



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 6

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Thought for the Week

The desire to succeed means nothing without the will to prepare.



CONGRATULATIONS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

A beautiful Mass was held last Sunday morning in St Joseph's Church as the parish and school community celebrated with the First Holy Communion class. The church was filled with family, friends and parishioners to share this special time with these children. Following Mass a wonderful Communion breakfast was held in the school hall. Thank you to the parents, Fr Martin, Mrs Banks and Mrs Morris for preparing the children so well. Also thank you to the school community for attending Mass and decorating the church and hall, to the Year 2 parents who assisted at the breakfast and to the family and friends of the First Communion Class who joined in the celebration. Congratulations to our 2016 First Holy Communion Class: **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.**

McNAMEE TROPHY

Congratulations to our Years 5 and 6 students who participated in the McNamee Trophy held at Coonamble last Friday, 27 May. It was a fabulous day of fun, friends and fitness and we thank the students, staff, family and friends from St Brigid's Coonamble for being such fine hosts. The day began with a beautiful Mass in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. After Mass it was off to the St Brigid's School Assembly Room for public speaking. All speakers were splendid including the St Joey's trio of **Charlie Banks** and **Aliza Purvis**, ably supported by **Ella McAnally-Elwin**. Charlie spoke about 'Dad Jokes' while Aliza regaled us with 'Excuses, Excuses'. It was then off to the Coonamble sports Ground for the rest of the day's sporting action comprising rugby league and soccer for the boys and netball and touch footy for the girls. Everyone present was so impressed with the skill and sportsmanship displayed by every single player in every game. Well done to all the students. Sportsmanship medals were awarded to players from both teams in each game and all the coaches had an extremely difficult task in selecting one player as there were so many from which to choose. Winners of the sportsmanship medals for St Joey's included **Jacob Wilson** (Rugby League), **Mary Westwood** and **Olivia McClelland** (Netball), **Tom Eason** (Soccer) and **Amber Tarrant** (Touch). Many thanks to the teachers for preparing and coaching the children so well, to all our supporters, to St Brigid's School for organising such a great day, but most of all to all our Years 5 and 6 students for their fabulous school spirit and participation. We look forward to hosting the McNamee Trophy in Gilgandra next year.

GOOD LUCK INDIVIDUAL EISTEDDFOD PERFORMERS AND VERSE SPEAKING CHOIRS

We wish all the following children the best of luck in the coming week as they perform an individual item at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod. To get up and perform on your own already makes you a champion.

Kinder/Year 1 Nursery Rhymes: **Jacqueline Hutchison, Bonica Henry, Poppy-Grace Newton, Violet Whitehouse** *Year 2 Poetry:* **Henry Purvis, Kimbalee Gilmour, Ella Mudford, Rydah Whitehouse, Eva Bonnington, Emilia Peart** *Year 3 Poetry:* **Alana Elsom, Paige Gilmour, Lucy McIsaac, Will Spora** *Year 4 Poetry:* **Jade Elsom, Camilla Beveridge, Molly Wilson, Emily Zell, Kate Woollams** *Year 5 Poetry:* **Kelsey Hutchison, Bradley Kildey, Olivia McClelland, Patrick Spora** *Year 6 Poetry:* **Aliza Purvis, Laura Smith.**

Also best of luck to our fabulous verse speaking choirs. All the choirs are sounding absolutely beautiful. The timetable for next week is 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)

The children are to wear full winter uniform which is as follows:

Girls: Maroon box-pleat tunic, fawn shirt, school jumper, brown socks, black shoes. **Boys:** Grey pants, blue shirt, school jumper, grey socks, black shoes. **Just a reminder, if you haven't already paid, the cost for the bus to travel to Dubbo is \$5.00 per student.**

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAYS

The children may come to school out-of-uniform next week on the following days so that their uniforms can be sparkling clean for the eisteddfod. Even though the Kinders aren't performing they can have an out-of-uniform day as well.

Tuesday, 7 June – Years 3-6 **Wednesday, 8 June – Kinder – Year 2**

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

The Life Education Van will be at our school next week. 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:

Friday, 10 June

10:00–11:00 **Kinder** – *Harold's Surprise* – Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety.

