we have had. This week Year 3 has completed their NAPLAN testing. Well done Year 3 you worked really hard to complete these tests. During Religion we have looked at belonging to the church community through our own baptisms and the special ceremonies we celebrate. In Maths we have looked at subtraction jump strategy, fifths and tenths and perpendicular lines. We have continued to practise our poems for the eisteddfod with Year 4 and they are starting to sound fantastic. During Science this week we looked at light energy, in particular the sources of natural and man-made light. Hope you have a nice weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 This week Year 4 has been writing an information report about a chosen animal. Students have learnt about sentence structure and clauses in Grammar to improve their written work. We have been learning about patterns in Maths and students also got to draw symmetrical patterns. Students have been working in small groups to research the ships of the First Fleet and will be sharing their knowledge with the class next week. Students did some fun activities in Science to learn about friction and momentum. We have started talking about hut day in class and students designed their hut on paper last week. Have a lovely weekend! *Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 has been hard at work this week completing NAPLAN tests. In Maths we have focused on multiplication and constructing three dimensional shapes using some new Maths resources. We have continued our Easter unit in Religion by looking at the message of hope and created some thoughtful reflections in our books. During Geography we investigated some of the skills and values that businesses and governments need to create strong connections with global communities. Well done to all those children who have been learning our eisteddfod poems. Keep up the great effort!

Mr Keady, Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

YEAR 6 What a great week! Thank you to all the families who attended our class Mass last Thursday, it was very special! We would also like to thank Father Francis for leading us in prayer and helping us remember that 'Jesus is always by our side'. On Monday Year 6 had the privilege of accompanying their buddies to the REaD day at the local Library, where we shared a story with other members of the community and learnt a special rhyme about reading, which motivated students to become more involved with reading at home. It goes a little something like this... 'Read to your babies and never stop, when they're 100, you can let it drop'. Thank you for a wonderful week. Don't forget footy tips! *Miss Jess Seaman*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 17 May – Donna Wheatley & Rachel Lacey

Monday, 20 May – Roslyn Zell & Sue Profke

Wednesday, 22 May – Rees Gilmour & Sussane Gilmour

Friday, 24 May – Sarah Adams & Rebecca Medd

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 19 May – Aiden Walker, Elten Walker, Jett Tarrant