



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 4

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Thought for the Week

God never asks if we can... He asks if we will.

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. There was a great roll up of helpers this year so thank you all very much. In conjunction with the Mother's Day Stall we had a number of marvellous gift packs raffled. We would like to thank Shalyn Chandler of Travelling Hair by Shalyn, Kathryn Skinner Photography, Sally Beveridge and Mary Bennett 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:

Frist Prize – Jeanette Zell Second Prize – Leanne Stephens

Third Prize – Belinda Murray

Class Raffles - Kinder – Eliza Mudford, Year 1 – Sam Dunn, Year 2 – Ava Meyers, Year 3 – Eli Fullbrook, Year 4 – Ella Wykes, Year 5 – Heidi Purvis, Year 6 – Olivia Newstead.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is again being held this year for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. 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 national minimum standard. The tests will be conducted in the areas of Language, including spelling, punctuation and grammar, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. These tests will be conducted in Gilgandra on Monday, 18 May, Tuesday, 19 May and Wednesday, 20 May. If you require any information about the NAPLAN tests please contact the school.

YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 21 May at 10:30 a.m. in St Joseph's Church. Everyone is welcome and morning tea will follow the Liturgy so please bring a plate to share.

ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION

The ICAS Digital Technologies Competition will be held next Thursday, 21 May for those students who have entered.

SPORTS SHIRTS

Our new shipment of sports shirts has arrived. If anyone has been waiting on a sports shirt, particularly the size 6 shirts, please come to school and get one.

ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING COMPETITIONS

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools is holding both writing and spelling competitions on Monday, 15 June and Tuesday, 16 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 to school by tomorrow, Friday, 15 May together with the relevant entry fee (\$17.00 for the writing competition and \$11.00 for the spelling competition).

FETE COORDINATOR DESPERATELY NEEDED

Unfortunately we haven't as yet had anyone come forward to take on the job of fete coordinator. This year's fete will be held on Friday, 30 October. The fete is a wonderful day for the children and a major fundraiser for the school so if you, or a group of people, are able to assist it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

GREAT DAY – Celebrating 10 Years

All our infants children (Kinder to Year 2) will be participating in GREAT (Gilgandra Reads Everything Around Town) Day next Friday, 22 May. It will be an out-of-uniform day and hopefully the children can wear something RED. Children will come to school as normal and then walk to Hunter Park where various reading activities will be held. They will have the opportunity to listen to two great authors. These include Susanne Gervay who wrote "Elephants Have Wings" and Deborah Abela who wrote "Max Remy Superspy" and "Jasper Zammit Soccer Legend". As it is a special day, children may get a special gift to remember celebrating ten years of GREAT Day. A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch or children can bring their own lunch from home if they wish. The children will return to school after lunch.

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, 3rd and Thursday, 4th June. Children are required to wear full winter uniform. **Girls are to wear tunics.** Times for the Verse Speaking Choirs are as follows:

Wednesday, 3 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.

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

Section 5572 – Years 3/4 – Junior Primary (we are competitor no. 2 of 5 competitors)

Thursday, 4 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Section 5575 – Small Schools (3 competitors)

Section 5570 – Years 1/2 – Infants (we are competitor no. 8 of 8 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, 25 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 Monday. All the children are practising very hard for their eisteddfod items and we wish them the best of luck.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2016

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2016. 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, 26 June.*

CANTEEN – LUNCH BAGS

Just a reminder that if your child wishes to order his/her lunch from the canteen, could you please write the order on a lunch bag. This just makes the job of our canteen helpers a little easier.

CHAIR COVER WASHING

We are still looking for volunteers to help wash the chair covers that were used at the Ball. So come and get a dozen or so! It all helps.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Justin Coleman, Alicia Fordham and Tom Staggs for great work in adding groups together, Jordan Wighton for great discussion in our Science unit, 'Keeping Alive' and Orlando Ryan for always contributing to the sound table.

YEAR 1: Kimbalee Gilmour and Declan Gale for writing beautiful descriptions about their Mums, Grace Jones-Copelin for trying hard in spelling activities, Nick Kirsop for improvement in Reading and 'sounding out' hard words, Ethan Morris for beautiful reading at our Liturgy and Alison Mudford for trying hard to 'Give Of Her Best'.

YEAR 2: Nick Gale for great work in Handwriting, Will Spora for marvellous work in Maths, Paige Gilmour for fabulous expression when reading and Hayden Ferguson for working well independently.

YEAR 3: Richard Glover for listening and following instructions carefully, Aiden Walker and Luke O'Neill for using their senses in narrative writing, Emma Westwood for always 'Giving of Her Best' and Isaac Grimshaw for carefully finding lines of symmetry in a variety of shapes.

YEAR 4: Zac Ferguson for writing a great information report about the Cooee March, Kelsey Hutchison for wonderful results in spelling tests, Patrick Spora for enthusiasm during eisteddfod practices and Laura Farragher for her delightful attitude when participating in sport.

YEAR 5: Hamish Beveridge for staying focused during writing, Amelia Murray for improved results in Operations, Lachlan Riley for outstanding book work in all subjects, Emily Skinner for improved clarity in her writing and Amber Tarrant for showing an enthusiastic attitude towards our 'Gold' unit.

