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Term 2 Week 7

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Thought for the Week

*You may not know what is going to happen when you try,
but if you don't try nothing will happen!*

Keep trying!

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.m. **It would be fabulous to have lots there for this great occasion. We are a little short on Year 3 parent helpers for the working bee to clean the church in preparation for First Holy Communion, which will be held at 3.00 p.m. next Thursday 20 June and Year 2 parents helpers to serve the First Communion breakfast. If you have not already done so, would you please complete the note that was sent home last week and return it to school as soon as possible.**

WORKING BEE TO CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a working bee for Year 3 parents to clean the church in preparation for First Holy Communion next Thursday, 20 June at 3:00 p.m. Please spare some time to help if at all possible.

YEAR 6 RELIGION TEST

Our Year 6 students will sit the Diocesan Year 6 Religion Test next Tuesday, 18 June. All Year 6 students in the diocese will complete this test.

JUNE P & F MEETING

The June P & F Meeting will be held at school next Tuesday, 18 June commencing at 7:00 p.m. Please note the new start time. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

The Life Education Van will be at our school next week on Wednesday, 19 June, Thursday, 20 June and Friday, 21 June. 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:

Wednesday, 19 June

10:00–11:00 **Kindergarten** – *Harold's Friendship* – How to build friendships and care for others, feelings and emotions, safe and unsafe situations and early warning signs, safe places and people to turn to for help.

12:00–1:00 **Year 1** – *Safety Rules* – Recognising safe and unsafe environments, how to care for others, behaviours that maintain friendships, places and people who we can go to for help.

1:50–3:20 **Year 6** – *Relate, Respect, Connect* – understanding how to respect ourselves and others, identifying characteristics of positive relationships, strategies to help maintain positive online and offline relationships, strategies to respond to unsafe or disrespectful situations online and offline, the importance of relationship to our own and others wellbeing.

Thursday, 20 June

9:30–11:00 & 11:30–1:00 **Year 5** – *On The Case* – What's in a cigarette, effects of smoking, history and laws, myths and facts, influences and pressures, strategies to reduce harm.

1:50–3:20 **Year 4** – *Bcyberwise* – Responsible and respectful behaviour when using communication technology, skills for building positive relationships with friends, keeping personal information safe online, strategies to deal with bullying and cyberbullying, exploring the role of bystanders.

Friday, 21 June

11:30–1:00 **Year 3** – *Mind Your Medicine* – Factors that influence someone's sense of self-worth, techniques for effective communication, identifying the

impact of different factors on health and wellbeing, strategies for managing stressful situations, medicines as drugs and the consequences of misuse. 2:00–3:00 **Year 2** – *Growing Good Friends* – Exploring what health messages mean, identifying safety signs, recognising how physical activity and nutrition contribute to a healthy lifestyle, explore how positive relationships benefit our health and wellbeing. **The children will be given the opportunity to buy merchandise from the Life Education Van next Friday at lunch time. Items range in price from 50¢ to \$15.00.**

KINDER LITURGY

Kindergarten will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 20 June at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will be served following the Mass.

JUNIOR JOEY'S TO VISIT COOEE LODGE

Our Junior Joey's will pay another visit to the residents of Cooee Lodge next Thursday, 20 June at lunch time as part of their community outreach. We hope that both the residents and the children enjoy these visits.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joeys' Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval on Friday, 28 June. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6). **We are still in need of volunteers to help with timekeeping, helping run field events, particularly the 11 years and senior events and in the canteen between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Another roster is with today's About. If you are able to assist in any way please write your name down and return it to school by next Thursday, 20 June.** There will be a special canteen lunch order for the Athletics Carnival. A lunch order bag was given to each primary child today. If your child wishes to order his/her lunch at the carnival please return it by Thursday, 20 June.

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. Interviews will be held from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. and are set at 15 minute intervals. All staff members are looking forward to meeting parents and discussing your child's progress. If you require an interview with your child's teacher, and you haven't already let us know, please do so as soon as possible.

