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Thought for the Week

*The success of teamwork:
Coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress,
working together is success.*

EISTEDDFOD EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to our verse speaking choirs who performed so well at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod yesterday. It was a pleasure to watch the performances. Thank you to the students for their great contribution and to the teachers for their fantastic preparation. Well done! Our results included:

Senior Primary Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST

Adjudicator's comments included: *"You immediately capture the mood of the piece. You use modulative changes to colour the text and find the light and shade within. Excellent unison. Clear articulation. Part work very good. You capture the ending."* *"Very good contrast! The mood is realized as you open. You create the characters within. Good use of pause/pace to find the light and shade within. Individual voices clear and supportive. You built this so very well and captured the ending – both vocally and physically. Overall simply wonderful work!"*

Junior Primary Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST

Adjudicator's comments included: *"Lovely harmony as you open. You capture the mood as you open. Faces support so well. Natural gestures support and build the performance. You use modulation to find the light and shade and colour the text. Part work effective. You capture the ending!"* *"Lovely tone from this group. Excellent use of pace/pause to vary the delivery and create a natural speech rhythm. Excellent timing of movements. Very good articulation and projection. Great faces! Very good individual voices. Wonderful ending. Overall such strong and entertaining work!"*

Infants Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST

Adjudicator's comments included: *"Such discipline as you all enter – thank you! Excellent focus! What lovely tone as you open with energy. You explore the words within and use modulation changes to find the meaning and mood changes. Changes of pace support natural style of delivery. Faces support!"* *"What a great contrast. Excellent use of onomatopoeia to capture the words. You build the tension. Body language and faces support so well. Clear articulation – an energized performance. Simply wonderful! Mature work, thank you!"*

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES AT THE EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to all our students who performed an individual item at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod this week. It is a wonderful achievement to get up on stage on your own and perform – well done!

Year 1 Poetry: Heidi Colwell – *Second, Joe O'Brien – Third, Eva Mulligan, Harrison Newton, Isabelle Peart, Thomas McIsaac – Highly Commended*

Year 2 Poetry: Mia Mudford – *Third, Chloe Harris, David McIsaac – Highly Commended*

Year 3 Poetry: Sophia Peart, Jemima Harrison, Georgia Tancred, Poppy-Grace Newton, Lara Younghusband

Year 5 Poetry: Ella Mudford – *Second, Eva Bonnington – Third, Millie Spora/Jordan Neeves – Very Highly Commended, Emilia Peart, Grace Tancred – Highly Commended*

Year 6 Poetry: Lucy McIsaac – *Very Highly Commended, Will Spora and Harry Mudford – Highly Commended*

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: **Adelaide Mudford, Hannah Meers, Tex Mudford and Caitlin Younghusband.** 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!

GOOD LUCK MITCHELL AND SOPHIA

We wish **Mitchell Fuller** and **Sophia Peart** the best of luck as they represent the Diocese of Bathurst at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Championships to be held at Eastern Creek Raceway in Sydney next Friday, 14 June. Congratulations Mitch and Sophia on gaining selection in the diocesan team.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joey's Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval on Friday, 28 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, 14 June. We will be running heats of the 200 m events tomorrow, Friday, 7 June at 1:15 p.m. (weather permitting) at Ernie Knight 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 Thursday, 20 June.

JUNIOR JOEY'S TO VISIT COOEE LODGE

Our Junior Joey's will visit the residents of Cooe Lodge next Thursday, 13 June at lunch time as part of their community outreach. We hope that both the residents and the children enjoy these visits.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Joseph's Church – Sunday, 23 June – 9:30 a.m.

The excitement is certainly building for the First Holy Communion class as this special day is quickly approaching. Our school community and parish are warmly invited to celebrate First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church on Sunday, 23 June at 9:30 a.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Your child's half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family on Friday, 28 June. During the last week of term, on Monday, 1 July, Tuesday, 2 July and Wednesday, 3 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 Wednesday, 12 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.

