



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 Greg, Mrs Morris, Mrs Colwell 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 2018 First Holy Communion Class: **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.**

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES AT THE EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to our four Kinder students who performed an individual nursery rhyme at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod last Friday. It is a wonderful achievement to get up on stage on your own and perform – well done! Congratulations to **Thomas McIsaac** who came second and to **Jessie O'Connor, Heidi Colwell and Joe O'Brien** for participating. Thanks to Mrs Banks for playing the piano for the children, both for practices in the lead up and at the eisteddfod on Friday.

GOOD LUCK INDIVIDUAL EISTEDDFOD PERFORMERS AND VERSE SPEAKING CHOIRS

We wish 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!

Year 1 Poetry: **Chloe Harris, Mia Mudford and David McIsaac**, Year 2 Poetry: **Jacqueline Hutchison, Jemima Harrison, Poppy-Grace Newton, Lara Younghusband, Sophia Peart** Years 3 Poetry: **Tom Staggs, Hope Jones-Copelin** Year 4 Poetry: **Jordan Neeves, Grace Tancred, Dakotah Gilmour, Ella Mudford, Emilia Peart, Eva Bonnington, Grace Jones-Copelin** Year 5 Poetry: **Lucy McIsaac, Harry Mudford** Year 6 Poetry: **Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams.**

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, 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)

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.

WELCOME MR PEARCE

We welcome Mr Nunka Pearce, who has joined our staff as an Aboriginal Education Worker. Mr Pearce is an ex-student of St Joey's and we look forward to him assisting in the classrooms. Welcome back Nunka!

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. A note was sent home with last week'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 **tomorrow**, Friday, 8 June at 1:15 p.m. 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 and lunch order bags will be sent home next week for any child wishing to order his/her lunch at the carnival.

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 was with last week's About and return it to school by Monday, 11 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.

LIBRARY NEWS

We have lots of new books in the library. If there are any parents interested in spending an hour covering books your help would be appreciated. Please advise what times you would be available to help. Book Club orders are due on 15 June. Please return all overdue library books ASAP. *Mrs Thomas & Mrs McIsaac*

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.**

ICAS WRITING & SPELLING COMPETITIONS

The ICAS Writing Competition will be held next Thursday, 14 June and the ICAS Spelling Competition on Friday, 15 June for those children who have entered these competitions.

MOORAMBILLA VOICES PROGRAM

Congratulations to **Jack Oehm, Oscar Spora, Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams, Nick Tancred, Will Spora, Grace Winter, Alana Elsom, Paige Gilmour, Lilla Oehm, Alex Gaff, Brooke Woollams and Trinity Zell** who will participate, along with other talented singers from across the North West region of NSW, in the 2018 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 and culminating in a Gala Performance in Dubbo on 28 & 29 September. Congratulations also to **Rhys Bonnington, Aiden Walker, Isaiah McKenzie, Nick Gale, Elten Walker, Harry Mudford, Henry Purvis and Beatie Davis** who were also invited to take part in this year's Moorambilla workshops.

URGENT APPEAL FROM ST VINCENT de PAUL

Our local St Vincent de Paul Centre has contacted us to appeal to our families for children's (size 6 – size 14) winter clothing. They are currently desperately short. If anyone has any second hand children's clothing they could donate to St Vincent de Paul, please feel free to either drop it at the centre or, if more convenient, you may drop the clothes in to the school office and we will make sure they get there.

GULARGAMBONE JUNIOR RUGBY

DEVELOPMENT DAY

The Gulargambone Junior Rugby Club, together with NSW Ruby, will be holding a rugby development day at McGrane Oval, Gilgandra on **Saturday, 16 June** commencing at **11:30 a.m.** The day is for children aged 6 to 16 and will be run by the NSW Rugby development officers in our area. It will be a great chance to expose the kids to the game of Rugby Union. The cost is \$10 per player which will include a Gular rugby training jersey as well as a free BBQ. Any questions, please contact JB Tancred on 0427 470 708.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Chloe Alexander** for writing a great free story about a unicorn and a sandcastle, **Mitchell Cosier** for great sounding out when writing, **Lottie Duffy** for super counting in Maths, **Lucy Zell** for lovely reading in Mass and **Peregrine Volkofsky** for top work comparing the length of various objects during Maths.

YEAR 1: **Bella Brand** for a fantastic effort in Comprehension Groups, **David McIsaac** for super work in contractions, **Cooper Lummis** for a great effort in Spelling and **Clayton Wheatley** for a well prepared News item about your favourite book.

YEAR 3: **Brooke Beaton** for trying hard in Comprehension Groups, **Toby Davis** and **Scarlett Chandler** for fabulous expression during poem practices, **Dimity Wykes** for fantastic fluency in Reading Groups, **Vaughan Zell** for enthusiasm and expression in poem practices and **Te Mana Diamond** for working well in History and learning about the Cooee March.

YEAR 4: **Tahleigh Davey** for applying spelling strategies she has learnt to her written work, **Abigail Davis** for working cooperatively as part of a group, **Kimbaelee Gilmour** for making improvements in Comprehension Groups, **Rhyan Hutchison** for putting wonderful expression into our poems and **Charlie Zell** for being an enthusiastic reader and making improvements in his comprehension.

YEAR 5: **Grace Winter**, **Mattea Purvis** and **Samantha Naden** for outstanding improvement in Literacy Pro lexile, **Harry Mudford** and **Jasmine Zell** for excellent results in Spelling.

YEAR 6: **Kate Woollams** for using her painting skills carefully in Art, **Molly Wilson** for working well with her classmates, **Luke O'Neill** for being a kind and caring member of Year 6 and **Rhys Bonnington** for excellent work with adverbial clauses.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6

Friday, 8 June - 200 m heats – McGrane Oval

WEEK 7

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

Tuesday, 19 June - Year 6 Mass – 10:30 a.m.

- P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 20 June - Junior Joey's to Cooee 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

Thursday, 28 June - Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 29 June - Athletics Carnival

- Reports home

WEEK 10

Monday, 2 July - NAIDOC Week celebrations

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

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 Another busy week has flown by in Kindergarten. We have nearly completed all our assessments and some of the activities for our portfolios that will go home at the end of the term. We are continuing our literature theme

“Down on the Farm” by reading the classic Eric Hill book ‘Spot Goes to the Farm’. We really enjoyed predicting what baby animal we would find under the flap! In Maths we have been counting by naming numbers in sequence from 1 to 20. We are glad to have Tweety back and we completed an activity about all the things Tweety needs to thrive and grow. In Religion we are preparing for our ‘Belonging Liturgy’. Remember to practice your readings everyone! Congratulations Year 3 on your First Holy Communion. It was a wonderful day. Have a great weekend.

Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Excitement is building as we put the finishing touches on our poem for the Dubbo Eisteddfod next Tuesday. The children have been working really hard and they can't wait to perform for everyone. In Maths we have been completing assessments and in Text Types we are writing an Information Report about our pets. In Art we drew snowflakes with white crayon (very tricky) and then painted a blue wash over them and added silver glitter to bring them to life. It was great to see so many family and friends on Sunday to help Year 3 celebrate their First Holy Communion. Congratulations Year 3, it was a beautiful Mass. Have a great long weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 Congratulations Year 2 on a lovely Liturgy about ‘Friendship’ this morning. It was great to see so many parents and friends at the church to help celebrate the gift of friends. The count down is on until Eisteddfod day and everyone is working hard to polish the poems and be ready to perform in Dubbo next week. Go Joey's! Congratulations Year 3 on your First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful celebration in the church on Sunday. Thank you also to the Year 2 parents who helped serve and prepare the food. It has been another busy week of revision and assessment in Year 2. Maths also challenged us with tricky money concepts, problem solving and multiplication. We are writing a description of our own ‘Wild Thing’ in Writing.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 What a beautiful Mass we celebrated on Sunday for First Holy Communion. Congratulations to all Year 3 students on your beautiful movement and reverent participation in the liturgy. It was wonderful to see so many family and friends in the church to celebrate with us. Our writing task has been to recount the events of our special First Holy Communion Day on Sunday. We have also been discussing how to be a good friend and what it means to be the body of Christ in our world and live like Jesus would want us to. We have been completing numerous Semester 1 assessments and in Maths we have focused on adding using the empty number line, division, multiplication and the kilogram. We are polishing and perfecting our poems for the Eisteddfod on Tuesday and are looking forward to representing our school and giving of our best. Enjoy the long weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Cowell

YEAR 4 Congratulations Year 3 on your First Holy Communion last Sunday. It was great to see so many people were able to come along to help celebrate. This week in Year 4 we have begun looking at our new Religion unit based on ‘Mary- The First Among all Saints’. In Grammar we have looked closely at different sentence structures, hoping to be able to improve our writing. This week we have also started drafting our procedures on how to build an early settler's hut. In Maths our time has been spent working out tricky conversions between decimals, fractions and percentages - we have certainly been challenged! Today we were able to present our poems to the school and are now all eagerly awaiting Tuesday - they sound fantastic! Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 Congratulations to Year 3 on your beautiful First Communion Mass on Sunday! May God bless you all! In Maths we have revised subtraction of large numbers with trading, recording remainders as fractions when dividing and we have even constructed 3D shapes using matchsticks and play dough. It has been wonderful to listen to speeches this week and learn about the people Year 5 admire. The children are to be congratulated on their presentation and the effort they have made to work on eye contact and expression. We have been putting the finishing touches on our poems and are looking forward to performing on stage in Dubbo next Tuesday!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 This week we have been learning about discussions in Writing. We looked at modality, language features and text structure to enhance our writing. In Maths we have learnt about statistics, data and percentages. Our Grammar topic has been on adverbial clauses, we identified them in sentences and examined their purpose. We have started our Canberra booklets this week and we all seem very interested to learn about the various places we are going to visit. Year 6 is very excited for our eisteddfod performance on Tuesday. Keep up the magnificent work Year 6! Thank you to those who celebrated First Holy Communion with Year 3, it was a beautiful celebration.

Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 8 June – Melanie Ferguson & Helen Oates

Monday, 11 June – Queen's Birthday holiday

Wednesday, 13 June – Ade Kuki & Sophia Ibe

Friday, 15 June – Rees & Sussane Gilmour

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 10 June – Isaac Grimshaw & Jacob Harland

