

ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 7

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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 this week. 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: "This was such a well prepared performance. You found the musical elements of the poem. Every one of you was so focussed. Well done." "Once again you knew the poem well indeed. This was most entertaining."

Junior Primary Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST

Adjudicator's comments included: "What a dramatic opening. This was such a polished and precise performance – great effort. You worked so well together, you really were a choir." "This was a very polished performance. Every student was completely focussed the whole time. Well done."

Infants Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST

Adjudicator's comments included: "What an energetic performance. You really brought the words to life. You were all so focussed. Great work!" "This poem was a good contrast to your first. Vocal and facial expression brought a lot to this poem. A very strong performance."

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: David McIsaac – Third, Chloe Harris, Mia Mudford

Year 2 Poetry: Jacqueline Hutchison, Jemima Harrison, Poppy-Grace Newton, Lara Younghusband, Sophia Peart

Year 3 Poetry: Tom Staggs, Hope Jones-Copelin

Year 4 Poetry: Eva Bonnington – Second, Ella Mudford, Emilia Peart – Highly Commended, Jordan Neeves, Grace Tancred, Dakotah Gilmour

Year 5 Poetry: Harry Mudford – Second, Lucy McIsaac – Highly Commended

Year 6 Poetry: Kate Woollams – Third, Camilla Beveridge

GOOD LUCK MITCHELL

Mitchell Fuller will represent the Diocese of Bathurst at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Championships to be held at Eastern Creek Raceway in Sydney tomorrow, Friday, 15 June. Congratulations Mitch on being selected in the diocesan team and good luck tomorrow.

YEAR 6 MASS

Year 6 will celebrate a class Mass next Tuesday, 19 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.

JUNE P&F MEETING

The June P&F Meeting will be held at school next Tuesday, 19 June at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

KINDER LITURGY

Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 21 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.

YEAR 2 RURAL MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE VISIT

Our Year 2 students are counting down the days until their visit to the Gilgandra Rural Museum and Cultural Centre which will take place next Thursday, 21 June. This excursion is part of their History unit, 'The Past In The Present' and it should be most interesting investigating the way things were in days gone by.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joey's Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval on Friday, 29 June. The back-up date in case of wet weather is Friday, 6 July. 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 and the canteen. Another roster is with today's About, from which you will note that at present we have NO helpers for the canteen. If you are able to assist in any way please write your name down and return it to school by next Thursday, 21 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, 21 June.

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. 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.

STAFF CPR AND FIRST AID SKILLS UPDATE

All staff participated in a CPR and First Aid Skills Update course on Wednesday, 13 June. This inservice was conducted by Geoff and Barb Kiehne and is a vital part of our staff's professional development each year. We thank Geoff and Barb for giving their time to update our skills.

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.

CANTEEN – FRIDAY, 22 JUNE

We are in need of one (1) helper for canteen on Friday, 22 June. If you are able to assist, would you please contact Heather Hodge or Toni Fuller in the office.

EAR BUS

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be visiting our school again on Thursday, 21 June and Friday, 22 June. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

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: **Bella Ferguson** for working hard on all classroom tasks, **Lucas Riley** for super work sounding out CVC words, **Harry Thurlow** for expertly making equal groups and **Ben O'Brien** for writing a great story about why he likes chickens.

YEAR 1: **Oliver Christian** for trying hard to improve his neatness in Handwriting, **Ben Mudford** for wonderful work in Spelling, **Brodie Nichols** for a great effort in Maths and **Elsie Mudford** for being a fabulous classroom helper.

YEAR 2: **Xanthe Gale** for great enthusiasm in Sport, **Olivia Westwood** for always trying hard with her reading, **Sophie Gilmour** for trying hard in Science, **Alyssa Ferguson** for being a courteous and considerate class member and **Ava Lacey** for displaying a great imagination during free writing time.

YEAR 3: **Darron Mulligan** for great work in Maths, **Jonas Naden** for improved effort in Comprehension, **Stella Valler** for a fabulous effort in Text Type writing, **Molly Temple** for a great effort in Spelling and **Kaycee Bugmy** for always 'Giving of Her Best'.

YEAR 4: **Charlotte Ferguson** for displaying improved self-editing skills in her writing, **Michael Ibe** for being a whiz at converting numbers into percentages, fractions and decimals, **Alison Mudford** for fantastic participation in class discussions during Grammar, **Indi Murphy** for sharing some fabulous journal entries about her holiday adventures and **Brooke Woollams** for writing some fantastic simple, compound and complex sentences during Grammar.