YEAR 6: Nash Marchant, Lachlan Fairey and Rebecca Gaff for working hard to decipher meaning in poetry and Jye Day for asking questions in Maths to clarify understanding.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4

Thursday, 14 May - Staff Professional Development – 3:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, 17 May - Ascension of the Lord

WEEK 5 - Year 4 Reconciliation

Monday, 18 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5

Tuesday, 19 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5

Wednesday, 20 May - NAPLAN – Years 3 & 5

Thursday, 21 May - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition

- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 20 May –

Friday, 22 May - Principals' Conference

Friday, 22 May - GREAT Day

Sunday, 24 May - Pentecost Sunday

WEEK 6 - Year 3 Reconciliation

Monday, 25 May –

Thursday, 28 May - AEW Conference

Monday, 25 May - Our Lady Help of Christians Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

- Soccer Coaching Clinic – Paul Wade – 1:30

Wednesday, 27 May - Questacon Touring Science Circus – Infants 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

- Primary 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Friday, 29 May - Polding Touch Football – Marshall Ryan

- AP Meeting

- Kinder Nursery Rhymes

Sunday, 31 May - Trinity Sunday

WEEK 7 - Eisteddfod Week

Tuesday, 2 – Thursday, 4 June - PSSA Under 11 Rugby League – Martin Fryers

Tuesday, 2 June - Individual Eisteddfod Items

Wednesday, 3 June - Senior & Junior Primary Verse Speaking Choirs

Thursday, 4 June - Diocesan Spelling Bee - Skye Bui, Finn Marchant, Kate Gilmour, Emilie Hassall

- Infants Verse Speaking Choir

Friday, 5 June - Polding Touch Football back-up date

- ICAS Science Competition

- Priest/Principal Day

Sunday, 7 June - First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ – 9:45 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week in Kindergarten we have been reading "Hairy Bear". We discussed when words are dark and bold, we read louder and

with more expression. Students have also been sounding out words in the big book by themselves. In story writing, we have been writing stories about our mums and how special they are. Next week is revision so we will be going over all the letters we have learnt so far. In Mathematics we have been learning the difference between area and volume. During HSIE we have learnt different words in Japanese and what they mean in English. We also had a discussion on what Japanese girls wear for festivals and celebrations. In Science we learnt what the five senses are and how we can use these. During Religion we reflected on our afternoon prayer and what it means. I hope everyone had the chance to visit the school's exhibit at the show yesterday to see the children's lovely artwork. Take care - Miss Bourke

YEAR 1 What a busy week in Year 1! We hope all our mums had a great Mother's Day and everyone enjoyed the 100th Gilgandra Show yesterday. In Religion we visited the church and Father Martin very kindly discussed all the different features. We are enjoying reading "Rhino Neill" and finding out about other animals who live in safari parks. In Maths we have been working on adding to 10, skip counting, telling the time and recognising 3D shapes. During HSIE we drew pictures of our houses as part of our unit on 'Shelters'. We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 2 From all reports it sounds like much fun was had at the show yesterday. It's been great listening to the many exciting stories. We've continued writing descriptions and are writing about 'The Ravenous Beast'. Everyone is trying to include a variety of adjectives in their writing. We've completed our unit on 'Celebrations' by planning a celebration of our own. We will be beginning our new HSIE on 'Japan'. We are busy preparing for our Liturgy next Thursday and we hope to see many family and friends there to celebrate with us. Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

YEAR 3 It sounds like everyone had a great time at the Gilgandra Show. In the classroom Year 3 has been learning about conjunctions and using them in some interesting sentences. In Comprehension we have read an entertaining text titled "The Tallest Story" and we discussed how exaggerations can make our writing interesting. In Maths we have learnt about diagonal, perpendicular and parallel lines. In Religion we have been learning about the first Eucharist where Jesus turned the bread and wine into Himself. Keep up the hard work Year 3! Mr Soares

YEAR 4 I hope everyone had an enjoyable day yesterday at the show. This week we have been working on the 'o-e', 'oa' and 'ow' sounds in spelling and we have reviewed prepositions. In writing we have planned and begun writing an information report about cyclones. Our Maths focus has been on number patterns, 8 times tables and symmetry. In HSIE we have discussed where Gilgandra is located within NSW and its primary industries and businesses. During sport we have been learning to play tea ball, netball, soccer, rugby league and touch football. In Week 6 we will be celebrating, 'Our Lady Help of Christians' Mass so I will be sending home readings to practice next week. Miss Smith

YEAR 5 Well done Year 5 on your fabulous CWA projects – they all look great! This week in class we have been revising our narrative and persuasive writing and looking at increasing our vocabulary when we write. Meanwhile in Maths we have been trying to understand double sided number sentences as well as looking closely at breaking down percentages of fractions. HSIE this week has seen us investigate a poem that outlined the impact of the goldrush in Australia on Indigenous Australians. Have a great weekend. Mr Keady

YEAR 6 What a beautiful Mass we celebrated this morning! Our theme was 'Love One Another' and we focused on how we can put this into action by the small things we can do in our everyday life to make the world a better place. This week in Grammar we have been concentrating on principal and subordinate clauses and how they can enhance the standard of our writing. During Maths we have been looking at 24 hour time and practising how it is said and written. We also enjoyed a visit from Mr Langes who helped us brush up on our equivalent fractions! Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 15 May – Jessica Whitehouse & Amy Spora

Monday, 18 May – Michelle Woollams & Rachel Kirsop

Wednesday, 20 May – Leanne Stephens & Briony Mills

Friday, 22 May – Donna Wheatley & Alicia Heffer

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 17 May – Jett Grimshaw, Kate Gilmour, Charlie Banks, Olivia Newstead



