

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

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 the stall coordinator, Rachel Lacey, and to the mums and friends who helped wrap 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 raffle. We would like to thank **This N That Gifts and Homewares, Travelling Hair by Shalyn and Ben & Nicole Chapman and Brian & Natalie Mudford** for their generous donations towards the raffle. 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 – Scarlett & Arabella Chandler

Second Prize – Oliver Christian

Third Prize – Isla & Peregrin Volkofsky

Class Raffles – Kinder – Isabelle Peart, Year 1 – Jeremiah Woodrow, Year 2 – Tilla Chandler, Year 3 – Abbie Skinner, Year 4 – Ryder Ryan, Year 5 – Harry Mudford, Year 6 – Isaac Grimshaw

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Tomorrow is Walk Safely to School Day. 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 on Thursday, 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.

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, 12 June. Children are required to wear full **winter** uniform. **Girls are to wear tunics.**

Times for the verse speaking choirs are as follows:

Tuesday, 12 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Section 5570 – Years 1/2 – Infants (we are competitor no. 2 of 2 competitors)

Section 5572 – Years 3/4 – Junior Primary (we are competitor no. 1 of 4 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, 23 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 yesterday. All the children are practising very hard for their eisteddfod items and we wish them the best of luck.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Joseph's Church - Sunday, 3 June – 9:30 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, 3 June at 9:30 a.m. **It would be fabulous to have lots there for this great occasion.**

SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

There is a change of time for Sunday Mass. As of this Sunday, Mass at St Joseph's Church will commence at **9:30 a.m.**

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2019

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2019. 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, 6 July.*

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

At the first P & F Meeting this year it was suggested that our Year 6 leaders might like to put forward some ideas on how our school could commemorate the one hundred years since World War 1 ended. The students came up with lots of fabulous ideas. So, under the guidance of Mrs Kilby and Sr Robyn, we planted poppy seeds today and if everything goes to plan they should bloom in November. All children will also make poppies during Art and learn about World War 1 and the sacrifices made by thousands of Australians, including our Cooees, during history lessons. Congratulations to our Year 6 class for again showing great leadership and to Mrs Kilby and Sr Robyn for coordinating this project. **LEST WE FORGET.**

CHICKENPOX

We have recently received notification that two students have been diagnosed with chickenpox. Whilst the cases are limited, it is important for you to be aware of the symptoms for chickenpox. Chickenpox usually begins with fever, fatigue and loss of appetite followed by a generalised rash a day or so later and starts as itchy red spots but rapidly progresses to blisters. A person is infectious from two days prior to the onset of the rash until the blisters have all crusted into scabs, usually about five days after they appear. Children with chickenpox must miss school until all remaining blisters have become scabs then exclusion is no longer required. Please seek medical attention if unsure.

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.

FIRE & RESCUE OPEN DAY

The annual Fire & Rescue NSW (FRNSW) Open Day will be held this **Saturday, 19 May** from 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. at the Gilgandra Fire Station. Take the family along for a great day out and a chance to meet our local firefighters, check out the fire trucks and see how the station operates.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Oli Chandler** and **Keaghan Lummis** for writing great recounts of their weekend, **Archie Valler** for writing a super information report on Tweety, **Claudia Harrison** for fantastic problem solving and **Kellie Hutchison** for working hard to name and say her sounds.

YEAR 1: **Jeremiah Woodrow** for being a quiet and conscientious student, **Ivy Murphy** for great work in Grammar and **Max Fiddes** for improved effort in handwriting.

YEAR 2: **Jemima Harrison** for beautiful bookwork in Religion, **Angus Johnson** for being a caring and helpful classmate, **Sailor Ryan** for giving 100% effort in Maths, **Lachlan Profke** for great enthusiasm in Science, **Kenedi Hazelton** for thoughtfulness and consideration of others and **Popy-Grace Newton** for wonderful expression in poem practices.

YEAR 3: **Lucas Fong, Emma Mills** and **Jessica Ibe** for a fantastic effort during typing tournament and **Lauren Thurlow** and **Mitchell Fuller** for a fabulous effort in Text Type Writing.

YEAR 4: **Tia Allan** for her insightful contributions to class discussions, **Carter Chapman** for always treating his peers and teachers with respect, **Dakotah Gilmour** for being an enthusiastic reader who strives to achieve her best in comprehension groups, **Ethan Morris** for thoroughly planning his written work to ensure the construction of successful texts and **Sienna Zell** for consistently applying herself to thoroughly complete all mathematical tasks.

YEAR 5: **Casey Gaff** for a more focused approach to his writing and **Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Ava Meyers** and **Elten Walker** for working hard to master the concept of prime and composite numbers.

