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Thought for the Week

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless."

..... Mother Theresa

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, Rachel Lacey and all 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 **This N That Gifts and Homewares, Travelling Hair by Shalyn, Beauty Anywhere With Stacey and the Keystone Café** for their generous 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 – Chloe Harris

Second Prize – Cooper Lummis

Third Prize – Jack & Lilla Oehm

Fourth Prize – Ava Meyers

Class Raffles - Kinder – Clayton Wheatley, Year 1 – Kenedi Hazelton, Year 2 – Isabelle Mudford, Year 3 – Molly Nichols, Year 4 – Jasmine Zell, Year 5 – Isaiah McKenzie, Year 6 – Bradley Gibson.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Tomorrow, Friday, 19 May 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.

VISIT BY ST STANISLAUS COLLEGE BATHURST

Representatives from St Stanislaus College, Bathurst will visit our school on Tuesday, 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.

ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITION

The ICAS Digital Technologies Competition will be held next Tuesday, 23 May for those children who entered this competition.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MASS

A Mass in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians will be celebrated on Wednesday, 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.

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 100 to wash!** We are concerned that if they're not washed soon, they may be ruined. So please help by offering to wash these chair covers.

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.**

WORKING BEE TO CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a working bee for Year 3 parents to clean the church in preparation for First Holy Communion next Friday, 26 May at 2:30 p.m. Please spare some time to help if at all possible.

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)

Thank you to those families who have returned the permission/transport note that was with last week's About. If you haven't already done so, could you please 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.

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.*

SYDNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Sydney Youth Orchestra's Peter Seymour Orchestra will be joined by our local Cooee Choir to perform a range of beautiful music that the whole family will enjoy on Saturday, 3 June at 7:00 p.m. at Gilgandra Shire Hall. Tickets are \$20.00 per adult and \$10.00 concession. Book online at 123tix.com.au or call 92512422 or tickets may be purchased at the door.

LILLY IS CUTTING HER HAIR FOR KIDS WITH CANCER AND ALOPECIA – Fundraising for Variety – the Children's Charity NSW

<https://alopecia.everydayhero.com/au/lilly-s-hair-with-heart>

ONLY TWO WEEKS TO GO

In only two weeks, Kinder student, Lilly Hanson will be getting her hair cut so it can be made into a wig for a girl who has no hair due to cancer. You are able to donate via the above website. Let's get behind

Lilly and help her raise \$5,000.00.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Caine Bugmy and Jock Mills for being great friends, Elsie Adams for great work sorting 3D objects, Clayton Wheatley for writing interesting stories, Brodie Nichols for writing with increasing independence, Jeremiah Woodrow for painting a lovely ghost and Cooper Lummis for excellent work identifying words that begin with 'g'.

YEAR 1: Sailor Ryan and Angus Johnson for trying hard during poem practices, Te Mana Diamond for excellent responses in our Literature unit and Layla Wykes for being a polite member of Year 1.

YEAR 2: Hudson Duffy, Eliza Mudford and Tom Staggs for writing great descriptions about their mums, Orlando Ryan and Lucas Fong for being magnificent mathematicians and Emma Mills for great expression during poem practices.

YEAR 3: Indi Murphy for great work when using speech marks, Blake Fairey for wonderful work in Maths, Eva Bonnington for accurate and fluent reading and Emilia Peart for great use of persuasive language in expositions.

YEAR 4: Cameron Davis for writing effective sentences using our word of the week, Lucy McIsaac and Mattea Purvis for working well as part of a group to write an information report and Samantha Naden for participating in class discussions enthusiastically.

YEAR 5: Chloe Mudford and Emily Zell for increasingly asking questions to clarify understanding, Luke O'Neill for being a fabulous role model on the playground, Jerome Woodrow for a conscientious approach to his learning, Layney Godber for always presenting beautiful bookwork and Breanna Foster for working diligently in Comprehension groups.

