



# ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 5

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### Thought for the Week

First Communion Prayer

*Come Lord Jesus, into my heart today*

*Help me always to follow Your will, Your Word and Your way.*

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**St Joseph's Church – this Sunday, 28 May – 9:45 a.m.**

First Holy Communion Day is almost here and we can't wait! The First Holy Communion class has been preparing themselves for this special day for a long time and it is exciting that the wait is almost over. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church this Sunday, 28 May at 9:45 a.m. Hopefully the church will be full of family and friends and members of the school community. Please keep our First Holy Communion class in your thoughts and prayers: **Tia Allan, Eva Bonnington, Sarah Chandler, Carter Chapman, Tahleigh Davey, Abigail Davis, Beatie Davis, Rani Diamond, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Charlotte Ferguson, Alex Gaff, Declan Gale, Dakotah Gilmour, Kimbalee Gilmour, Taylor Hayes, Lochlann Henry, Rhyan Hutchison, Michael Ibe, Grace Jones-Copelin, Nick Kirsop, Ethan Morris, Alison Mudford, Ella Mudford, Indi Murphy, Jordan Neeves, Molly Nichols, Lilla Oehm, Emilia Peart, Henry Purvis, Jessie Riley, Ryder Ryan, Millie Spora, Grace Tancred, Rydah Whitehouse, Brooke Woollams, Will Younghusband, Charlie Zell, Sienna Zell, Trinity Zell.**

**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 tomorrow, Friday, 26 May at 2:30 p.m. Please spare some time to help if at all possible.

#### **TURF LAYING**

Yesterday Gilgandra Shire Council and our Years 5 and 6 students worked together to lay turf along the front of the school and church following the Wrigley Street reconstruction. Our students joined the Shire Parks and Gardens team along with Councillors Walker, Peart and Wrigley. We would like to thank Gilgandra Shire Council for providing the turf and also to our Years 5 and 6 students for helping council workers lay the turf. It proved to be a fabulous community activity, which I'm sure you will agree, has made a huge improvement to the front of our school and church.

#### **ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION**

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools Science Competition will be held next Tuesday, 30 May for those students who have entered this competition.

#### **DIOCESAN SPELLING BEE**

We wish our super spellers, **Michael Ibe, Alana Elsom, Jennifer Ibe and Bradley Kildey**, the best of luck next Thursday, 1 June as they take on the best in the diocese at the Diocesan Spelling Bee to be held in Wellington. Go Joey's!

#### **LEAGUE AND NETBALL IN COONAMBLE**

We have ninety-two students playing either rugby league or netball in Coonamble next Thursday, 1 June. The rugby league boys will be participating in the Peachey Shield and the Richardson Cup while the girls will play in the Netball NSW Schools Cup. We all look forward to a day of fun, friends and fitness. The students competing include: **Tia Allan, Eva Bonnington, Rani Diamond, Grace Jones-Copelin, Alison Mudford, Ella Mudford, Jordan Neeves, Molly Nichols, Lilla Oehm, Emilia Peart, Jessie Riley, Millie Spora, Grace Tancred, Trinity Zell, Billie Allan, Paige Gilmour, Sienna Marchant, Ava Meyers, Lucy McIsaac, Samantha Naden, Mattea Purvis, Grace Winter, Jasmine Zell, Camilla Beveridge, Emma Durrant, Jade Elsom, Breanna Foster, Layney Godber, Chloe Mudford, Madison Riley, Sarah Temple, Molly Wilson, Kate Woollams, Tylah Anforth, Rani Diggs, Laura Farragher, Heidi Ferguson, Jinda Green, Kelsey Hutchison, Oliva McClelland Tayarna McKenzie, Samantha Miller, Oli Schier, Jessica Scholte, Ella Wykes, Laura Younghusband, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Declan Gale, Lochie Henry,**

**Rhyan Hutchison, Henry Purvis, Ryder Ryan, Rydah Whitehouse, Will Younghusband, Cameron Davis, Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Nick Gale, Lucas Gleadhill, Ben Harland, Harry Mudford, Will Spora, Ben Standing, Nick Tancred, Jett Tarrant, Dylan Tobin, Elten Walker, Rhys Bonnington, Kyzack Corcoran, Tom Dunn, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Ry Heffer, Daniel Kirsop, Isaiah McKenzie, Dylon Murray, Darcy Neeves, Jack Oehm, Luke O'Neill, Oscar Spora, Aiden Walker, Jerome Woodrow, Bailey Wykes, Zac Ferguson, Mason Fryers, William Fuller, William Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Isaiah Gleadhill, Rhys O'Neill, Patrick Spora,**

#### **PRIMARY SPORT**

Sport for the Years 3-6 students will be on Thursday next week as many of the children will be travelling to Coonamble. Therefore all primary children should wear their sports uniform on Thursday next week, **not** Friday.