YEAR 5: **Lucy Kilpatrick** for working methodically on Maths questions **Elten Walker** for an enthusiastic attitude towards our Science unit, 'Space', **Billie Allan** for a commitment to learning and mastering new concepts in Maths and **Ben Harland** for improvement in fluency when reading.

YEAR 6: **Isaiah McKenzie** for consistent effort during eisteddfod practice, **Emily Zell** for valuable contributions during class discussions, **Emma Westwood** for asking questions to clarify her understanding in Maths and **Madison Riley** for writing a well structured narrative.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7

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.
- Year 2 Rural Museum & Cultural Centre
Excursion
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 This week Kindergarten has enjoyed reading 'Rosie's Walk' by Pat Hutchins and writing their favourite part of the story. In History we talked about how Aboriginal people have lived in Australia for thousands of years and we listened to a dreamtime story about the rainbow serpent. In Maths we practised making number sentences using the take away

symbol and we completed shape patterns. In Science we sorted out objects that we needed or wanted to take camping and we also revised our topic 'Living Things'. We are busy practising for our Liturgy next Thursday. We hope lots of family and friends can come and join us.

Have a lovely weekend! *Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 What a fabulous day we had on Tuesday. Congratulations to all our choirs and a special thank you to the Year 1 and 2 students. You worked hard and I was so proud of your performance. In Maths we worked on the addition strategy 'bridging to 10' and discovered all the attributes of quadrilaterals. In Spelling we are investigating plurals (just add 's') and in Grammar we are having fun with compound words. In Art we drew a snowman and added a wash to our bear drawings. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 2 Wow, what a week! Congratulations to our amazing verse speaking choirs. Be very proud of yourselves and well done Joey's! Everyone is very excited about our excursion next Thursday to the Rural Museum & Visitor's Centre. We have been learning about Gilgandra's history and looking back at significant events in the town's history. In Maths we revised fractions, multiplication and addition. We made some awesome monsters and 'Wild Things' in Art. Have a fantastic weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Wow, what an amazing week! We hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend. Isn't this term just flying? Congratulations Years 3 and 4 on taking out first place in the eisteddfod on Tuesday. You said our 2 poems 'Hist' and 'Sick' magnificently. Everyone certainly worked well as a team and it was a well deserved win. Thank you to those family and friends who came along and watched the performance. This week we have begun a unit of work called 'Bounce Back.' During this unit we will be looking at ways to help us deal with the ups and downs of life and how we can bounce back. We enjoyed watching the Pixar clip 'Boundin' and reading the book 'Banjo Bounces Back' to see examples of how we can bounce back. We also discussed ways we can bounce back from sickness and injury. Have a nice weekend. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

YEAR 4 Wow, what a day we had at the eisteddfod on Tuesday! We are all so proud and excited about our first place prize in our poetry. All our hard work has paid off! Well done Years 3 and 4, you all put in an outstanding effort and sounded amazing! We would also like to congratulate Stage 1 and Stage 3 on their fantastic poems and in coming first place as well. It sounds as though Year 4 have been busily constructing their huts at home. We are looking forward to seeing them all! We have also continued writing procedures in class on how to make a hut and are starting our speeches as well. Over the next week students are asked to draft their speeches at home and bring them to school upon completion. In Maths, we have been practising strategies to learn our 9 times tables. Sentence A Day has seen students revising sentence structure in order to apply this knowledge effectively in their writing. *Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 Congratulations to everyone on their marvelous performances at the Eisteddfod. A great team effort and a shining example of our motto "Give Of Your Best"! We have written some creative poems titled: "What's A Million?" We focused on using rhyming couplets, adjectives, adverbs and rhythm to step up the quality of our poems. We are also enjoying working on our excursion interviews and learning our Canberra fast facts. During Religion we read the Pentecost story and sequenced the events that led to the disciples going out to share the Good News. We also discussed how we can emulate the disciples by being an example of God's love. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 performed to a very high standard at the eisteddfod in Dubbo on Tuesday. It was quite clear that everyone was giving of their best. In the classroom we have completed the Year 6 Religion test and in Maths we have learnt about place value, mass and capacity. We have continued drafting our discussions in Writing and they are sounding great so far. Year 6 has also started their Canberra interviews this week and we have been busily preparing for our Year 6 Mass coming up on Tuesday. Have a great weekend! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 15 June – Rees & Sussane Gilmour
Monday, 18 June – Penny Zell & Min Morris
Wednesday, 20 June – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas
Friday, 22 June – Belinda Murray & **Volunteer Required**

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 17 June – Oscar Spora & Nick Gale