11:00–12:00 **Year 1** – *Harold's Mystery Tour* – Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making.

2:00– 3:00 **Year 2** – *Harold's Heroes* – Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.

Tuesday, 14 June

11:30 – 1:00 **Year 5** – *On The Case* – Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence and refusal skills

1:50 – 3:20 **Year 6** – *Think Twice* – Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.

Wednesday, 15 June

11:30– 1:00 **Year 4** – *Mind Your Medicine* – Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication.

1:50– 3:20 **Year 3** – *Harold's Diary* – Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles.

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

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joey's Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval on Friday, 24 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 Wednesday, 8 June. We will be running heats of the 200 m events tomorrow, Friday, 3 June at 1:00 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. If it is too wet tomorrow for the 200 m heats, we will try again next Friday. There will be a special canteen lunch order for the Athletics Carnival. This will go home next week and if your child wishes to order his/her lunch at the carnival you will need to return the lunch order by Tuesday, 14 June.

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 that was with last week's About and return it to school by Monday, 6 June. If you don't have the slip, just phone Mrs Hodge. 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.

CHILDREN IN THE CANTEEN

Our school canteen is a wonderful service to our children and parents and obviously can only run with the help of parents. Therefore we are very appreciative of everyone's help in the canteen. However we must ask that *only children of the canteen volunteers be allowed in the canteen* whilst you are helping, as it gets a little dangerous when there are a number of children in the canteen.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER**: **Te Mana Diamond** for excellent knowledge about 2D shapes, **Alyssa Ferguson** for her knowledge about different types of celebrations, **Xanthe Gale** and **Jacqueline Hutchison** for their confidence during News time, **Kenedi Hazelton** for giving of her bet when learning sight words and **Poppy-Grace Newton** for always being reverent during prayer and singing practice. **YEAR 1**: **Tom Staggs** for thoughtful responses during Comprehension, **Molly Temple** for trying hard to remember our spelling rules, **Darron Mulligan** for a super effort during poem practice and **Hope Jones-Copelin** for trying hard to use expression when reading. **YEAR 2**: **Millie Spora** for great enthusiasm during poem practices, **Abigail Davis** for super improvement in Spelling, **Rhyan Hutchison** for preparing carefully for his News items, **Taylor Hayes** for asking questions during Maths, **Tahleigh Davey** for sensational spelling results and **Kimbaelee Gilmour** for a wonderful effort with expression when reading. **YEAR 3**: **Sienna Marchant** and **Alana Elsom** for beautiful singing during our First Holy Communion Mass and **Nick Gale** and **Ben Standing** for great work in Comprehension. **YEAR 4**: **Bailey Wykes** for great work reading and ordering numbers in the tens of thousands, **Madison Riley** for lovely reading during our Mary Help of Christians Mass, **Emma Westwood** for writing a great information report on convict life and **Dylen Murray** for great work converting analog time to digital time. **YEAR 5**: **Rani Diggs**, **Will Fuller** and **Harrison King** for working well during our group CWA project and **Patrick Spora** for thinking critically during Problem A Day. **YEAR 6**: **Heidi Purvis** for excellent work with subtraction, **Madison Hourigan** for working well in comprehension groups, **Jett Grimshaw** for taking care with his bookwork and **Lachlan Riley** for converting between 12 and 24 hour time with accuracy.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6

Friday, 3 June - Kinder Nursery Rhymes – Eisteddfod
- Years 3-6 200 m heats – 1:00 p.m.

