



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 7

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Thought for the Week

Being happy doesn't mean everything is perfect, it means that you've decided to look beyond the imperfections.

HALF YEARLY REPORTS **- PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

A huge thank you to our parents, carers and families for supporting us and your children with learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Given the adjustments that were required for curriculum delivery this semester, a diocesan decision has been made to modify the reporting process to better reflect these circumstances. Therefore, the Semester 1 Report is designed to provide information about the students' behaviours for learning and their skill development in all key learning areas. The progress report will identify three levels of skill development – 'working beyond', 'working at' and 'working towards' expected grade level. Teachers will also provide a general comment. We anticipate that the normal A-E reporting (as in past reports) will be provided at the end of the year. The half yearly reports will be sent home with the eldest child in the family on Friday, 19 June. Also due to COVID-19, there are no formal face to face parent/teacher interviews this semester. However, if you would like to speak to your child's teacher via phone, could you please email the teacher and an interview will be arranged.

P & F REPORT

Thank you to those who attended the P & F Meeting on Tuesday evening. At the meeting a tentative date was made for this year's school fete. Depending upon the further lifting of COVID-19 restrictions and the availability of fete rides, we are hopeful that the fete will take place on **Friday, 6 November**. If anyone has any stall suggestions would they please make contact with the fete co-ordinator, Karen Harris. The next P & F Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 18 August.

HEAR OUR HEAR EAR BUS

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus will be visiting children next **Wednesday, 17 June**. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

VOICES FROM CEDB SCHOOLS

Last Thursday we emailed a survey to all families with regards to teaching and learning during COVID-19. Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst is keen to know both student and parent perspectives. We would be grateful if all families would complete the survey by **tomorrow, Friday, 12 June**.

PROJECT COMPASSION

During Lent each year our families take home a Project Compassion box to raise money for Caritas Australia. Caritas Australia is the Catholic Agency that works to build a better world for the poorest of the poor in our 200 countries. Normally we would present our donations during Holy Thursday Mass. If you still have your Project Compassion box or would like to make a donation to this very worthwhile organisation, please send the box/donation to school no later than tomorrow **Friday, 12 June**.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2021

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2021. If you have a child ready to start school next year, please telephone or email the school and we can post or email an enrolment package to you. **Please note that this year applications close on Friday, 3 July**.
Email: stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Drop Off – We ask that anyone who is dropping off their child in the morning either do so at the front gate or at the very least in the school square. **No parents are to go to the bag stands or classrooms**. All students will use hand sanitiser to clean hands on arrival at school using the mobile stands.

Pick Up (during the day) – If parents need to collect their child during the day, you must report to the office and staff will get your child.

Pick Up (after school) – We ask that you please **don't arrive before 3pm** in the afternoon and that you may wait for your child at the front gate or when you come into the square we will get your child immediately. **If parents could start arriving shortly after 3:00 p.m.** so that all children who are being picked up have left the school before the end of school bell at 3:20 p.m.

Water Bottle - Children must bring a water bottle as using the bubblers is not permitted.

Illness - **No student is to be sent to school if they show cold or flu-like symptoms or are generally unwell. No parent should visit the school with an illness.**

Good Hygiene -

- Wash / sanitise our hands regularly for 20 seconds at a time.
- Catch coughs and sneezes and throw away the tissues.
- If you don't have a tissue use your elbow.
- Avoiding touching eyes, nose and mouth.

PHOTOS FROM HOME

Don't forget to keep sending in your photos from home schooling so that we can display them on our notice board. It is our intention to also place these in the Year Book. Even if you were at school during this time, still send us a picture of you doing something at home. It doesn't have to be school work. The more pictures we have the better!

