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Term 2 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

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, 29 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, 29 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: **Billie Allan, Chelsea Brand, Jett Chandler, Cameron Davis, Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Casey Gaff, Nick Gale, Paige Gilmour, Isaiah Gleadhill, Lucas Gleadhill, Ben Harland, Lucy Kilpatrick, Sienna Marchant, Ava Meyers, Lucy McIsaac, Harry Mudford, Samantha Naden, Mattea Purvis, Ryley Smith, William Spora, Ben Standing, Nicholas Tancred, Jett Tarrant, Elten Walker, Grace Winter, Jasmine Zell.**

WORKING BEE TO CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Just a reminder that there is a working bee for Year 3 parents to clean the church in preparation for First Holy Communion this afternoon, Thursday, 26 May at 4:00 p.m. Please spare some time to help if at all possible.

LEAGUE & NETBALL IN COONAMBLE RICHARDSON CUP FINALISTS

Congratulations to all seventy-three students who travelled to Coonamble last Thursday for the Primary Netball Challenge and the Peachey/Richardson Football Competitions. The Joey's children were kept busy all day with lots of games and they should be congratulated on their skill, enthusiasm and sportsmanship. In the Years 3/4 Richardson Cup we had three teams who were all sensational. Congratulations to the Maroons who made the finals and will now play in Dubbo. The Years 5/6 boys played in the Peachey Shield with both teams only being defeated once all day. They were desperately unlucky not to make the finals. A big thank you to all those dads who helped out on the day. It would not have been possible to run five sides without your help. Our four netball teams: Joey's Jets, Joey's Giants, Jumping Joeys and Jolly Joeys, played well at the Netball Cup in Coonamble last Thursday. Each team gave of their best in every game they played. It was a great opportunity for the girls to put their netball skills into practise. All the girls are to be congratulated on their team spirit and sportsmanship and we'd especially like to thank Tahnee Carr, Zoe Welsh and Danielle Diggs for umpiring and to all the parents who helped organise the teams on the day.

McNAMEE TROPHY

All students from Years 5 and 6 will represent the school at the McNamee Trophy which will be held in Coonamble tomorrow. 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	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church
9:45 a.m.	Public Speaking	St Brigid's School Assembly Room
11:00 a.m.	Rugby League	Coonamble Sports Ground
12:00 noon	Netball	Coonamble Sports Ground
1:00 p.m.	Soccer	Coonamble Sports Ground
2:00 p.m.	Touch Football	Coonamble Sports Ground
3:00 p.m.	Farewell - Presentation of Sportsmanship Medals	

The Joey's teams are as follows:

Public Speaking Charlie Banks, Aliza Purvis, Ella McAnally-Elwin
Rugby League Charlie Banks, Hamish Beveridge, Thomas Durrant, Tom Eason, Tyler Evans, James Ferguson, Jett Grimshaw, Lachlan

Riley, Jacob Wilson, Rhys O'Neill, Mason Fryers, Patrick Spora, Zac Ferguson, Will Fuller, Isaiah Gleadhill
Soccer Mike Raglus, Anton Davis, Bradley Kildey, Harrison King, Marshall Fairey, Finn Marchant, Will Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Joshua Purvis, Jack Purvis, Hamish Beveridge, James Ferguson, Lachlan Riley, Jacob Wilson

Touch Billie Buckland, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Aliza Purvis, Heidi Purvis, Emily Skinner, Laura Smith, Amber Tarrant, Abby Tate, Kelsey Hutchison, Tylah Anforth, Olivia Schier, Ashleigh Carlow, Madison Hourigan

Netball Ashleigh Carlow, Olivia Ferguson, Madison Hourigan, Amelia Murray, Mary Westwood, Olivia McClelland, Rani Diggs, Tayarna McKenzie, Ella Wykes, Jessica Scholte, Samantha Miller, Laura Farragher, Jennifer Ibe, Abby Tate, Ella McAnally-Elwin

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ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools Science Competition will be held next Tuesday, 31 May for those students who have entered this competition.

KINDER LITURGY

Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy in St Joseph's Church next Thursday, 2 June at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

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, 8th and Thursday, 9th June. Children are required to wear full winter uniform. **Girls are to wear tunics.** Times for the Verse Speaking Choirs are as follows:

Wednesday, 8 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Section 5573 - Years 5/6 - Senior Primary (we are competitor no. 3 of 3 competitors), immediately followed by

Section 5572 - Years 3/4 - Junior Primary (we are competitor no. 3 of 4 competitors)

Thursday, 9 June commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Section 5575 - Small Schools (3 competitors)

Section 5570 - Years 1/2 - Infants (we are competitor no. 5 of 5 competitors)

Thank you to those families who have returned the permission/transport note. Another note was given to those families today who haven't returned one. Could you please return it to school by Monday, 23 May to enable us to organise transport. The cost for the bus to travel to Dubbo will be \$5.00 per student.

HALF YEARLY REPORTS - PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Your child's half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family on Friday, 24 June. During the last week of term, on Monday, 27 June, Tuesday, 28 June and Wednesday, 29 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, 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 2017

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2017. 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, 1 July.*

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Scarlett Chandler** for giving of her best when sounding out words, **Georgia Tancred** for beautiful work in Religion, **Riley Hutchison** for super counting backwards and forwards to 20, **Angus Johnson** for giving of his best in Handwriting and **Sophia Peart** and **Alexia Riley** for always participating in classroom activities.

YEAR 1: **Emma Mills** for writing interesting facts about an echidna, **Brody Heffer** for great work in Maths using o'clock time, **Jonas Naden** for trying hard to skip count by 2's and **Kaycee Bugmy** for a great effort with homework.

YEAR 2: **Henry Purvis** for being a two times tables champion, **Emilia Peart** for fantastic use of adjectives in descriptions, **Eva Bonnington** for being a times tables whiz, **Grace Tancred** for writing a great description of a 'Wild Thing' and **Ethan Morris** for being a sensational super speller.

YEAR 3: **Casey Gaff** for outstanding effort in eisteddfod practice, **Lucas Gleadhill** for excellent work in Comprehension, **Cameron Davis** for terrific results in spelling and **Harry Mudford** for terrific contributions to class discussions.

YEAR 4: **Daniel Kirsop** for top work using a variety of strategies to solve division problems, **Isaiah McKenzie** for excellent work reflecting, translating and rotating 2D shapes, **Molly Wilson** for writing a well constructed paragraph in her information report on convict life and **Kyzack Corcoran** for great work using different strategies to solve division equations.

YEAR 5: **Zac Ferguson** for deconstructing Maths problems with ease and accuracy, **Rhys O'Neill** for excellent responses during our Religion discussions in class and **Oli Schier** for displaying great leadership qualities during our reading group activities.

YEAR 6: **James Ferguson** and **Mary Westwood** for constructing two dimensional shapes with accuracy, **Mike Raglus** for using descriptive language in his narrative writing and **Amelia Murray** for showing enthusiasm during poetry practice.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5

Thursday, 26 May - Working Bee for Year 3 Parents to Clean Church for First Holy Communion – 4:00 pm
Friday, 27 May - McNamee – Years 5 & 6 - Coonamble
Sunday, 29 May - First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ

WEEK 6

Tuesday, 31 May - ICAS Science Competition
Thursday, 2 June - Priests and Principals Meeting
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 3 June - Kinder Nursery Rhymes – Eisteddfod

WEEK 7

- **Eisteddfod Week**
- **Year 5 Reconciliation**
Tuesday, 7 June - Individual Items – City of Dubbo Eisteddfod
Wednesday, 8 June - MCCL Meeting
- City of Dubbo Eisteddfod – Senior Primary/Junior Primary
Thursday, 9 June - City of Dubbo Eisteddfod – Infants
Friday, 10 June - Life Education Van
- A Fish Outta Water – An Olympic Odyssey,
School Performance – 12:00 p.m.

WEEK 8

- **Year 6 Reconciliation**
Monday, 13 June - Queen's Birthday holiday
Tuesday, 14 June - Life Education Van
- ICAS Writing Competition
Wednesday, 15 June - Life Education Van
- ICAS Spelling Competition
Thursday, 16 June - Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 17 June - CPS Cross Country

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER students have been super busy this week preparing for our Term 2 Liturgy next week. We have been doing lots of revision with the sounds and sight words we have learnt so far this year. Next week's sound is 'Uu' so have a look for something for our sound table. We have been reading "Hattie and the Fox" and discussing what descriptions are by reading a description of a fox. During Maths Warm Up, we have been learning to count by missing every second number and learning what months are in each season. In

Mathematics we have been focusing on data and how it can be used and knowing the difference between closed and open shapes. In History we wrote about the similarities and differences of Christmas from long ago to today and in Science we continue to learn how to login on a computer and how to be safe on a computer. I hope to see lots on Sunday for First Holy Communion. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 It has been a very chilly week and thank you to everyone who has brought a jumper to school with their name clearly marked on it. We participated in a beautiful Mass on Tuesday, prepared by Year 4, to celebrate the feast of Mary Help of Christians. We have been discussing in Religion how important it is to be a kind friend and help those around us. Our Grammar focus is sentences. Capital letters, end marks and verbs are so important in order to make a sentence complete. Our work on procedure writing is coming to a close this week and we are in the process of constructing a procedure about the fantastic party biscuits we made. In Maths we have explored the many uses of a number line. They help us to add and take away numbers along with showing skip counting patterns. We are looking forward to celebrating First Communion this Sunday. See you all there! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 We are working hard on our two poems as the eisteddfod draws near. Keep up the great work everyone! In Maths we challenged ourselves with 3D shapes, addition and subtraction jump strategies and looking at comparing the mass of objects. In our new Religion unit, 'Friendship and Bullying' we discussed the importance of being a considerate friend who shares and includes others. Everyone has been working hard in their reading and comprehension groups. Keep the First Communion class in your prayers as they prepare for First Holy Communion. Hopefully all Year 2 will be at Mass on Sunday to support their school friends on this special occasion and any parents who can help with serving, it would be greatly appreciated. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 In between our preparations for the big day this Sunday, Year 3 has been working hard in Maths on division and bridging to ten strategies. Our comprehension groups will start next week where we will target specific skills to help improve our comprehension. We have taken a closer look at words and phrases in our eisteddfod poems in order for us to perform with more understanding. With only 3 more sleeps until the First Communion Day, we are all certainly excited and we look forward to seeing lots of family and friends at our celebration on Sunday. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 This week we have learnt about similes and homophones in Grammar. During writing we have begun exploring expositions by completing a pre-test. For Maths our focus has been on hundredths and tens of thousands. We celebrated a lovely Mass on Tuesday for our patron saint 'Mary, Help of Christians'. A huge thank you to those who came and celebrated with us. During History we have begun exploring the life of an early settler by looking at images of early settler huts and the materials used to make them. The children received a note this afternoon explaining their task to create an early settler hut and spent time in class designing their hut. Have a lovely weekend and enjoy you hut building! Don't forget First Holy Communion on Sunday. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 What a busy week we have had! On Tuesday we celebrated a fantastic Mass to celebrate Mary which was beautifully prepared by Year 4. In Writing we have been using ShareCloud to write our Information Reports that we will publish for our portfolios whilst in Maths we have been revising division as well as looking at particular ways to describe 2D objects. Our eisteddfod poems are sounding fantastic which is great. I hope you can all come along to Mass this Sunday to help Year 3 and our classmate, Isaiah celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. We can't wait for a fun day in Coonamble tomorrow for McNamee Trophy. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 This week in Grammar we have revised the topics that we have covered this term. Our Maths activities have focused on 24-hour time, timetables and comparing and ordering fractions. We have also finished our narratives this week titled 'A Fairytale'. Year 6 has been working on a class CWA project this week using Google Slides. We have enjoyed learning about Mongolia and the project looks magnificent! Year 6 is very excited to participate in the McNamee Trophy tomorrow in Coonamble. Best of luck to everyone! I look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion with everyone on Sunday. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 27 May – Nikki Church & Briony Mills
Monday, 30 May – Danielle Bonnington & Penny Zell
Wednesday, 1 June – Claudina Ryan & Rachel Lacey
Friday, 3 June – Ros Zell and Alicia Heffer

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 29 May – Pat Spora, Zac Ferguson, Laura Smith, Amber Tarrant