WEEK 7 - **Year 5 Reconciliation**

Tuesday, 7 June - Individual Items – City of Dubbo Eisteddfod
- Out-of-uniform day - Years 3-6
Wednesday, 8 June - MCCL Meeting – Mrs Spora
- City of Dubbo Eisteddfod – Senior Primary/Junior Primary
- Out-of-uniform day – Kinder – Year 2
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
- Year 6 Religion Test
- Hear Our Heart Ear Testing
Thursday, 16 June - Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 17 June - CPS Cross Country – Rhys O'Neill, Will Fuller

WEEK 9

Tuesday, 21 June - Finance and Administrators Conference
- P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 22 June - Finance and Administrators Conference
Thursday, 23 June - Year 6 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 24 June - Primary Athletics Carnival
- Reports home

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week we have been reading "The Jigree" and learning about 'doing' words. Students were able to describe what the Jigree was doing from looking at the pictures for clues. Students also made predictions about what the story could be about by looking at the cover of the book. There were some great ideas shared by all. Next week our sound is 'Cc' so start looking for things you can bring in for our sound table. During Science we learned what parts of our bodies are used in each of the five senses and in History we investigated festivals and discussed what festivals we celebrate in Australia. Thank you to all the Kindergarten children for participating so beautifully in our Liturgy this morning. I'm very proud of you all. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 has been very busy this week researching information about crocodiles. We really enjoyed reading the picture book "Crocodile River" and collecting lots of interesting facts from the story and the inside cover of the book. Did you know some crocodiles can live up to 80 years! In Maths we have tried working out subtraction facts from addition facts, counting patterns and identifying and counting the vertices of 2D shapes. In Grammar we are learning how to construct really interesting sentences using capital letters, nouns and verbs. We are being very creative!! Thank you to everyone who came along to support the First Communion class last Sunday. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 What a beautiful day we had on Sunday to celebrate First Holy Communion. Congratulations to our First Holy Communion class and thank you to our wonderful Year 2 parents who helped out on the day. This week we are publishing our fabulous monster descriptions for our portfolios and completing assessment tasks for our semester review. In Grammar we are looking at antonyms, in History we discussed the Coee March of 1915 and in Art we are working on a warm/cool sunset jigsaw picture. We are looking forward to the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod next week and we wish our classmates who are performing an individual poem the best of luck. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Congratulations to the First Holy Communion class on your beautiful celebration last Sunday. It was a day that we will always remember and we thank Fr Martin and all our family and friends for coming along to help make the day so special. During Maths we have been revising addition and subtraction using trading and using tables to find information easily. In English we have written some tremendous poems about the seasons, which we will publish on the cloud. We have worked hard on repetitive rhythm and rhyme in each of the six stanzas. Our eisteddfod poems are certainly improving as we practise focusing on the conductor and with a week to go we are looking forward to performing in Dubbo next week! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 This week we've been revising grammar concepts covered so far this term to prepare for our assessment. During Writing we have explored the structure and purpose of an exposition and have begun writing a modelled exposition titled "The Country is Better". We have begun working in comprehension groups this week. Each group of students has a different WALT (We Are Learning To) goal that they will cover in order to improve their reading comprehension. For Maths we have revised 3-digit addition and the nine times tables. We have also been preparing ourselves for the eisteddfod next week. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 It's week 6 already! We have begun counting down the days until our Canberra excursion as we started to investigate all of the fun and exciting places we are off to next term. Congratulations to our classmate, Isaiah and Year 3 who celebrated the sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday. This week in English we have been working on our understanding of compound sentences and using conjunctions correctly while in Maths we have looked at multiplication revision and identifying fractions on a number line. Our eisteddfod poems are sounding absolutely spectacular so we hope you are able to come along and hear them next week. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 had lots of fun in Coonamble for the McNamee Trophy last Friday. It was great to see excellent sportsmanship from everyone! In Grammar we have been learning about adverbial clauses. We have focused on multiplication, three dimensional shapes and area in Maths. In Writing we have read and discussed different language features which have enhanced our narratives which are titled 'A Fairytale'. Year 6 is very excited to continue their string art this week – we have painted our boards and are ready to start with our designs. Keep up the great work Year 6!

Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 3 June – Ros Zell and Alicia Heffer
Monday, 6 June – Toni Fuller & Justin Fuller
Wednesday, 8 June – Tanya Hutchison & Kristy Cosier
Friday, 10 June – Kristy Gale & Phillipa Saunders

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 5 June – Charlie Banks, Jett Grimshaw Martin Fryers, Mason Fryers

