



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 4

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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

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MASS

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

'MY FRIENDS AND I' SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

'My Friends And I' is this term's school performance. With a blend of drama, poetry, puppetry and staging, this light hearted, humorous production looks at the problem of bullying. Throughout the show students are assured that if they are being bullied it is not their fault and there are things they can do about it and offers strategies to help. The show will be staged at school tomorrow, Friday, 24 May at 2:00 p.m.

PUPIL FREE DAY – NEXT THURSDAY, 30 MAY

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.

NEXT WEEK'S ABOUT

Due to next Thursday being a pupil free day, next week's About will go home on Friday.

SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS WORKSHOP

A Safe Church Awareness Workshop will be held on Sunday, 26 May at 10:30 a.m. (following Mass) in St Joseph's School Hall. All parishioners are welcome. Those who must attend are those involved in a ministry, in particular, Ministers of Communion. The day will conclude at 3:00 p.m. There is no cost to any parishioners who attend. Morning tea will be provided, however you must bring your own lunch.

PRIMARY NETBALL CUP

We have 42 girls from Joeys travelling to Dubbo next Tuesday, 28 May for the Primary Netball Cup. Everyone is looking forward to a fabulous day of netball. Those students competing include: **Grace Tancred, Samantha Naden Lucy McIsaac Billie Allan, Tia Allan, Emilia Peart, Rani Diamond, Trinity Zell, Ava Meyers, Jasmine Zell, Grace Winter, Alana Elsom, Brooke Woollams, Jordan Neeves, Lilla Oehm, Alex Gaff, Taylor Hayes, Grace Jones-Copelin, Molly Nichols, Charlotte Ferguson, Ella Mudford, Jessie Riley, Millie Spora, Alison Mudford, Abigail Davis, Dakotah Gilmour, Hope Jones-Copelin, Alicia Fordham, Georgia Tancred, Olivia Westwood, Scarlett Chandler, Eliza Mudford, Violet Whitehouse, Lara Younghusband, Isabelle Mudford, Molly Temple, Alyssa Ferguson, Sophia Peart, Emily Standing, Adison Thomas, Jaida Tarrant, Poppy-Grace Newton.** Thank you to those families who have volunteered to transport children to and from Dubbo. A note went home today with travel arrangements.

PRIMARY SPORT – NEXT TUESDAY

As there will be so many away at the netball next Tuesday, sport for all primary sport students will be held on Tuesday. Therefore primary students are to wear their sports uniforms on Tuesday. Infants students will miss sport next week due to the pupil free day

HEAR OUR HEART 'RED' DAY

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY – WEAR SOMETHING RED

We will be participating in the Hear Our Heart 'Red' Day to be held next Wednesday, 29 May. Students and staff are encouraged to wear red and **bring a gold coin donation** in an effort to raise awareness for the wonderful work carried out by the Hear Our Heart Committee for the benefit of the students of the Gilgandra and Gulargambone communities. **The Hear Our Heart ear bus will visit our school again on Friday, 31 May.**

FIRST COMMUNION PARENT MEETING

There will be a First Communion Parent Meeting held at school next Wednesday, 29 May at 6:00 p.m. in the school library for parents and children in Year 3, to explain the First Communion program and organize the celebrations. First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday, 23 June.

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 the About two weeks ago. There are still a few notes outstanding. Could you please let us know if your child/ren are travelling by car or bus to the eisteddfod as soon as possible. The cost for the bus to travel to Dubbo will be \$5.00 per student.

STAFF CPR AND FIRST AID SKILLS UPDATE

All staff will participate in a CPR and First Aid skills update course next Wednesday, 29 May. This inservice will be conducted by Geoff and Barb Kiehne and is a vital part of our staff's professional development each year. We thank Geoff and Barb for sharing their expertise with us.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS GIFFIN

Congratulations to Miss Giffin and her partner, James Best, who announced their engagement on the weekend. We extend our very best wishes to Prue and James for their future happiness.

SAVE THE DATE

COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS

St Lawrence's School Coonabarabran will host the 2019 Horse Sports two day event at the Coonabarabran Showground on Thursday and Friday, 29 and 30 August. This event is for students from Kindergarten to Year 12 and events include cross country, stockhorse, sporting, show jumping, dressage, school team events, campdraft and more. We will let you know when we receive full details and entry forms.

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: **Francis Ibe** for making a fabulous effort in Story Writing, **Clancy Larkin** for trying hard to answer tricky questions about our big book, **Darcy Adams** for his great painting of sheep grazing in a paddock and **Caitlin Younghusband** for always being a reliable classroom helper.

YEAR 1: **Akhiro Baker** for top work identifying Australian money, **Claudia Harrison** for drawing a lovely bear, **Jessie O'Connor** for working hard in Phonics and **Isabelle Peart** for a super effort 'counting on' in Maths. **YEAR 2:** **Isla Volkofsky** for great comprehension in our Literature unit, 'Where The Wild Things Are', **Ben Mudford** for being an accurate and speedy mathematician, **Chloe Harris** for a great writing effort about her Mum, **Elsie Adams** for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations and **Georgia Allan** and **David McIsaac** for wonderful expression during poem practices.

YEAR 3: **Jacqueline Hutchison** for her enthusiastic approach to learning our poems, **Violet Whitehouse** for being a Literacy Pro reading whiz, **Layla Wykes** for a fantastic effort in all key learning areas and **Brooke Beaton** for being a kind, caring and helpful class member.

