



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

If you want to feel rich just count all the things you have that money cannot buy.

GREAT DAY – Celebrating 10 Years

Kinder – Year 2

All our infants children (Kinder to Year 2) will be participating in GREAT (Gilgandra Reads Everything Around Town) Day tomorrow, Friday, 22 May. It will be an out-of-uniform day for the infants children 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. 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.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL

Tomorrow, Friday, 22 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 received a Walk Safely to School sticker today so that they might like to wear it tomorrow to highlight the importance of being a safe pedestrian.

PRIMARY 200 M HEATS

In preparation for our primary athletics carnival which will be held on Friday, 19 June, we will be running heats of the 200 m events tomorrow, Friday, 22 May at 1:00 p.m. at McGrane Oval. If anyone would like to help out with the timing of these races, please ring the office in the morning.

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS MASS

A Mass in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians will be celebrated on Monday, 25 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.

PAUL WADE SOCCER TOUR

Paul Wade, former Soccerero Captain, will be touring the area next week and has scheduled a trip to our school on Monday, 25 May. Paul will be here from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. We thank Western Plains Amateur Soccer Association who have generously sponsored this tour.

GOOD LUCK MARSHALL

We wish **Marshall Ryan** the best of luck next Friday, 29 May as he represents the Diocese of Bathurst at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Touch Football Championships to be held in Bathurst. Well done Marshall!

QUESTACON TOURING SCIENCE CIRCUS

The Shell Questacon Science Circus will be visiting our school next Wednesday, 27 May. The Science Circus offers 'hands-on' Science activities to inspire students. Infants classes will attend from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. while primary classes will get the opportunity to participate from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

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.

ROLL MARKING – UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

If your child is absent from school it is important that you let us know either by phone, or in writing, the reason for the absence. We are required by law to report any child who has more than 10 unexplained absences. The children have been reminded to bring in notes for absences and we would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

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). *Thank you to those families who have returned the permission/transport note that was with last week's About. Another note was given to those families today who we haven't received one from at this stage. Could you please 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.*

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A note went home on Monday with the eldest child in each family regarding parent/teacher interviews which will be held during the last week of term, on Monday, 22 June, Tuesday, 23 June and Wednesday, 24 June. If you require an interview with your child's teacher, and I strongly urge that you do, please fill in the preferred day and time on the tear-off slip and return it to school by Friday, 6 June. Interviews will be held from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and are set at 15 minute intervals. If you do not require an interview, please tick the appropriate spot on the tear-off slip and return it to school.

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.*

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.

COOEE FESTIVAL TRIVIA NIGHT

A trivia night will be held on Friday, 22 May at 6:30 for 7:00 p.m. at the Gilgandra Sporting Club (Bowling Club) hosted by the Cooe Festival Committee. Meal deal available. Ring Stephen on 68471963. sentences and sounding them out. Our story this week is called "Hattie and

AOK

AOK is a fun craft and art group for girls in Year 3 – Year 8 run by the Anglican Church. It's held at Feetham House (next to the Anglican Church) on Thursdays during the school term from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 which helps buy supplies. Girls participate in activities such as sewing, cooking, card making, painting and currently we are doing enamelling. Parents need to drop off and pick up their girls. Supervision is provided by volunteers and a trained classroom teacher. A light snack and drink is provided. For any enquiries contact St Ambrose Church Office on 68472064.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** **Kaycee Bugmy** for trying hard to learn her sight words, **Eliza Mudford** for 'sounding out' words in her story writing, **Mitchell Fuller** for great expression in reading, **Brody Heffer** for improved handwriting skills and **Emily Standing** for 'sounding out' words in her story writing. **YEAR 1:** **Rani Diamond** for working hard with Mrs Batten, **Henry Purvis** for great 'sounding out' in Story Writing, **Ryder Ryan** for excellent work in Maths, **Ryda Whitehouse** for a great contribution to our discussion about bats, **Millie Spora** for a super recount about the show and **Michael Ibe** for being a Maths Whiz! **YEAR 2:** **Billie Allan, Chelsea Brand, Ryan Ferguson, Lucy McIsaac** and **Mattea Purvis** for writing a terrific description of "The Ravenous Beast". **YEAR 3:** **Molly Wilson** and **Thomas Dunn** for extraordinary artwork using warm and cool colours, **Emily Zell** for using creative ideas in her writing, **Camilla Beveridge** for an amazing effort during eisteddfod practices and **Emma Durrant** for reading tricky texts carefully. **YEAR 4:** **Mason Fryers** and **Bradley Kildey** for well written information reports about cyclones, **Skye Bui** for a consistent effort in Maths Operations and **Harrison King** for top sportsmanship when participating in sport. **YEAR 5:** **Olivia Ferguson** for enthusiasm during eisteddfod practices, **Madison Hourigan** for being a Maths Operations Whiz and **Mike Raglus** for an improved effort during writing. **YEAR 6:** **Emilie Hassall, Rebecca Gaff, Lachlan Fairey, Chloe Godber** and **Kate Gilmour** for writing fabulous explanations of how a balloon inflates.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5 - Year 4 Reconciliation

