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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.

RETURN TO SCHOOL

As we prepare for the full time return of all students next week, all of us here at Joey's again want to thank our whole community for your support, understanding, care, hard work, kind words and actions during this unprecedented time. We have been inspired by the collegial response displayed by so many. Thank you so much!

For The Glory Of God We Give Of Our Best.

PROCEDURES FOR WEEKS 5-10

All students will be required to attend school for the full week commencing next week. Learning will be undertaken using a variety of materials, which will enable face to face teaching of new material and the opportunity for teachers to gauge student learning needs. Remote learning materials will no longer be provided for students and we would expect that all students, unless they are immune suppressed or have other exceptional circumstances, would attend school every day.

Drop Off – We ask that anyone who is dropping off their child in the morning either do so at the front gate or at the very least in the school square. **No parents are to go to the bag stands or classrooms.** All students will use hand sanitiser to clean hands on arrival at school using the mobile stands.

Pick Up – In the afternoon you may wait for your child at the gate or when you come into the square we will get your child immediately. **If parents could start arriving shortly after 3:00 p.m.** so that all children who are being picked up have left the school before the end of school bell at 3:20 p.m.

What To Bring – Children need to bring all home learning resources back to school including Chromebook, charger, books and worksheets.

What To Wear - Children may wear summer or winter uniform.

Water Bottle - Children must bring a water bottle as using the bubblers is not permitted.

Illness - **No student is to be sent to school if they show cold or flu-like symptoms or generally unwell. No parent should visit the school with an illness.**

Good Hygiene - The importance of good hygiene will continue as follows:-

- Sanitise hands on arrival.
- Wash / sanitise hands when starting class, before recess, after recess, before lunch, after lunch and before going home.
- Coughing and sneezing etiquette.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Regular cleaning of desks, chairs, outdoor tables and benches.

For The Rest of Term -

- There will be no school excursions.
- Parents should limit visits to school. Phoning or email is better.
- We will be limiting the number of children in the toilets at a time.
- There will be no use of the bubblers.

PHOTOS FROM HOME

Don't forget to keep sending in your photos from home schooling so that we can display them on our notice board. It is our intention to also place these in the Year Book. Even if you have been at school during this time, still send us a picture of you doing something at home. It doesn't have to be school work. The more pictures we have the better!

SCHOOL CANTEN REOPENING

The school canteen will reopen next **WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY** and will be open thereafter on the normal canteen days. The canteen will be operated by our school support staff. The canteen will **ONLY BE PREPARING LUNCH ORDERS**. This means that the front canteen window will not be open and will therefore not be serving morning tea or other items during lunchtime. The **only items** available to purchase for lunch are:-

- **Pre-packaged large pies.**
- **Pre-packaged large sausage rolls.**
- **Drinks as per Canteen Price List.**

This means there will be no other food available to purchase, including party pies and party sausage rolls.

CLOTHING POOL – PLEASE PRE-ORDER

Whilst the clothing pool is business as usual we ask that no parents visit the clothing pool. Instead, please phone the office to place your order and arrange for payment over the phone. We will then send the clothing items home with your child. If this is not possible, please call into the office and advise Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller what items of clothing you require and we will get them for you.

As the weather is starting to cool down, we wanted to remind you that we have **school jackets** available for sale in the clothing pool. Please contact Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller if you would like to purchase one.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2021

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2021. If you have a child ready to start school next year, please telephone or email the school and we can post or email an enrolment package to you. **Please note that this year applications close on Friday, 3 July.** Email: stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au

LIBRARY NEWS

The library will reopen next Monday, so please ensure that you bring your library bag on your usual library day. A sanitary cleaning routine will be in place in the library. Please ensure that you return any books borrowed from the library during the isolation period.

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS FOR 2021 AT ST JOHNS COLLEGE DUBBO

A reminder to Year 6 parents that the deadline for enrolments to St Johns College for Year 7 2021 from Catholic Feeder Schools is **Friday, 29 May**. Parents are encouraged to ensure that the enrolment applications are completed and returned to St Johns College by the due date. It is important that the application is completed to secure your position before applications from outside feeder schools are opened. The College accepts 200 students into Year 7.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Students seeking placement in a selective high school are required to attend a test in the year prior to their placement. The Selective High School Placement Test is for any 2021 Year 6 students seeking placement in Year 7 in 2022 and will be held on Thursday, 11 March 2021. Applications are to be made online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. Any queries should be directed to the High Performing Students Team on 1300 880 367.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMSAND AT HOME!!