#### **NEXT WEEK'S ABOUT**

Next week's About will go home on Wednesday instead of Thursday due to so many students participating in the league and netball in Coonamble.

#### **McNAMEE TROPHY**

All students from Years 5 and 6 will represent the school at the McNamee Trophy which will be held here at St Joseph's next Friday, 2 June. The students will be competing against St Brigid's Coonamble in public speaking, touch football, soccer, netball and rugby league. The program for the day is as follows:

9:00 a.m.	Mass	9:45 a.m.	Public Speaking
11:00 a.m.	Touch Football	12:00 noon	Soccer
1:00 p.m.	Netball	2:00 p.m.	Rugby League
3:00 p.m.	Farewell – Presentation of Sportsmanship Medals		

#### **VARIETY CAR BASH VISIT**

We thank the members of the Variety Car Bash who drove through our school on Monday in their fabulous outfits and cars as they left town. The students lined up to wave them on their way. Thank you also to the members of our P & F Association who ran the bar at the function at the Shire Hall on Sunday night.

#### **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, 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> 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)

**Just a reminder, if you haven't already paid, the cost for the bus to travel to Dubbo will be \$5.00 per student.**

#### **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

Your child's half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family on Friday, 23 June. During the last week of term, on Monday, 26 June, Tuesday, 27 June and Wednesday, 28 June, the teachers will be available for parent/teacher interviews. 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 Monday, 5 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.

**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>

Kinder student, Lilly Hanson is having her hair cut on 3 June so it can be made into a wig for someone who has no hair due to cancer. In addition to her hair being cut, Lilly is aiming to raise \$5,000.00. We are hoping that our school community will get behind Lilly to help her reach her goal and donate to this very worthwhile charity. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, send your money into school and we will make the donation on the website.

**CANTEEN NEXT FRIDAY**

As we are hosting Coonamble students for McNamee Trophy next Friday, there will be **no lunch orders for Kinder to Year 4 students next Friday**. Students may still purchase little lunch and any extras after lunch.

**CODE CLUB**

Would you like to learn how to code, to make computer games and animations? Code Club is a nationwide network of free after-school coding clubs for children aged 8-13, and it will be beginning at Gilgandra Shire Library on 1 June. Code Club will be held on most Thursday afternoons during school terms, from 4:00 – 4:45 p.m. There are just six places in the Code Club at this stage, so bookings are essential. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To book your place, please phone the library on 6817 8877 or email [library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@gilgandra.nsw.gov.au).

**MERIT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER**: **Nikola Riley** for her honesty and consideration toward others, **Ben Mudford** for fantastic paper curling when making his lion’s mane, **Elsie Mudford** for being a kind and caring class member, **Ivy Murphy** for carefully sounding out words during Story Writing, **Matilda Tancred** for thoughtfully answering questions during shared reading experiences, **Jacob Fordham** for great reading and **Lilly Hanson** for a great effort with the presentation of her writing. **YEAR 1**: **Brooke Beaton** for great group work in Maths, **Toby Davis** for completing an excellent story map about Hansel and Gretel, **Hayden Nichols** for painting a wonderful castle in Art, **Sophia Peart** for trying hard to use the sounds, ‘ch’, ‘wh’, ‘th’ and ‘sh’ correctly in spelling and **Tilla Chandler** for thinking creatively in Story Writing. **YEAR 2**: **Jessica Ibe** and **Molly Temple** for designing and painting a wonderful ‘Wild Thing’, **Lauren Thurlow** for trying hard in Reading and **Amity Chapman** and **Riley Fiddes** for excellent expression during our poem practices. **YEAR 3**: **Carter Chapman** for great improvement in reading, **Ryder Ryan** for great improvement in Spelling, **Sienna Zell** for super work in Operations, **Jessie Riley** for a great effort in text type writing and **Michael Ibe** for being a dedicated and conscientious student. **YEAR 4**: **Hayden Ferguson** for identifying prepositions correctly and with ease during Grammar, **Paige Gilmour** for outstanding improvement in spelling activities and **Harry Mudford** and **Will Spora** for a fantastic effort during eisteddfod practices. **YEAR 5**: **Oscar Spora** for making sure others are included in cubic centimetre group work and **Aiden Walker**, **Bailey Wykes**, **Isaiah McKenzie**, **Rhys Bonnington**, **Camilla Beveridge** and **Molly Fairley** for fantastic enthusiasm during the Robotics session. **YEAR 6**: **Patrick Spora** for writing a delightful narrative about a ‘Remade Fairytale’, **Ella Wykes** for accurately identifying subordinate clauses, **William Fuller** for reading our class novel with excellent fluency and **Mason Fryers** for excellent work with fractions, decimals and percentages.

