



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 Schier, Miss Bourke, Mrs Morris and Mrs Banks 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 2017 First Holy Communion Class: 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.

LEAGUE AND NETBALL IN COONAMBLE

Our ninety-two netball and footy players are ready for the NSW Netball Cup and Peachey and Richardson Football competitions to be held in Coonamble tomorrow. All children need to be in Coonamble by 9:00 a.m. Those children requiring transport need to be at school by 8:00 a.m. Go Joey's!

PRIMARY SPORT

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

MCNAMEE TROPHY

All students from Years 5 and 6 will represent the school at the McNamee Trophy which will be held here at St Joey's on Friday. 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		

The Joey's teams are as follows:

Public Speaking Harrison King, Bradley Kildey, Olivia Schier

Touch Football Breanna Foster, Emma Westwood, Rani Diggs, Ella Wykes, Olivia Schier, Heidi Ferguson, Tayarna McKenzie, Tylah Anforth, Emily Zell, Kelsey Hutchison

Soccer Dylon Murray, William Gaff, Harrison King, Luke O'Neill, Oscar Spora, Jack Oehm, Anton Davis, Marshall Fairey, Finn Marchant, Joshua Purvis, Jack Purvis, Isaiah McKenzie, Rhys Bonnington, Jerome Woodrow, Darcy Neeves

Netball Olivia McClelland, Laura Farragher, Laura Younghusband, Jessica Scholte, Molly Wilson, Layney Godber, Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams, Jade Elsom, Samantha Miller, Madison Riley, Chloe Mudford, Sarah Temple, Emma Durrant, Jennifer Ibe, Jinda Green, Molly Fairey
Rugby League Mason Fryers, Tom Dunn, Zac Ferguson, Rhys O'Neill, Aiden Walker, Jacob Harland, Kyzack Corcoran, Isaac Grimshaw, Pat Spora, Isaiah Gleadhill, Bailey Wykes, Will Fuller, Bradley Gibson, Bradley Kildey, Ry Heffer, Dennis Gale, Daniel Kirsop

GO JOEY'S

CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY

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

LILLY IS CUTTING HER HAIR FOR KIDS WITH CANCER AND ALOPECIA – Fundraising for Variety – the Children's Charity NSW – 3 Days To Go!

<https://alopecia.everydayhero.com/au/lilly-s-hair-with-heart>

Kinder student, Lilly Hanson is having her hair cut this Saturday, 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.

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 Nursery Rhymes: Lilly Hanson, Amity Henry, Chloe Harris, Ashley Gilmour, Joe Staggs, David McIsaac
Year 1 Poetry: Jacqueline Hutchison, Ava Lacey, Sophia Peart, Violet Whitehouse, Poppy-Grace Newton, Lara Younghusband
Year 2 Poetry: Tom Staggs, Lucas Fong, Amity Chapman
Year 3 Poetry: Kimbalee Gilmour, Rydah Whitehouse, Jordan Neeves, Charlie Zell, Ella Mudford, Emilia Peart, Eva Bonnington
Year 4 Poetry: Lucy McIsaac, Will Spora, Paige Gilmour, Harry Mudford
Year 5 Poetry: Emily Zell, Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams
Year 6 Poetry: Olivia McClelland, Kelsey Hutchison, Patrick Spora

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:

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)

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.

Monday, 5 June - Years 3-6 **Tuesday, 6 June** - Kinder – Year 2

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 that was with last week's About 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.

MRS PEARCE

Our thoughts and prayers have been with Mrs Pearce and her family following the passing of Marg's sister, Debbie, in Nelson Bay. Mrs Pearce is currently on Long Service Leave and Mrs Lorna Doran-Spora is filling in for her.

HUNTER PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Gilgandra Shire Council will install new playground equipment in Hunter Park. The community is invited to provide feedback on two options that have been selected after a quotation process. How to be involved: The two options can be viewed and a survey completed on Council's website or facebook page:

www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au or www.facebook.com/gilgandrashirecouncil

Come along and view the options and give your feedback at a free sausage sizzle in Hunter Park on Thursday, 15 June 2017 from 3:00 to 5.30 p.m. The two options are on display in the foyer at Council's Administration Office at 15 Warren Road, Gilgandra. Feedback closes 5pm Tuesday 20 June 2017.

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.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER**: Finn Chapman and Ryder Larkin for a great effort writing information reports about a duck, Oliver Christian for a lovely illustration of St Joseph's Church, Max Fiddes for demonstrating good cutting skills and David McIsaac for top work adding numbers together. **YEAR 1**: Alex Cosier for excellent knowledge about clocks and telling the time, Alyssa Ferguson for fantastic facial expressions during poem practice, Xanthe Gale for being helpful and kind to others on the playground, Kenedi Hazelton for super work in Spelling and Dimity Wykes for beautiful handwriting. **YEAR 2**: Stuart Wheatley and Abbie Skinner for trying hard in Sentence A Day and Spelling, Darron Mulligan for great description writing and publishing, Hope Jones-Copelin and Brody Heffer for outstanding effort and improvement in Comprehension groups and Mitchell Fuller for a super effort and progress in Mathletics. **YEAR 3**: Grace Tancred for fantastic participation in eisteddfod poem practice, Alex Gaff for eager participation in all class activities, Beatie Davis for a positive approach to all tasks, Kimbalee Gilmour for great expression during her individual poem preparation and Abigail Davis for a super effort in Spelling. **YEAR 4**: Billie Allan for an enthusiastic approach towards our eisteddfod practices, Jett Chandler for trying hard to read clearly and with expression in class, Ryan Ferguson for using outstanding detail when describing his hut design to the class and Sienna Marchant for always 'Giving Of Her Best' in all areas of Year 4. **YEAR 5**: Kate Woollams for being a beautiful friend, Emily Zell and Chloe Mudford for great research on the Southern Cross, Molly Wilson for persevering with difficult topics in Operations and Ry Heffer for asking questions to clarify understanding. **YEAR 6**: Bradley Gibson and Laura Farragher for a top effort during eisteddfod practices, Rhys O'Neill for excellent work with inverse operations and Tayarna McKenzie for being polite and courteous member of Year 6.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6