GET WELL WISHES FOR MRS FULLER

We are sending Mrs Fuller all our best wishes for a speedy recovery as she recuperates from back surgery. Toni was flown by air ambulance to Sydney a couple of weeks ago for surgery and is home now recuperating. We look forward to seeing her smiling face back in the office when she is fully recovered.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, it is important that you let us know either via our school app, by phone or by note, the reason for the absence. We are required by law to report any child who

has more than 10 unexplained absences. We would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY DEPARTURES

As all roll marking is done in the office now, if your child arrives to school late or is required to depart early, we ask that you please inform Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the office so the arrival/departure can be recorded. Once again, we thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who all received a Merit Award at Assembly on Tuesday for their fantastic individual performances at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod:

Kinder: Adelaide Mudford, Hannah Meers, Tex Mudford, Caitlin Younghusband

Year 1: Thomas McIsaac, Eva Mulligan, Joe O'Brien, Harrison Newton, Heidi Colwell, Isabelle Peart

Year 2: Mia Mudford, Chloe Harris, David McIsaac

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

Year 5: Emilia Peart, Grace Tancred, Ella Mudford, Eva Bonnington, Millie Spora, Jordan Neeves

Year 6: Lucy McIsaac, Will Spora, Harry Mudford

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7

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
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
- Diocese of Bathurst Rugby Union Gala Day – Orange

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

WEEK 10

Monday, 1 July - NAIDOC Week celebrations
- St Stannies representatives – Years 4, 5 and 6 boys
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday, 2 July - NAIDOC Week Mass – 9:00 a.m.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, 3 July - Athletics Carnival back-up date
- Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday, 4 July - Year 4 Hut Day
Friday, 5 July - Peachey/Richardson Finals – Dubbo
- Last Day – Term 2

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kinder enjoyed meeting Mr Wishy Washy in our big book, "Dishy Washy" by Joy Cowley. We discussed the main idea of the story and explored the punctuation and vocabulary. Our class Liturgy is only a week away and we hope lots of family and friends can come and join us for this celebration. We have been busily working on

our portfolios that will go home at the end of the term. During Maths we have been exploring 10 frames and number patterns. In History this week we discussed how museums can help us learn about the past along with stories and pictures. We wrote some great recounts about our long weekend and it sounds like everyone enjoyed themselves!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 This week Year 1 has read the book, "Have You Filled A Bucket Today?". It reminds us of the importance of being kind to others. This makes others feel good about themselves and we can feel good about ourselves too - it fills our bucket. We are all trying extra hard to show kindness to others at home and at school and be 'bucket fillers'. Maybe you could ask your child what a 'bucket dipper' is? In History we have looked at schools: then and now. We watched a YouTube clip showing what school was like in the 1800's and 1900's. There were many differences compared to our classrooms today. We also watched an interview with a grandparent telling us what it was like when they were at school. Times certainly have changed! Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 2 It sounds like everyone had a restful long weekend. This week in Maths we tackled addition number sentences, statistics and number patterns. In History we looked at the early settlers in Gilgandra, the Cooee March and the Wiradjuri people. Mr Pearce talked about how important it is to listen to our grandparents/elders when we are learning about the past. Revision of ' _dge', ' _tion' and ' _ure' words were the focus in Spelling and Phonics. We thumb printed some great monsters in Art. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 We hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend. The excitement is building as we continue to prepare for our First Holy Communion with only 10 sleeps to go! We have been busy learning our liturgical movement which is coming together beautifully. We have also focused on the Liturgy of the Eucharist and this important part during the Mass where the bread and wine is changed into the body and blood of Christ. During English this week we have been writing a discussion on whether all children should own mobile phones. There have been some rather convincing arguments! Meanwhile, during Maths we have been looking at number lines, division and multiplication and following directions. In Science we have looked at the five forms of energy and classifying heat sources. Have a nice weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 This week Year 4 has been busily writing their speeches for hut day. We have also been finishing our procedures to teach people how to make a hut. In Maths we have been learning about place value and two-dimensional shapes. The students are still enjoying being able to complete tasks in Mathematics on the chromebooks. We are also getting our portfolio tasks completed to show parents how we are progressing with our learning in Term 2. If there are any questions about the construction of a hut or a costume for hut day, please see me. Have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 Who can believe we are only three weeks away from the end of term? This week in Year 5 we have been working on writing information reports using our chromebooks to help us learn about our chosen topic. In Maths we have been looking at factors of a chosen number as well as rotational symmetry. During Geography we began to research Asia and the imports and exports they exchange with Australia. During our Art time we have been creating a geometric artwork to decorate our classroom. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 What a super busy week! Year 6 has been busy preparing their free choice speeches, ready for presentation on Monday! We have dived further into learning about the countries of Asia and have particularly enjoyed comparing different characteristics (life expectancy, living conditions, annual income etc) between Asia and Australia. During sport we are fine tuning our skills in preparation for the athletics carnival which we are really looking forward to! Have a great weekend and don't forget your footy tips.

Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 14 June – Gai-Maree Younghusband & Amanda Chandler

Monday, 17 June – Danielle Bonnington & Rachel Lacey

Wednesday, 19 June – Rachel Kirsop

Friday, 21 June – Anna Peart & Amy Spora

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 16 June – Lucy McIsaac and Grace Winter