**WHAT’S ON**

**WEEK 5**

- 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

**WEEK 8** -

**Year 5 Reconciliation**

- Monday, 12 June - Queen’s Birthday holiday
- Tuesday, 13 June - ICAS Writing Competition

- Wednesday, 14 June - Year 6 Religion Test
- Junior Joey’s to visit Cooee Lodge
- Thursday, 15 June - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- ICAS Spelling Competition
- Friday, 16 June - CPS Cross Country

**AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** has spent this week reading ‘Dishy-Washy’ and completing various activities on this book. On Tuesday we viewed a picture of a cat and wrote either an imaginative or informative story about this cat on our own. We’ve brainstormed a variety of ‘h’ words and learnt the ‘h’ Jolly Song. Our sound next week is ‘u’ as in umbrella. We enjoyed a lovely Mass for St Mary Help of Christians yesterday, completed a Easter Season unit quiz and began our new Religion topic, ‘Belonging to God’s People’. Kinder has a Liturgy coming up in Week 8 so next week I will send home copies of the readings they are to practise during homework. Have a lovely weekend and I hope to see many faces at Year 3’s First Holy Communion on Sunday. *Miss Smith*

**YEAR 1** Thank you to Year 4 for preparing a beautiful Mass on Wednesday for Mary Help of Christians. Year 1 is also looking forward to celebrating First Communion with our Year 3 friends this Sunday. In Maths we practised using a number line to investigate addition patterns and counting on. We wrote a fabulous response to ‘Jack and the Beanstalk’ about what we thought could be at the top of the beanstalk. Thank you to everyone who shared really interesting news about what games their grandparents enjoyed playing. Certainly hopscotch, elastics and marbles were very popular! We hope everyone has a great weekend! *Mrs Newstead*

**YEAR 2** What a great spectacle it was on Monday morning as the Variety Bash vehicles came through our school – we loved all the decorated cars! During the week we continued focusing on descriptions in Writing and had lots of fun describing mystery toys and publishing a description of our mum or nan. Athletics continues to help us learn and revise concepts covered and we’ve had lots of fun trialling Live Athletics. In Religion we identified the types of bullying that can occur and how it affects us and others around us. We’ve been helping to make artwork for Year 3’s big day and we are looking forward to sharing their special day on Sunday when they receive First Holy Communion. Thank you to the Year 2 parents who have kindly offered to help prepare the morning tea. See you on Sunday, have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey*

**YEAR 3** With only three sleeps to go, Year 3 is super excited to celebrate First Holy Communion with all our family and friends on Sunday. Could all the Year 3 students meet at the classroom at 9:15 a.m. and any food donations can be left in the hall. On Monday we enjoyed watching the cars from the Variety Bash cruise through our school. Some favourites included Marge and Homer Simpson, the Smurfs and an army tank that squirted water!! We have continued to investigate adverbs in Grammar and have begun to work on Discussions in text types. In Maths we drew regular and irregular pentagons and completed calculations with money. We look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

**YEAR 4** Thank you to everyone who came along and helped us celebrate our Mass yesterday – we really appreciated it. In class this week we have been spending time revising text structures as well as learning to use our WOW word ‘express’ in sentences effectively. During Maths we have spent some time revising hundredths and tens of thousands. I hope you have all seen the fantastic plans we have come up with for our huts and by the sounds of it some people are already beginning to build them – top work. We wish all of Year 3 the best for their special day on Sunday and hope you can come along to help them celebrate. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

**YEAR 5** We all enjoyed our afternoon yesterday, laying turf along our school path. It was great to get our hands dirty and do our bit for our school and community. In Geography this week we have started our PowerPoint presentations for a study of a country of Asia. During Religion we learnt about the feast of Mary Help of Christians and we thank Year 4 for preparing a beautiful Mass yesterday. During English we are working on publishing our poems about ‘A Moment In Time’ and we continue to work hard on our eisteddfod poems. Our thoughts and prayers are with the First Communion Class this Sunday and we hope to see lots of Year 5 students there to celebrate with them. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

**YEAR 6** We all really enjoyed the Variety Bash cars driving through our school on Monday morning. What a fun way to start the week! In Writing we have reviewed and discussed the structure and language of discussions. We came up with arguments both ‘for’ and ‘against’ having a dog as a pet. We have revised the topics we have covered in Grammar this term with a focus on verbs, adjectives and nouns. In Maths we have learnt about multiplication strategies, inverse operations and probability. We have continued working on our PowerPoints in Geography, it’s great to see detailed information about our chosen countries. Keep up the great work Year 6! *Mr Soares*

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

- Friday, 26 May – Rees Gilmour & Sussane Gilmour
- Monday, 29 May – Sally Beveridge & Carol Alchin
- Wednesday, 31 May – Lara Zell and Stacey Thomas
- Friday, 2 June – NO CANTEEN for Kinder – Year 4 – McNamee Trophy

**ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

- Sunday, 28 May – Luke O’Neill, Emily Zell, Oscar Spora, Mason Fryers