KINDER How exciting to have everyone back in Kinder today. This week we enjoyed reading "Mrs Wishy Washy's Tub" and meeting her dog for the first time! We wrote some interesting facts about Mrs Wishy Washy's cow and tried really hard to sound out tricky cvc words. In Maths we used 5 as a base to count on, made interesting patterns using paddle pop sticks and beads and described and named 3D shapes. Our Science unit this term is all about living and non-living things. We sorted pictures of living and non-living things and had a discussion about our pets and shared some ideas about how we look after them. Thank you to everyone who has been reading each night and writing the name of the book in the reading log. We will continue online reading and sight words as homework for the rest of the term. Please remember to bring all your booklets, textbooks and homework folders back to school next week. We are all looking forward to finally being together again.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 We thoroughly enjoyed having the whole class back at school for two days this week. It was nice for everyone to see their friends and to get back into routine. On Monday and today we were able to restart our Phonics program with revision of last term's sounds. In Maths we learnt subtraction and addition facts, skip counting by 2's, 5's and 10's, vertices and data. We've also written an information report on frogs. In Art we finished our polar bears from last week and painted some cute puppies. Homework for the remainder of term will be reading and sight words. So if the children could read online every night and do their sight words that would be great. Don't forget to bring your Chromebook, charger and all your school books with you on Monday. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 It was lovely to see Year 2 back at school on Monday and today. We have been very impressed with the narratives that students have written this week about 'The Mystery Box'. Our Maths focus this week has been based on jump strategies, number lines, number patterns, 3D shapes and measurement. We have also learnt about antonyms in Grammar. In Religion we have been identifying different signs and symbols in the church. On Monday we are going back to our normal library time and students will be allowed to borrow books. A reminder to keep online or library book reading at home and we will be doing Maths homework as part of revision on Fridays at school. Please bring your Chromebook and all of your books back with you on Monday. Have a great weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 It was lovely seeing everyone's happy faces back again on Tuesday. Year 3 has been asked to write another procedure but this week they have written procedures on 'How To Play Something'. Some people have written detailed procedures about playing musical instruments, card games, hopscotch and board games. They have been fantastic to read. In Maths we have focused on modelling objects/nets, bridging to decades and tables. On Tuesday we enjoyed using our energy in Science to complete some GoNoodle activities. Some particular favourites were 'Can't Stop The Feeling' and 'Banana, Banana, Meatball' activities. We also used a fun interactive game to discover things about light energy and how light travels in straight lines. Our Grammar focus for the week is on synonyms and antonyms while in our Literature unit we have loved listening to "The Twits" book by Roald Dahl and completing some fun activities on Google Classroom. Thank you to those students who have completed the set tasks. We have decided that homework for the rest of the term will be reading. So if the children could read every night that would be great. We look forward to seeing everyone next week. Have a relaxing weekend. Don't forget to bring your Chromebook, charger and all your school books with you on Monday.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 It was great having the class altogether on Tuesday. This week has been very busy with continuing our information reports, the primary focus being to consolidate correct paragraph structure, researching skills and ensuring a detailed report is developed. The weekly project involves students telling the story of an everyday hero. This may involve them developing questions to 'interview' their chosen person. In Maths we have been continuing with fractions. For the remainder of Term 2 a decision has been made to have daily reading as the only requirement for homework. The Maths Mentals will be incorporated into daily planning with students given the opportunity to complete it at school. Thank you to all parents and caregivers for facilitating online learning during this time. We understand the added pressure it may have placed on you and we think you deserve a break from the books! Have a fantastic weekend everyone. I am really looking forward to getting back into a routine with you all. Please ensure that your Chromebook, charger, books and worksheets are brought with you on Monday.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 It was great to see everyone again this week as we quickly settled in to complete some face to face instruction and enjoy each other's company. We investigated 3D shapes during Maths and had fun constructing prisms and pyramids with toothpicks and blu tack. Grammar saw us looking at homophones and we wrote a discussion about a holiday to Thailand. In History we discussed how Australia is a constitutional monarchy and a parliamentary democracy and what this means. In Science we have begun researching a planet in our solar system. We have decided that homework for the rest of the term will be reading. So if the children could read every night that would be great. All Chromebooks, chargers and books need to be returned to school as we begin our normal school routine next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 There was certainly an excited buzz in the Year 6 classroom on Tuesday as we welcomed all 37 leaders back to Joey's! In Maths we learnt about equivalent number sentences and completed some assessments on whole number, addition and subtraction. We continued to focus on discussions in Writing and started planning a text about graffiti debating whether it was vandalism or art. In Religion we reflected on the Pentecost story and tried to imagine how the disciples felt. It was great to see some people had made significant improvements in their lexile levels for Reading. Keep up the great work Year 6! We have decided that homework for the rest of the term will be reading. So if the children could read every night that would be great. Please remember to bring your Chromebook, charger and all books back to school with you on Monday.

Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Via van der Walt