Wednesday, 20 May –

- Friday, 22 May - Principals' Conference
- Friday, 22 May - GREAT Day
- Walk Safely to School Day
- Primary 200 m heats

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
- 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
- AEDC – Kinder
- Friday, 5 June - Polding Touch Football back-up date
- ICAS Science Competition
- Priest/Principal Day
- AEDC – Kinder
- Sunday, 7 June - First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 8 - Year 5 Reconciliation

- Monday, 8 June - Queen's Birthday holiday
- Thursday, 11 June - Peachey/Richardson Football / Far West Netball Coonamble
- Friday, 12 June - CPS Cross Country

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER In Kindergarten we have been revising sounds we have learnt so far and discussing words that start with that sound. We have also been going over all our sight words from List 1 to List 10 and putting these words into

the Fox" and students were asked to write words to describe the fox, shark and bat who were characters in the story. In Story Writing, the students wrote a story about a hamburger and remembered to include when, where, who and what in the introduction. During Mathematics we revised our 2D and 3D shapes and counted to 30. We also focused on what rows are and counted items in each row. During our 'Staying Alive' unit in Science, we sequenced different stages of life from a baby to an elderly person and in our cultural unit on 'Japan' we had the opportunity to use chopsticks to pick up jelly beans! In Religion this week Kindergarten discussed different types of prayer and we wrote a special prayer to God on a prayer flower. Just a reminder to Kindergarten to wear casual clothes and hopefully something red, tomorrow for 'Great Day'. Take care - *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 has been working hard in Maths focusing on number patterns, skip counting and addition. In Religion we identified the important parts of St Joseph's Church and we discussed how God's love nourishes us and how prayer is important when we want to talk to God. Eisteddfod practice is going well and everyone has been working hard on using facial expression. In Art we used crayons and a paint wash to create an echidna. Lots of people have researched facts about crocodiles for News. Did you know a crocodile can grow up to 5 m. in length? Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Thank you to all the families and friends who came to our class Liturgy this morning. Year 2 enjoyed spending this special time with you. "Where The Wild Things Are" is a book we will be using as part of our literature unit this term. This week we wrote a book review and will complete many other activities based on this story over the next few weeks. Our eisteddfod preparation is going well and the class has enjoyed listening to Lucy and Will prepare for their individual poems. In Art we made lanterns as part of our 'Japan' unit and in Science the class made boats out of plasticine (sadly not every boat stayed afloat!) We have also welcomed Lucas Gleadhill and his family back to St Joey's. I'm sure it won't take long to settle back in to Joey's. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 Thank you Year 3 for your great efforts during our NAPLAN testing this week. It was great to see everyone 'Giving Of Their Best'. In Maths we have been learning about three dimensional shapes and we have explored their nets by drawing and cutting them out. Our Religion lessons this week have focused on the fourth part of the Mass, the concluding rites. Now that we've learnt about the parts of the Mass, we will be starting preparations for our First Holy Communion. All the children are very excited about our huge celebration. In PDH this week we have learnt about our rights and responsibilities. *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 has been busy this week preparing for our Mary Help of Christians Mass on Monday. Invitations went home earlier this week and we hope to see as many family and friends there as possible. We have been identifying similes and selecting the correct homophones in Grammar this week. During writing we have begun to explore expositions by examining their purpose and structure with particular focus on our paragraph structure. In Maths we have used a variety of strategies to solve subtraction, looked at mixed numerals and combined and split common shapes. This week in HSIE we learnt about early pioneer huts and designed our own early settler hut to build at home. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 Wow!! What a week Year 5 has had! Congratulations to all the class who have handled themselves extremely well throughout the NAPLAN testing. Also in class this week we have been spending time using the iPads to research different aspects of gold as an object and how it is used in our lives. In Maths we have been spending some time revising both 2 digit division and 5 digit subtraction as well as looking closely at the net outlines of shapes. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 This week we have been writing narratives using ideas from fairy tales and giving them a bit of a twist! We have used a thesaurus to improve the standard of our adjectives and verbs. Our focus in Maths has been adding and subtracting mixed fractions and converting digital time to 24 hour time. In Religion we have learnt about the Ten Commandments given to Moses and we have revised how to say the Rosary. Eisteddfod practice is going well as we work on our facial expressions and actions. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 22 May – Donna Wheatley & Alicia Heffer
- Monday, 25 May – Carol Alchin & Sally Beveridge
- Wednesday, 27 May – Kirstie McKenzie & Lesley Riley
- Friday, 29 May – Paula Purvis & Mel Phillips

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 24 May – Charlie Banks, Jett Grimshaw, Kate Gilmour, Ella McAnally-Elwin