YEAR 6: Marshall Fairey for consistent effort and achievement in Maths Operations, Bradley Kildey for accurately identifying principal clauses in Grammar and Olivia Schier for showing pride in her bookwork.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4 - Year 4 Reconciliation

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

WEEK 7 - Eisteddfod Week

Tuesday, 6 June - Junior Primary and Senior Primary Verse Speaking Choirs

Wednesday, 7 June - Infants Verse Speaking Choir

Sunday, 11 June - Trinity Sunday

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has enjoyed learning about the 'Ll' sound this week. The students have identified where they hear this sound in a variety of words and used play-doh to make this sound. Our sound next week is 'Hh'. The big book we have been reading this week is called "Wishy-Washy Day". We have sequenced events from the book and completed multiple choice questions. I enjoyed reading about everyone's Mother's Day as we wrote a recount of how we spent this special day. In Mathematics we have

learnt about the number zero and labelled rows. For our PD unit, 'Me and My Mates', the children explored why they are unique and what makes them special. Have an enjoyable weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 This week in Religion Year 1 completed a picture representation of the life of Jesus. We discussed how Jesus' life here on earth was very special and how He wants us to always follow Him. In Grammar we are learning all about adverbs and how they help verbs and make our sentences more interesting. Our Maths focus has been skip counting, sharing and telling the time. We also really enjoyed our Athletics challenges. Mrs Colwell has been experimenting with different ingredients to make some interesting mixtures during Science. We completed some beautiful autumn art works to display in our room. Have a lovely weekend! *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 It's been a busy week in Year 2 learning about fractions, subtraction and time in Maths. During Religion we've been focusing on friendships and bullying – identifying the types of bullying and working through scenarios of how to solve problems on the playground. During Sentence A Day we revised antonyms and verbs and in Spelling we looked at the 'I' sound in words. We're working on descriptive writing which links to our Literature unit on "The Wild Thing". We designed our own 'wild things' and painted weird and wonderful backgrounds in Art. Poem practices are going well and everyone is working hard. I hope everyone had a lovely Mother's Day and enjoyed their gifts and art. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 What a busy week Year 3 has had with preparing for our First Holy Communion Mass and practising our two eisteddfod poems with Year 4. In Spelling we have been looking at words ending with 'ful' and in Writing we wrote a recount about the Gilgandra Show. During Mathematics we modelled nets of 3D shapes and revised the splitting strategy in addition. We also have been working on adding three digit numbers together. Yesterday Year 3 enjoyed the 'Circular Circus' performance with emphasis on time, circles, triangles and 3D shapes. Today the students attended a robotics session which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Take care. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 Wow! Year 4 had an amazing time at the robotics session today - it was great to see how engaged everyone was. In class this week we have spent time finishing off information reports with our group writing task almost ready to publish. During Grammar we have been identifying prepositions and learning how to effectively include them in sentences. We have been busy this week in Maths looking at counting with fractions as well as putting our knowledge of rotation, reflection and translation into action when drawing shapes. We hope you can come along and join us for our Mass next Wednesday and please bring a plate to share. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 In Science we have been learning about the sun. Did you know that more than 1 million Earths could fit inside the sun? Wow! We also made sundials and tested our time telling skills. During Maths we have revised our knowledge of multiples and factors, created line graphs and explored cubic centimetres. In English we discussed the imagery and poetic techniques of the poem, "Foul Shot" and are writing our own poems based on "A Moment In Time". We teamed up in pairs for a race around Asia in Geography – we enjoyed discovering who could name and locate 47 countries...we had a great trip! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 In Writing this week we have written narratives titled 'The Remade Fairytale'. The students were focusing on the use of imagery and personification to enhance their imaginative texts. We have learnt about line graphs, decimals, percentages and fractions this week in Maths. In Grammar our focus has been on identifying subordinate clauses within sentences. We have researched different countries within Asia in pairs as part of our Geography unit this week. Each pair had to work together to produce a PowerPoint which included facts about what they had learnt. Have a wonderful weekend! *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 19 May – Briony Mills & Lorraine Hutchison

Monday, 22 May – Amii Marchant & Danielle Diggs

Wednesday, 24 May – Amanda Chandler & Gai-Maree Younghusband

Friday, 26 May – Rees Gilmour & Sussane Gilmour

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 21 May – Luke O'Neill, Rhys O'Neill, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier