



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 5

31 May, 2018

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, 3 June – 9:30 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, 3 June at 9:30 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: **Kaycee Bugmy, Amity Chapman, Hudson Duffy, Riley Fiddes, Lucas Fong, Alicia Fordham, Mitchell Fuller, Brody Heffer, Bonica Henry, Jessica Ibe, Hope Jones-Copelin, Eliza Larkin, Emma Mills, Darcy Morris, Eliza Mudford, Isabelle Mudford, Darron Mulligan, Jonas Naden, William O'Connor, Orlando Ryan, Abbie Skinner, Tom Staggs, Emily Standing, Jaida Tarrant, Molly Temple, Adison Thomas, Lauren Thurlow, Stella Valler, Stuart Wheatley and Jordan Wighton.**

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 **this afternoon, Thursday, 31 May at 3:00 p.m.** Please come along and help out if you can.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR KINDER NURSERY RHYME PERFORMERS

We wish our four Kinder representatives the best of luck tomorrow as they get up on stage on their own at the Dubbo Convention Centre and perform a nursery rhyme at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod. Our very talented and courageous Kinders include: **Joe O'Brien, Thomas McIsaac, Heidi Colwell and Jessie O'Connor.** To get up and perform on your own already makes you a champion! Thanks to Mrs Banks for playing the piano for the children, both for practices in the lead up to the eisteddfod and tomorrow on the big day!

JUNIOR JOEY'S TO VISIT COOEE LODGE

Our Junior Joey's will pay another visit to the residents of Cooe Lodge next Wednesday, 6 June at lunch time as part of their community outreach. We hope that both the residents and the children enjoy these visits.

YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 7 June at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Mass.

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. Just a reminder that the cost for the bus to travel to Dubbo will be \$5.00 per student.

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.**

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joey's Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval on Friday, 29 June. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6). We will need officials to help with the judging of the events and we will also need helpers to run the canteen. There is a note with today's About outlining all the jobs. If you are able to assist in any way please write your name down and return the note to school by next Friday, 15 June. We will be running heats of the 200 m events next Friday, 8 June at 1:15 p.m. (weather permitting) at McGrane Oval. **We will also require helpers to time these races.** If you are able to help out, please ring the office. There will be a special canteen lunch order for the Athletics Carnival. This will be given to each primary child next week and if your child wishes to order his/her lunch at the carnival please return the lunch order by Friday, 15 June.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Your child's half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family on Friday, 29 June. During the last week of term, on Monday, 2 July, Tuesday, 3 July and Wednesday, 4 July, 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 that is with last week's About and return it to school by Monday, 8 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.

FETE CO-ORDINATOR – STILL REQUIRED!!

As previously mentioned, our current fete co-ordinator, Rochelle Easman, will be vacating her role following this year's fete, which is set for 7 September. We are yet to hear from anyone who would be willing to take over this role. We urge you to please consider putting your hand up to take on running the fete, which is one of the P&F's major fundraisers. Rochelle is willing to show the new co-ordinator what is involved in running the fete to make the transition as easy as possible. If you have any new ideas regarding stalls for the fete, please see Rochelle or speak with Heather or Toni in the office.

CLOTHING POOL

Just a reminder to all our parents that the following **new** clothing is available for purchase from our clothing pool at school: maroon tunics - \$50.00, track pants - \$30.00, girls skorts - \$25.00, boys sports shorts - \$25.00, sports shirts - \$25.00, school jumpers - \$35.00, jackets - \$55.00, hats - \$12.00, brown socks - \$7.00, girls tights - \$8.00, sports socks - \$10.00.

SYDNEY YOUTH ORCHESTRA

The Sydney Youth Orchestra's, Peter Seymour Orchestra will be joined by our local Cooe Choir to perform a range of beautiful music that the whole family will enjoy at the Gilgandra Shire Hall this Friday, 1 June at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per adult and \$10 per concession and are available to purchase online at www.syo.com.au, or by calling (02) 9251 2422 or simply purchase at the door. 30 students from St Joey's will attend a performance by the Sydney Youth Orchestra at the Gilgandra High School tomorrow, Friday, 1 June at 11:00 a.m.

SEVERE ALLERGIES

Just a reminder that severe allergies to foods such as nuts and nut products exist for some of our students. Please refrain from packing these items in snacks and lunches.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Bill Ryan, Izakk Tarrant** and **Ivy Zell** for writing a super story about Mrs Wishy Washy, **Bayley Dent** for working hard in Maths and **Arabella Chandler** for an enthusiastic effort towards Sounds and Reading.

YEAR 1: **Caine Bugmy** for working well in Spelling, **Ashley Gilmour** for good participation in class discussions, **Jacob Fordham** for great work in Maths and **Ryder Larkin** for a super effort in Comprehension.

YEAR 3: **Lalya Wykes** for writing a lovely description of Mum, **Evie Peart** and **Lara Younghusband** for great writing and illustrations about “My Place”, **Jacqueline Hutchison** for excellent expression in poem practices, **Alexia Riley** for “thinking outside the square” in Science and **Alex Cosier** for wonderful expression in poem practices.

YEAR 4: **Blake Fairey, Lochie Henry** and **Emilia Peart** for fabulous expression during our poem practices, **Ella Mudford** for writing a fantastic information report on pigs and **Trinity Zell** for applying her understanding of conjunctions to complete successful grammar and Sentence A Day tasks.

YEAR 5: **Will Spora** and **Ryan Ferguson** for researching interesting facts about the planet Eris, **Lucy McIsaac** for providing detailed explanations in Comprehension, **Casey Gaff** for reverence and beautiful singing during Mass and **Paige Gilmour** for beautiful singing during Mass.

YEAR 6: **Kyzack Corcoran** and **Layne Godber** for excellent facial expressions during our eisteddfod practice, **Isaac Grimshaw** for accurate work with measurement in Maths and **Darcy Neeves** for having a high standard of bookwork.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5

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| 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 |
| | - | 30 students to GHS for Sydney Youth Orchestra performance |
| Sunday, 3 June | - | First Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m. |

WEEK 6

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| Monday, 4 June | - | Life Education Van |
| Wednesday, 6 June | - | Junior Joey's to Cooe Lodge |
| Thursday, 7 June | - | Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, 8 June | - | 200 m heats – McGrane Oval |

WEEK 7

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| Monday, 11 June | - | Queen's Birthday holiday |
| Tuesday, 12 June | - | City of Dubbo Eisteddfod – Senior, Infants and Junior Primary Verse Speaking Choirs |
| Wednesday, 13 June | - | Staff CPR & First Aid Skills Update |
| Thursday, 14 June | - | ICAS Writing Competition |
| Friday, 15 June | - | Polding Cross Country – Mitchell Fuller |
| | - | ICAS Spelling Competition |

WEEK 8

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| 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 |

WEEK 9

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| Thursday, 28 June | - | Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m. |
| Friday, 29 June | - | Athletics Carnival |
| | - | Reports home |

WEEK 10

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| Monday, 2 July | - | NAIDOC Week celebrations |
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| Tuesday, 3 July | - | NAIDOC Week Mass – 9:00 a.m. |
| | - | Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Wednesday, 4 July | - | Peachey/Richardson Finals – Dubbo |
| | - | Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Thursday, 5 July | - | Year 4 Hut Day |
| Friday, 6 July | - | Athletics Carnival back-up date |
| | - | Last Day – Term 2 |

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER were so excited to visit the Life Education Van and meet Healthy Harold. We loved learning about how to be a good friend, the parts of our body and what to do if we ever feel scared or unsafe. In Maths we concentrated on the numbers 11 to 13, shared items one at a time and followed instructions.

We completed our pictures of Mrs Wishy Washy and wrote a description of what she

looked like. In Science we discussed living and non living things and finished our portfolio task. We are looking forward to joining our Year 3 friends on Sunday to celebrate their First Holy Communion. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 A visit with Healthy Harold was a highlight this week as Year 1 visited the Life Education Van to learn about being safe. As part of our History unit ‘Present and Past Family Life’ we have a display of ‘old fashioned’ toys and an old dial telephone which we have enjoyed playing with. If you have any ‘olden day’ items that can be placed on our display please send them in. In Maths we have looked at number patterns and money. In Grammar we are investigating contractions. In Personal Development & Health we have been discussing ‘needs’ and ‘wants’ and in Religion we listed all the things needed at a celebration. We hope many friends can come to Mass on Sunday as Year 3 receive their First Holy Communion. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 2 We are all very excited about celebrating with the First Holy Communion class on Sunday and we are keeping Year 3 in our prayers. Thank you to the Year 2 parents who have offered to help out on Sunday. We have begun Maths assessment and testing this week and will continue to do so next week. We have also worked on ¼ and ½ turns, anti clockwise turns and repeated addition. Poem practice continues to go from strength to strength with a huge effort from Years 1 and 2. The children performing an individual poem at the eisteddfod have been practising hard as well. We all enjoyed our visit to the Life Education Van yesterday and learnt a lot of valuable information about friendships. Next week is our Liturgy on “friendship” and we hope to see lots of friends and family at the church to help celebrate. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Excitement is definitely building with only 3 more sleeps until First Holy Communion. We hope that lots of family and friends can come along and help celebrate this special day with Year 3 on Sunday. This week Year 3 have been working really hard to complete some maths assessments. Keep up the hard work. During Science we have looked at the different kinds of packages that are used to ‘wrap’ products. We came up with an extensive list of items that can be used when wrapping goods and also items which can be reused and recycled. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday. Have a nice weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell

YEAR 4 This week Year 4 has started studying procedures in order for students to write a procedure on their hut. To learn how to set out procedures correctly, students worked in groups to write one on a game of their choice. In our Literacy unit, we have been busily practising our poems for the upcoming eisteddfod and analysing them using comprehension strategies. Students have also been revising spelling strategies and participating in online Maths assessments. We have been lucky enough to go to the Life Education Van this week and participated in engaging activities about cyber safety. We encourage students to begin planning and constructing their huts and recording the steps they use as they do so. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. *Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 This week in Maths we have been completing various maths assessments and revising our skills when measuring angles. During History we have continued to look at Federal Government and we have started to work on our excursion interviews. In Religion we are analysing a scripture reading from Isaiah 42 and discovering what the people were hoping and waiting for during their time of exile. Our English focus is on our speeches that are due next Tuesday 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 Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 This week we are writing a narrative titled ‘A Fairytale’. They sound great so far and are well structured. In Maths we have been learning about fractions, decimals and patterns and algebra. We have revised the different topics we have covered this term in Grammar, which include principal clauses, subordinate clauses and compound sentences. Year 6 are very excited to start their Canberra interviews. We have chosen our locations and organised our groups. We have been keeping the Year 3 students in our prayers this week as they prepare for their First Holy Communion this Sunday. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

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| Friday, 1 June | – | Rachel Hutchison & Belinda Murray |
| Monday, 4 June | – | Sally Beveridge & Carol Alchin |
| Wednesday, 6 June | – | Danelle Jones & Karen Harris |
| Friday, 8 June | – | Melanie Ferguson & Helen Oates |

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

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| Sunday, 3 June | – | Emily Zell & Jett Tarrant |
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