YEAR 4: **Bonica Henry** for writing a factual information report based on Gilgandra, **Eliza Larkin** for consistently striving to achieve her best, **Isabelle Mudford** for making positive contributions to class discussions and **Jordan Wighton** for bringing a positive attitude to our classroom every day.

YEAR 5: **Alex Gaff**, **Millie Spora** and **Trinity Zell** for problem solving as part of a team to construct 3D shapes and **Will Younghusband** for enthusiastic participation in class discussions.

YEAR 6: **Jett Chandler** for applying himself during Comp groups, **Grace Winter**, **Jett Tarrant** and **Nick Gale** for showing initiative – "seeing a need and doing something about it" and **Nick Tancred** for producing an engaging holiday recount with superb publishing.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4 Years 5 & 6 Reconciliation

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| 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

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| Tuesday, 28 May | - Primary Netball Cup Dubbo |
| | - Primary Sport |
| Wednesday, 29 May | - Hear Our Heart Red Day – children come to school dressed in red – Out of Uniform Day |
| | - Staff CPR/First Aid skills update – 3:30 p.m. |
| | - 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

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| 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 |

WEEK 7

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| Monday, 10 June | - Queen's Birthday holiday |
| Thursday, 13 June | - Principals/Priests Meeting |
| Friday, 14 June | - Polding Cross Country – Mitchell Fuller, Sophia Peart |

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has been working hard this week completing lots of revision in Maths and Phonics. We have loved reading the hilarious book, "Wishy

Washy Day". The animals were determined to hide from Mrs Wishy Washy and they found some very clever places. We constructed our own Mrs Wishy Washy in Art and decided to think of some interesting questions we would like to ask her if she ever visited our classroom! We are researching and writing interesting facts about different farm animals and labelling a picture of them. In Religion we have started our new unit, 'Belonging to God's People'. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 This week Year 1 has written an information report about crocodiles, an imaginative story and a weekend recount. It has been great to see how well the children are writing independently and the progress they have made since the beginning of the year. In Maths we have been completing our assessments and the children are now quite confident in using the iPad to login and complete their work independently. We are continuing with our poem practice and Year 1 is quickly learning how to be part of an eisteddfod choir. They are trying hard to use facial expressions and keep their eyes on the conductor. During Art we drew and painted a bear as part of our story, "The Very Brave Bear". Have a great weekend. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 2 Eisteddfod practices are in full swing and Years 1 and 2 have been working hard to say the poems with expression. Keep up the great work! The individual poems are sounding great too. We've been busy completing testing in Grammar whilst in Spelling and Phonics we have looked at the 'cher' sound, as in 'picture'. We read a funny story called "A Grand Adventure". In Maths we focused on addition, subtraction and 3D properties. We painted awesome 'wild things' in Art and continued our work on this literature unit. In History we looked at how old buildings, statues and monuments tell us lots of historical information. Next week we look closely at Gilgandra's past. Do you remember a flood in 1955?? Have a great weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week Year 3 has been looking at how we can split the Mass into four parts: gather, listen, eat and go forth. These are all important parts when we celebrate Mass and come together as the community of God. Don't forget about our parents and children meeting next Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. as we prepare for First Holy Communion. During Maths this week we have been focusing on bridging to decades as well as dividing and modelling objects/nets. We have also been completing some Essential Maths Assessments with some fantastic results. During English we have been focusing on the 'mb' sound in Spelling as well as using the suffix 'ful'. In History we have been looking at the changes that have been made around our school and our church and we have created a timeline. Have a lovely weekend! *Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 4 It has been very busy in Year 4 this week! We have been preparing for our class Mass tomorrow and we are looking forward to seeing our families and friends joining us at 10:30 a.m. If you could please bring a plate to share for morning tea that would be wonderful! We have made big improvements in our eisteddfod poems this week, the students should be very proud of their fantastic effort! We have started doing Essential Assessments online for Maths and we are getting started with our reading groups as well. Students have been completing plenty of Literacy Pro quizzes online and it has been great to see their positive results. *Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 has been very busy this week as we have started testing in a number of subjects. During Religion we have been completing our portfolio task on the resurrection story as well as starting our new unit on Pentecost. In Science we have really enjoyed looking at the NASA Space Station, especially thinking about what it would be like to live there in microgravity. During our digital technology time we have been investigating how to design and construct a bridge that our Sphero can cross over, also looking at how speed influences our designs. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 What a busy week for Year 6! The students have enjoyed planning and writing their free choice narratives and publishing them on the chrome books. We have been challenging our grammatical understanding of clauses and mastering principal and subordinate clauses. We have continued our focus on ordering fractions in Maths, along with some tricky OPS to go with it. Wednesday was a blast and we absolutely loved participating in the footy skills workshop run by CRL! We practised our passing, kicking, tagging and scoring skills with our peers and had lots of fun! Don't forget your footy tips!!! *Miss Jess Seaman*

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 24 May – Sarah Adams & Rebecca Medd
Monday, 27 May – Shalyn Chandler & Anna Mudford
Wednesday, 29 May – Katherine Gaff
Friday, 31 May – Amanda Hodges & Jessica Howard

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 26 May – Ethan Morris, Charlie Zell, Emily Zell