YEAR 6: **Emma Durrant** for a top effort in Spelling activities, **Molly Fairey** and **Oscar Spora** for adding decimals with accuracy and **Chloe Mudford** for accurately identifying principal clauses and conjunctions in Grammar.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3

Friday, 18 May - Walk Safely to School Day
Sunday, 20 May - Pentecost Sunday

WEEK 4

Tuesday, 22 May - Year 4 Reconciliation – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 23 May - Junior Joey's to Coee Lodge
- Child Protection Professional Development
Thursday, 24 May - Our Lady Help of Christians Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 am.
- Year 3 Reconciliation – 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, 27 May - Trinity Sunday

WEEK 5

Tuesday, 29 May - ICAS Science Competition
Wednesday, 30 May - Life Education Van
Thursday, 31 May - Spelling Bee – Wellington
- Life Education Van
- Working Bee (Year 3 parents) to clean Church for First Holy Communion – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, 1 June - Kinder Nursery Rhymes – City of Dubbo Eisteddfod
Sunday, 3 June - First Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.

WEEK 6

Monday, 4 June - Life Education Van
Thursday, 7 June - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 7

Monday, 11 June - Queen's Birthday holiday
Tuesday, 12 June - City of Dubbo Eisteddfod
Thursday, 14 June - ICAS Writing Competition
Friday, 15 June - Poling Cross Country
- ICAS Spelling Competition

WEEK 8

Tuesday, 19 June - Year 6 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 20 June - Junior Joey's to Coee Lodge
Thursday, 21 June - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Year 5 Reconciliation – 11:30 a.m.
- Ear Bus – 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, 22 June - Ear Bus – 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Sunday 24 June - Nativity of John the Baptist Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kinder has enjoyed reading 'Mrs Wishy Washy' and finding all the action words in the text. We also wrote a story about what we could see on Mrs Wishy Washy's farm. In Maths we learnt about zero and practised counting backwards from 10. We also classified objects into groups. In Religion we labelled signs and symbols that we saw in our church and read the story about Pentecost. We observed our class pet Tweety and wrote some very interesting facts about her. In our History unit we have been discussing objects that we would find in a museum. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Thank you so much to all our family and friends who joined us for our class Liturgy today. In Grammar we are learning about adverbs and in Spelling we are looking at the bossy 'e' rule. In Maths we investigated counting patterns and vertices and wrote a fabulous description of our class teddy bear. In History we discussed timelines and completed a timeline of people as they changed from a baby, to a child, to an adult. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 It was great to hear how all the mums and nans were spoilt on Mother's Day. We continued writing descriptions about different objects using lots of adjectives. In Spelling, the sound focus was "e, ea". Past, present and future tense of verbs was the topic covered in Grammar. During Religion we looked at different playground scenarios and identified problems that can arise and also how to use conflict resolution strategies. The Maths challenges included the jump strategy, division, patterns and time. Have a wonderful 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 the Liturgy of the Word and how we can listen to the Word of God and learn how to live more like Jesus. We have also starting to practise our readings and learn our liturgical movement in preparation for First Holy Communion Mass which is only 2 weeks away. In Maths this week we have looked at bridging to decades, dividing and modelling objects and nets. We have continued to practise our poems for the eisteddfod. They are starting to sound fantastic. Hope you have a nice weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell

YEAR 4 This week in Year 4 we have been busy writing up a storm with some fantastic information reports on animals being created. During our Grammar and Sentence A Day time we have been looking at how to improve sentences using different conjunctions. Whilst Maths has seen us explore the jump and compensation strategies when subtracting two numbers as well as investigating just what exactly an improper fraction is. We have begun preparations for our upcoming Mass next Thursday celebrating Our Lady Help of Christians and hope you can all come along and join us. Please remember to bring a plate to share on the day. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 has been hard at work this week completing NAPLAN tests. In Maths we have focused on division, equivalent fractions and ordering decimals. We have started our new Religion unit titled "Pentecost – Celebrating the Presence of the Holy Spirit", by looking at the doctrine statements and discussing our understanding of the Holy Spirit. During History we have revised the responsibilities of the three levels of Government in Australia and started to look at how laws are made. Well done to all those children who have been learning our eisteddfod poems. Keep up the great effort!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 This week in Maths we have learnt how to construct and draw two dimension shapes with accuracy and we have investigated equivalent number sentences. We have written and published poems in writing including techniques such as rhythm, rhyme and alliteration to enhance our texts. In Grammar we have learnt about principal clauses, identifying them in sentences and then discussed their purpose. We discussed reasons why people have migrated to Australia in the past as part of our History unit. Year 6 examined the different 'push' and 'pull' factors which influenced the movement of people. Keep up the hard work Year 6!

Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 18 May – JB & Alison Tancred
Monday, 21 May – Donna Wheatley & Roslyn Zell
Wednesday, 23 May – Ashleigh Mudford & Jodie Peart
Friday, 25 May – Jo Lummis & Sheree Staggs

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 20 May – Molly Fairey & Marshall Fairey