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

WEEK 7

Eisteddfod Week

Monday, 5 June - Years 3-6 Out-of-Uniform Day
Tuesday, 6 June - Junior Primary and Senior Primary Verse Speaking Choirs
- Kinder – Year 2 Out-of-Uniform day
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

WEEK 9

Tuesday, 20 June - P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 21 June - Junior Joey's to visit Cooee Lodge
Thursday, 22 June - Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 23 June - AP Meeting
- Athletics Carnival
- Reports home

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has been reading "Spot Goes to the Farm" this week. They have enjoyed sequencing a sentence from this story and adding the correct punctuation to a variety of sentences. We also wrote our own imaginative story beginning with 'If I had a farm...'. During this week we have been revising a variety of concepts in Mathematics in order to complete a range of assessment tasks for reporting purposes. Readings for our Liturgy were handed out on Monday and the children are required to practise these at home for homework. We also visited the church and completed a task about the different objects we see in a Catholic Church. Our sound next week is 'c'. Also a big congratulations to Year 3. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 Congratulations to our First Communion class who celebrated their First Holy Communion on Sunday. This week Year 1 wrote some excellent descriptions of the giant in "Jack and the Beanstalk". We used lots of great adjectives to help us. In Maths we have continued with our assessments and enjoyed our Mathletics challenges. Alphabetical order and using a dictionary has been a challenge in Spelling this week along with using 'a' or 'an' correctly. We are looking forward to the eisteddfod next week as we are all trying really hard to work as a team and give of our best. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Congratulations Year 3 on your First Holy Communion – it was a lovely, memorable day on Sunday. A big thank you to the Year 2 mums who helped to prepare the morning tea. Your help was very much appreciated. In the classroom Year 2 has been busy completing assessments in English and Maths and they are to be commended for giving of their best and trying hard. Friendships have been the focus in Religion and we also began the new unit, 'Signs of God's Love'. Maths challenged us with 'quarter to' and 'quarter past' time, division and picture graphs. We finished painting our 'Wild Things' in Art and they look fantastic! During History we looked at mapping the Cooee March of 1915 and discussed the importance of the Cooees in Gilgandra. Have a great weekend everyone and bring on 'Eisteddfod Week'! *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 Thank you to everyone for a beautiful First Eucharist celebration on Sunday. There was a lot of excitement and it certainly was a very special day. A special thank you to Elaine Gilmour who made new headpieces for the girls. They were lovely. This week Year 3 is learning about contractions in Grammar and we continue to look at the structure of a discussion. In Mathematics we discussed 4 digit numbers and looked at addition patterns. In History we revised what we have learnt in our unit, 'Community and Remembrance' and in Religion we revised what happens during a Mass. We also started our Pentecost unit. Just a reminder to all students to make sure their portfolio folders are returned. Thank you. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 Wow – only 4 weeks to go until 'Hut Day'. It has been fantastic to hear about all the designing and creating that has been going into the huts, I can't wait to see them. This week in Year 4 we have been completing some tests in Grammar and Maths, revising concepts we have covered so far this year. During reading groups we have begun working in teams to complete different activities using our comprehension skills both independently and with the computers. Our eisteddfod poetry is sounding amazing and we can't wait to deliver it next Tuesday. Best of luck to those people travelling to Coonamble tomorrow. Congratulations to our First Holy Communion class. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 Congratulations to Year 3 on your beautiful First Communion Mass on Sunday! May God bless you all! In Science Year 5 has completed a research task about 'Space' and investigated an area of interest, including individual planets, dwarf planets, star constellations, the sun and the moon. Feel free to drop in to the classroom and take a look at our great work! For homework this week we are working on our speeches. These are informative speeches about someone we admire. The speeches are due on 19 June (Monday Week 9). If anyone has any questions please come and see us. We hope everyone has a great day at Coonamble tomorrow and we look forward to McNamee Trophy on Friday! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 Congratulations Year 3 on your big day on Sunday! Our eisteddfod poems are sounding magnificent, keep up the great work Year 6! This week in Maths we have been learning about constructing rectangles, 24-hour time and equivalent number sentences. Our Grammar activities have focused on identifying adverbial clauses in sentences. In Writing we have started to write discussions about if we should have a dog as a pet. It's great to see lots of strong arguments both for and against the topic. We are very excited about playing football and netball in Coonamble on Thursday. Year 6 is also looking forward to a great day of fun and friendship on Friday for the McNamee Trophy. *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 2 June – NO CANTEEN for Kinder – Year 4 – McNamee Trophy
Monday, 5 June – Tanya Hutchison & Donna Wheatley
Wednesday, 7 June – Sophia Ibe & Karen Harris
Friday, 9 June – Simone Fordham & Sheree Staggs

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 4 June – Oscar Spora, Aiden Walker, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier

