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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*

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

The Life Education Van will be at our school on Wednesday, 30 May, Thursday, 31 May and Monday, 4 June. We thank our P&F Association for paying for the children's entry to the van. It is greatly appreciated. The timetable for the Life Education Van is as follows together with a brief outline of the program that will be seen by the children:

Wednesday, 30 May

10:00–11:00 **Kinder** – *Harold's Friendship* – How to build friendships and care for others, feelings and emotions, safe and unsafe situations and early warning signs, safe places and people to turn to for help.

12:00–1:00 **Year 1** – *Safety Rules* – Recognising safe and unsafe environments, how to care for others, behaviours that maintain friendships, places and people who we can go to for help.

2:00–3:00 **Year 2** – *Growing Good Friends* – Exploring what health messages mean, identifying safety signs, recognising how physical activity and nutrition contribute to a healthy lifestyle, explore how positive relationships benefit our health and wellbeing.

Thursday, 31 May

9:30–11:00 & 11:30–1:00 **Year 4** – *Bcyberwise* – Responsible and respectful behaviour when using communication technology, skills for building positive relationships with friends, keeping personal information safe online, strategies to deal with bullying and cyberbullying, exploring the role of bystanders.

1:50–3:20 **Year 6** – *Relate, Respect, Connect* – understanding how to respect ourselves and others, identifying characteristics of positive relationships, strategies to help maintain positive online and offline relationships, strategies to respond to unsafe or disrespectful situations online and offline, the importance of relationship to our own and others wellbeing.

Monday, 4 June

11:30–1:00 **Year 3** – *Mind Your Medicine* – Factors that influence someone's sense of self-worth, techniques for effective communication, identifying the impact of different factors on health and wellbeing, strategies for managing stressful situations, medicines as drugs and the consequences of misuse.

1:50–3:20 **Year 5** – *On The Case* – What's in a cigarette, effects of smoking, history and laws, myths and facts, influences and pressures, strategies to reduce harm.

The children will be given the opportunity to buy merchandise from the Life Education Van on Monday at lunch time. Items range in price from 50¢ to \$15.00.

DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE

We wish our super spellers, **Michael Ibe, Ethan Morris, Kate Woollams and Camilla Beveridge**, the best of luck next Thursday, 31 May as they take on the best in the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held in Wellington. Go Joey's!

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. We are short on Year 3 parent helpers for the working bee to clean the church in preparation for First Holy Communion, which will be held at 3.30 p.m. next Thursday, 31 May. If you have not already done so, would you please complete the note that was sent home last week and return it to school as soon as possible.**

SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGE

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

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)

Thank you to those families who have returned the permission/transport note that was sent home with last week's About. If you haven't already done so, could you please return the note to school tomorrow 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 an individual item at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod was sent home last week. All the children are practising very hard for their eisteddfod items and we wish them the best of luck.

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.**

VEGETABLE PATCH

The garden club has been very busy looking after the vegetable garden. We have planted lettuce, cabbage, spinach, Asian greens, brussel sprouts, sugar snap peas, Bolotti beans and swede. In the tubs we have planted different types of daffodils. The hibiscus was flowering a couple of days ago. The colour of the hibiscus is orange around the edges and red in the centre. If you like gardening come and join the gardening club. It is a lot of fun.

Written by Casey Gaff

2018 NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

Catholic schools, along with Government and Independent schools across Australia, will again be participating in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability ("NCCD"). Our involvement in this process is crucial as it will provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students in our schools. The NCCD will enable National and State Governments to better target support and resources in schools. This, in turn, will help Catholic Schools access the support for all students with additional needs. The NCCD is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which includes a range of health issues and learning difficulties where schools implement strategies to support students in participating effectively in their learning. The Data Collection will take place in August. No personal or identifying information about any student will be included, however if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the NCCD, you are asked to contact your child's principal to discuss your concerns. If you are still concerned you should request and complete an opt-out form and return it to the principal. Further information about the NCCD is available at <http://www.schoolsdisabilitydatapl.edu.au>.

HEALTHY LUNCHBOX

The Cancer Council of NSW has launched a Healthy Lunch Box website as part of the 'Eat It To Beat It' program. Please visit www.healthylunchbox.com.au and learn how to pack a quick and healthy lunch box for your children.

PRINTER

We currently have a second hand printer in the office in need of a new home. It is a HP Laser Jet multipurpose printer and is FREE of charge. If you are interested, please see Heather or Toni in the office.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Harrison Newton** for fantastic 'sounding out' in Writing, **Connor Jones-Copelin** for great contributions to Religious discussions, **Jessie O'Connor** for drawing a cute cow, **Indy Thomas** for writing a super free choice story about a unicorn and **Thomas McIsaac** for sharing good ideas about museums in History.

YEAR 1: **Finn Chapman, Jagger Hazelton, Elsie Adams and Amity Henry** for a great effort writing a Panda Bear description.