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MOORAMBILLA VOICES PROGRAM

Congratulations to **Will Spora, Nick Tancred, Cameron Davis, Grace Winter, Paige Gilmour, Lucy Kilpatrick, Alana Elsom, Georgia Tancred, Jemima Harrison and Kimbalee Gilmour** who will participate, along with other talented singers from across the North West region of NSW, in the 2019 Moorambilla Voices program. They were selected from a workshop and audition process to be an active part of this talent development program. Under the artistic direction of Michelle Leonard they will participate in a series of workshops led by internationally renowned artists in composition, movement and dance, percussion and music skills development and visual art with indigenous artists. These workshops will be held during August and September at Baradine culminating in a Gala Performance in Dubbo on 27 & 28 September. Congratulations also to **Elten Walker, Kaycee Bugmy, Lilla Oehm, Brooke Woollams and Trinity Zell** who were also invited to take part in this year's Moorambilla workshops.

COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS

We have now received full details, including entry forms, for the St Lawrence's School Coonabarabran Horse Sports two day event to be held at the Coonabarabran Showground on Thursday and Friday, 29 and 30 August. **Entries close on Thursday, 15 August, so we would need the completed forms back at school by Monday, 12 August.** For those interested, please call in and pick up a copy of the entry forms or let Mrs Hodge know and she can email them to you.

NEW SCHOOL SIGN

We have a wonderful new school sign in Dudley Street thanks to the generosity of the Beveridge family. We thank Hugh, Sally, Alex and Camilla for providing us with this new addition to our school and also thank past student, George Alchin for constructing and erecting the sign. *Once a Joey, always a Joey!*

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Estelle Hazelton** for being an organized and helpful member of Kinder, **Mack Hutchison** for always arriving in Kinder with a smile, **Jakirah McKenzie** for writing a fabulous story titled, "One Cold Day", **Hannah Meers** for enthusiastic participation when reciting our sounds each morning and **Abhijot Singh** for settling happily into St Joseph's.

YEAR 1: **Chloe Alexander** for trying hard to form letters correctly, **Bill Ryan** for super work in Comprehension, **Heidi Colwell** for excellent work counting in number patterns and **Mackenzie Skinner** for making a great frog artwork.

YEAR 2: **Joe Staggs** for trying hard in Reading, **Tilly Tancred** for trying hard to write a great 'Wild Thing' description, **Clayton Wheatley**, **Isla Volkofsky** and **Elsie Mudford** for super improvement in Reading and **Jacob Fordham** for a super effort during poem practices.

YEAR 3: **Poppy-Grace Newton** for always asking questions to clarify understanding of Maths concepts, **Olivia Westwood** for always 'Giving of Her Best', **Te Mana Diamond** for being a quiet and conscientious classroom worker and **Mia Ferguson** for trying extra hard to learn spelling rules.

YEAR 4: **Hudson Duffy**, **Emma Mills** and **Tom Staggs** for using fantastic vocal and facial expression in our poems, **Jonas Naden** for using neat handwriting to present his bookwork in a tidy manner.

YEAR 5: **Eva Bonnington**, **Dakotah Gilmour**, **Ethan Morris**, **Molly Nichols** and **Sienna Zell** for creating fantastic poems titled 'What is a Million?', **Ella Mudford** for taking pride in all that she does and **Jordan Neeves** for having a cheerful approach towards all aspects of Year 5.

YEAR 6: **Samantha Naden** for always being willing to help her classmates, **Lucy McIsaac** for her passion and determination during eisteddfod practice, **Cameron Davis** for his determination to complete a task to a high standard and **Alana Elsom** for being a helpful contributor to our classroom.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6

- Friday, 7 June - City of Dubbo Eisteddfod – Kinder Nursery Rhymes
- Primary 200 m heats – 1:15 p.m.

WEEK 7

- Monday, 10 June - Queen's Birthday holiday
Thursday, 13 June - Principals/Priests Meeting
- Junior Joey's to visit Cooee Lodge
Friday, 14 June - Polding Cross Country – Mitchell Fuller, Sophia Peart

WEEK 8

- Tuesday, 18 June - Year 6 Religion test
- P & F Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 19 June - Life Education Van
- Writing Workshop
Thursday, 20 June - Life Education Van
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge
- Working Bee to clean the church for First Holy Communion – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, 21 June - Life Education Van
Sunday, 23 June - First Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.

WEEK 9

- Wednesday, 26 June - Gilgandra High School Open Day
Thursday, 27 June - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 28 June - Primary Athletics Carnival
- Reports home

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Congratulations to all our fabulous verse speaking choirs! Kinder was so excited and proud to welcome you back to school with a "tunnel" and our famous Joey's war cry! This week Kinder focused on full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We discussed how these punctuation marks help us to read with expression and help us to enjoy the story. Our writing focus has been information reports so we collected information about cats and wrote our own information reports to accompany our artwork of a

colourful cat. During Maths we focused on combining groups, repeating patterns and telling time to the hour. Thank you to everyone who shared some of their family's precious treasures with us. We also looked at some interesting household items from the past like telephones, cameras and glass milk bottles! We warmly welcome Abhijot Singh to our Kinder class. Abhijot and his family have arrived from Parkes and we are so pleased to have them join our Joey's family. Have a lovely long weekend.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Congratulations everyone on a fabulous effort at the eisteddfod yesterday! We are so proud of all of you for 'giving of your best'. In class we've continued learning about procedures and we made 'smiley face biscuits'. After making our biscuits we then wrote a procedure. Obviously the best step was eating them! In Maths we've looked at number patterns, counting by tens from different starting points and estimating area. In Art we've created a colourful, playful puppy to display in our room. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 2 Congratulations St Joey's on your wonderful performances at the Dubbo Eisteddfod – it was wonderful to see everyone 'Giving of Their Best'! Well done to all the individual competitors who recited a poem by themselves – you are brave champions! During the week its been a busy time finishing assessments and testing. Congratulations to all the Year 2 students on their enthusiasm and great work. In History we looked at a timeline of Gilgandra's past. Maths challenged us with fractions, following directions and repeated addition. Enjoy the long weekend everyone.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Wow, what a week! Isn't this term just flying? Congratulations Year 3 and 4 on taking out first place in the Dubbo Eisteddfod yesterday! You recited our two poems, 'My Boomerang' and 'Dad Can Fix It' magnificently. Everyone certainly worked well as a team and your faces certainly told the story. This week we have been looking at the Liturgy of the Word during our First Holy Communion preparation and we have begun a class count down to our special day. During text types we have started looking at the structure of a discussion and have begun writing a class discussion on 'Movies are better than reading books.' We also completed a mid term Grammar test with some fantastic results. We hope everyone has a wonderful long weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 Wow! Years 3 and 4 did an absolutely amazing job at the eisteddfod yesterday and were rewarded with first place. Fantastic effort everyone, all of our practices paid off! You should be really proud of yourselves! Hut day is quickly approaching and students have started typing up their procedures called 'How To Make A Hut' on the chromebooks. Just a reminder that students are required to bring huts in by the end of Week 9 and they need an early settler outfit to wear to school on Thursday, 4 July for the presentation of their huts. If you need any assistance with this, please come and see me. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 WOW, what superstars you all are! We are so proud of everyone and the effort you put in over the last few weeks in preparation of our eisteddfod item. All that hard work certainly paid off! Congratulations also to the Years 1/2 and Years 3/4 choirs. A special mention also to the brave students from Year 5 who competed in an individual item this week. What talented students we have at St Joeyes! In other news, we have been looking at famous astronauts in Science and learning about the important work they do in space and how this improves our lives on earth. We have been continuing on with our 'Bounce Back' program in Religion and have been researching an Asian country in Geography. During Maths we have been using the mini clocks to practise telling the time and revising our knowledge of money by completing some tasks where we had to calculate the correct change. Well done to those who have been working on their speeches. Drafts are due tomorrow - remember to ask for help if you have any difficulties. Have a great long weekend!

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 This week has been a productive week. We have begun working on our free choice speeches for our literacy unit, learnt about adverbial phrases in Grammar and explored measurement around the school for Maths. The highlight of the week was certainly our eisteddfod performance, we are so very proud of ourselves and our Year 5 classmates for our team performance and 'giving of our best'. Our final eisteddfod was certainly one to remember. "I am glad we worked so well together and did a good job" – Hayden, "I felt proud when the other kids formed a tunnel to congratulate us" – Ryan, "We worked well as a team" – Samantha, "Our practice certainly paid off" – Grace

Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 7 June – Jodie Johnson & Jo Lummis
Monday, 10 June – Queen's Birthday holiday
Wednesday, 12 June – Jodie Peart & Lib Walker
Friday, 14 June – Gai-Maree Younghusband & Amanda Chandler

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 9 June – Lilla Oehm & Ella Mudford