TUESDAY SOCCER TRAINING IN DUBBO

We note that soccer training in Dubbo commenced on Tuesday afternoon for some students. We would appreciate if those students who are participating in this training could bring their clothes to school on Tuesday and we will arrange for these students to get changed at the end of lunch so they are ready to go as soon as they are picked up. This is just to try to alleviate people gathering at our pick-up area.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 8

Wednesday, 18 June - Hear Our Heart Ear Bus
Friday, 19 June - Reports sent home

WEEK 10

Friday, 3 July - Last day Term 2

MERIT AWARDS

WEEK 6

KINDER: Archie O'Connor for amazing problem solving in Maths, Katie Colwell for always being happy to help in the classroom, Zoe Fiddes for an excellent effort in Reading and Phonics, William Luckie for trying hard to master his pencil grip and write neatly and Laycee Hazelton for a huge improvement sounding out words in Story Writing.

YEAR 1: Charlie Howard for a fabulous effort in Handwriting, Chloe Heffer for sensational work trying to count by 10's and Tex Mudford and Neve Walker for great projects about the phone.

YEAR 2: Chloe Alexander for trying hard to write an interesting narrative, Kellie Hutchison for going the extra mile when completing work at home, Eva Mulligan for working well to finish all tasks in a timely manner, Joe O'Brien for being a fantastic contributor to class discussions, Isabelle Peart for listening carefully and being a settled worker and Peregrine Volkofsky for trying to be an independent problem solver.

YEAR 3: Georgia Allan for fabulous results in our Grammar assessment, Jeremiah Woodrow for writing a great reflection on 'What life looks like now we are returning to normal', Amity Henry for always greeting us with a warm and friendly smile and Jacob Fordham for a fantastic effort in Mathematics.

YEAR 4: Alyssa Ferguson, Georgia Tancred and Alex Cosier for fantastic contributions to Comprehension discussions and Sailor Ryan for working diligently on his Writing task.

YEAR 5: Alicia Fordham for being a quiet and conscientious student, Emily Standing for a fabulous discussion text about visiting Thailand, Molly Temple for a positive approach to all tasks and Abi McArd for super work in Comprehension.

YEAR 6: Lochie Henry for improvement in the neatness of his bookwork, Emilia Peart for always striving to improve across all learning areas, Ryder Ryan for impressive drawings of 3D shapes in Maths, Brooke Woollams for approaching all tasks with a positive attitude and smile and Sienna Zell for having a mature approach to her learning.

WEEK 7

KINDER: Tiaki Diamond for working hard in Phonics to sound out words, Maci-Jai Lomax for being a friendly, happy and enthusiastic member of Kinder, Pearl Mudford for being a well organised hard working member of Kinder and Alice Peart for making a cute, curious cat for our sound of the week.

YEAR 1: Roxy Zell for a great effort in all areas, Adelaide Mudford for fabulous results in our Maths assessments, Elijah Newton for always "Giving of His Best" and Oscar Medd for being an active participant in class discussions.

YEAR 2: Akhiro Baker for working hard in Spelling and Phonics, Heidi Colwell for taking care when working out Maths problems, Claudia Harrison and Lucy Zell for using descriptive language to write a creative text, Ben O'Brien for listening attentively and working well in Comprehension Groups and Bill Ryan for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations.

YEAR 3: Tilly Tancred for enthusiasm during our Literature unit lessons, Ryder Larkin for taking greater pride with the presentation of his bookwork, David McIsaac for fantastic recall of Maths facts and Max Fiddes for drawing a great picture of 'Farmer Bean'.

YEAR 4: Angus Johnson for persistence in Maths and well done on a fantastic attitude to learning and Ava Lacey, Riley Hutchison and Lachlan Profke for fantastic presentation of their weekly projects.

YEAR 5: Eliza Mudford for fantastic results in addition and subtraction assessments, Darcy Morris for great participation in all class discussions, Hope Jones-Copelin for a beautiful artwork of 'Sunflowers In A Vase', Orlando Ryan for a wonderful description of a deserted island and Stella Valler for beautiful bookwork.

YEAR 6: Rani Diamond, Charlotte Ferguson, Declan Gale and Will Youngusband for impressive results in their Essential Assessments.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kinder students wrote a recount about their long weekend. It was great to see everyone trying to write independently using their knowledge of sounds and sight words. We are also trying to remember to sequence our events in order using time words like 'first', 'then', 'next' and 'finally'. In Religion we have been learning all about prayer. When we pray we are talking to God and Jesus taught us how to pray using The Lord's Prayer. In Maths we have been combining numbers to 7 and sorting familiar objects into groups and recording the data. We made some colourful hot air balloons

in Art and discovered some interesting information about bees. In History we are discussing artefacts and things that are from the past. The children are encouraged to bring in a photo, drawing or something that is from the past that belongs to their family. We will be sharing these items during news time. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Our book this week is "Monster Chef" by Nick Bland. We are enjoying reading about Marcel the Monster. We created our own monsters, then wrote descriptions about them. We've been learning about compound words in Grammar and in Phonics the 'a' sound can be spelt three ways 'ay', 'ai' and 'a'. Our class Reading Groups have commenced and we have enjoyed getting back into our Comprehension Groups. In Maths we have measured using paper clips, completed bridging to ten and quarters of a collection. In History we've looked at how the role of women has changed and the differences and similarities between what women did in the past and today. Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 We hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend! During Week 7 students have been pretending they are part of our "Where the Wild Things Are" book to create interesting narratives based on the story. We have learnt about equalising number sentences, chance and the metre in Maths and students have been working hard on their Problem A Day and Operations. We are trying hard to grasp the concept of conjunctions to use them correctly in our writing. All students have been putting outstanding effort into morning reading. We have also learnt about empathy in Religion and how to treat others kindly. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 We hope everyone had a lovely long weekend. It sounded like lots of fun times were had over the weekend. During Religion we looked at the qualities of a hero and discussed who some of our heroes may be and why we admire them. This week our Reading Groups commenced. We have some great activities planned using the iPad, Chromebooks and booklets to help us with our reading fluency and understanding. In Writing we wrote a discussion on 'Why All Children Should Own A Mobile Phone.' There were some great arguments both for and against the topic. During Maths we focused on the empty number line, division and multiplication and following directions. While in History we focused on International Peace Day and important celebrations locally and globally. In Art Year 3 has been drawing fantastic foxes from the Roald Dahl book "Fantastic Mr Fox". Have a nice weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 It has been another busy week in Year 4. This week we have been learning about homophones and consolidating our understanding of the correct use of commas in a sentence. Maths has included ordering of mixed fractions, jump strategy and division. During History lessons we have discussed the challenges faced by the First Fleet and the impact on the colony when the Sirius was shipwrecked. An interesting discovery was the Opera House being built at Benelong Point, an area of land named after Benelong whom we have been introduced to in our class novel, "Nanberry". Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 Today we welcomed Clodagh Luckie to our class. We hope Clodagh and her family really enjoy being part of the St Joey's family. Although it was last term that we prepared our speeches, 'All About Me', we have begun presenting them to the class this week and have really enjoyed hearing all about each other. In Maths we investigated the order of operations (PEMDAS) and endeavoured to add and subtract fractions. In History we looked at the levels of government (local, state, federal) and the roles they play in our lives. Over the next few weeks we are looking at main and subordinate clauses in Grammar and we are learning about the fruits of the Holy Spirit in Religion. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 We have had a short but busy week in Year 6! We started planning for our Discussion speeches that will be presented to the class in Week 10. The topic is based around the positives, negatives and interesting aspects of our time during remote learning. Our Grammar focus this week is adjectival clauses and we are becoming proficient at recognising dependent and independent clauses. In Maths we revised adding and subtracting fractions, multiplying whole numbers with fractions and learnt how to use a scale to calculate area and perimeter. During History we revised the roles of Federal, State and Local Government and looked at how a bill becomes a law. In Religion we completed an assessment on topics we have covered so far this year. It has been great to see so many students making an effort to read and complete quizzes or book reports. Keep up the great work!

Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Via van der Walt