YEAR 2: **Makynli Hazelton** for beautiful handwriting, **Jack Gibson** for great participation in Maths, **Mia Ferguson** for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations, **Sophia Peart** and **Georgia Tancred** for writing a great description about their Mums and **Hayden Nichols** for great expression in poem practices.

YEAR 3: **Tom Staggs, Jaida Tarrant and Emily Standing** for using wonderful expression during poetry practice and **Isabelle Mudford** for beautiful bookwork in Religion.

YEAR 4: **Sam Dunn** for creating a wonderful PDHPE title page using ShareCloud, **Declan Gale** for treating his peers and teachers with respect at all times, **Millie Spora** for using her time wisely to complete all learning tasks to the best of her ability and **Grace Tancred** for outstanding effort and enthusiasm during our poem practice.

YEAR 5: **Jett Chandler** and **Cameron Davis** for excellent research into planets in our Solar System, **Ben Standing** and **Jett Tarrant** for fantastic research into dwarf planets and **Lucas Gleadhill** for significant improvement in all subjects.

YEAR 6: **Jacob Harland** and **Ry Heffer** for excellent work in spelling groups, **Jack Oehm** for carefully identifying principal clauses in Grammar and **Dennis Gale** for having a positive attitude towards set tasks.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4

Thursday, 24 May - Our Lady Help of Christians Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- 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 - Polding Cross Country
- ICAS Spelling Competition

WEEK 8

Tuesday, 19 June - Year 6 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 20 June - Junior Joey's to Cooe 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 we have been very busy in Kinder. We have read 'Mrs Wishy Washy's Day' and discovered just how tricky it is to wash farm animals. Poor Mrs Wishy Washy!! We have been researching lots of interesting facts about pigs. Did you know that pigs are smarter than dogs? In Maths we modelled combinations of groups to make 7, compared and counted collections to find the difference and sorted triangles and described their unique features. Thank you to Year 4 for preparing a beautiful Mass to celebrate Our Lady Help of Christians. We hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 On Monday we had a great time in Science as we mixed water, cornflour and food colouring to make some slime!! In Religion we discussed the events of Pentecost and in Grammar we concluded our work on adverbs with a puzzle. In Maths we investigated patterns and used our detective skills to find the position of items in a picture. This week we began Reading Groups. We will be completing various activities throughout the week to help our reading and comprehension skills. In Art we used cotton wool balls to create a polar bear face to decorate our classroom. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 2 has enjoyed participating in Science lessons that involve experiments using balloons and water – some great predictions have been made. In History we have begun looking at the significant events that have shaped Gilgandra. Thank you to Mrs Hutchison for providing some great historical facts about our town. Spelling focused on "i" and "igh" words and Grammar challenged us with antonyms and verbs. Years 1 and 2 have been working hard in poem practice as the eisteddfod draws closer.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Thank you Year 4 for preparing such a beautiful Mass to celebrate the feast of Mary Help of Christians today. We have continued learning about the parts of the Mass in our Religion unit and practising for our special First Holy Communion celebration. Just a reminder there is a working bee to clean the church for First Holy Communion on Thursday, 31 May starting at 3:00 p.m. Please remember that many hands make light work. Even if you can only call in for 15 minutes, it would be appreciated. During History this week we have looked at significant days and weeks we celebrate in Australia and why. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

YEAR 4 Thank you to everyone who came along to help us celebrate 'Our Lady Help of Christians' Mass today as a school. In Year 4 this week we have been revising all of the Grammar topics we have looked at this year. In writing we have written an information report on an animal of our choice. Our Maths lessons have seen us looking at division strategies as well as two-way graphing. In History we have designed our huts, drawing plans and sketches of what we are hoping to create over the coming weeks for Hut Day in Week 10. Our Religion unit has looked at how we can be a great friend to those around us and we have also spent time getting to know interesting facts about people in our class in a 'get to know you' activity. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 We are really enjoying our Science unit on the solar system. We have conducted research about dwarf planets this week and lots of interesting facts were discovered about these unfamiliar planets. During Maths we have revised our knowledge of multiples and factors, created line graphs and explored cubic centimetres. Our Grammar focus is compound sentences and we are also focusing on vocabulary and poetic techniques used in our eisteddfod poems. For homework this week we are working on our speeches. These are informative speeches about someone we admire. The speeches are due on 5 June (Tuesday Week 6). We are looking forward to seeing the drafts tomorrow!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 This week in Writing we have started to learn about narratives. We used the technique of 'showing not telling' to enhance our texts to engage the reader. In Grammar we have been learning about subordinate clauses and their purpose in sentences. Our Maths activities have focused on drawing 3-dimensional shapes and converting between millimetres, centimetres and metres. As part of our History unit we have learnt about the process that federal parliament uses to pass a bill. Our poems for the eisteddfod are sounding amazing, keep up the hard work and practise Year 6!

Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 25 May – Jo Lummis & Sheree Staggs
Monday, 28 May – Anna Mudford & Michelle O'Brien
Wednesday, 30 May – Paula Purvis & Chris Monk
Friday, 1 June – Rachel Hutchison & Belinda Murray

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 27 May – Cameron Davis & Mason Fryers

