



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 7

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Thought for the Week

*May you always know the peace of Jesus, The light of His love,
And the joy of His life within you.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Joseph's Church – this Sunday, 7 June – 9:45 a.m.

First Holy Communion Day is almost here and we can't wait! The Year 3 class has been preparing themselves for this special day for a long time and it is exciting that the wait is almost over. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church this Sunday, 7 June at 9:45 a.m. Hopefully the church will be full of family and friends and members of the school community. Please keep our First Holy Communion class in your thoughts and prayers: **Camilla Beveridge, Rhys Bonnington, Kyzack Corcoran, Tom Dunn, Emma Durrant, Jade Elsom, Molly Fairey, Breanna Foster, Eli Fullbrook, Dennis Gale, Richard Glover, Layney Godber, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Ry Heffer, Daniel Kirsop, Olivia McClelland, Isaiah McKenzie, Chloe Mudford, Dylon Murray, Jack Oehm, Luke O'Neill, Madison Riley, Oscar Spora, Sarah Temple, Aiden Walker, Emma Westwood, Jacob Wilson, Molly Wilson, Kate Woollams, Bailey Wykes, Emily Zell.**

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:

Junior Primary Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST

Adjudicator's comments included: *'Disciplined arrival on stage', 'All eyes on the conductor', 'Unison speech is very strong and crisp throughout', 'Parts speech is very good and individual voices are strong', 'Facial expression on all faces is particularly good – matching all the words and the result is very eye-catching', 'Strong energy throughout'.*

Senior Primary Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST

Adjudicator's comments included: *'Sensible pausing and individual speakers are strong.' 'Good changes in volume and pace and emphasis which bring the poem to life.' 'Strong energy maintained right through to end.' 'Sr Bossy is certainly bossy here!' 'Gestures are used to good effect', 'All eyes are fixed on the conductor, not one looking away'.*

Infants Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST

Adjudicator's comments included: *'All eyes on the conductor – not one child looking elsewhere', 'Nice use of emphasis on important words to bring the words to life', 'Sound effects are effective', 'Faces are fully alive to the words', 'The tones of the parent and the child are caught successfully', 'Very crisp unison work here', 'Facially all speakers are fully involved and tell the story of the poem'.*

We will give a full report on the individual performances in next week's About.

ICAS SCIENCE COMPETITION

The International Competition and Assessments for Schools Science Competition will be held tomorrow, Friday, 5 June for those students who entered this competition.

PRIESTS/PRINCIPALS MEETING

Fr Martin and I will be attending a Priests/Principals Meeting tomorrow, Friday, 5 June at Orange. Parish/school relations, 2016-2018 Strategic Improvement Plan, managing pastoral issues, financial administration, school fees and enrolment policies have been included on the agenda.

LEAGUE & NETBALL IN COONAMBLE

We have over seventy-five students playing either rugby league or netball in Coonamble next Thursday, 11 June. The rugby league boys will be participating in the Peachey Shield and the Richardson Cup while the girls will play in the Primary Netball Challenge. We all look forward to a day of fun, friends and fitness. Those children competing next week include: **Grace Alchin, Milla Banks, Alex Beveridge, Tarah Foran, Rebecca Gaff, Kate Gilmour, Chloe Godber, Lily Naden, Olivia Newstead, Sinead Sutton, Zoe Welsh, Ashleigh Carlow, Olivia Ferguson, Madison**

Hourigan, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Aliza Purvis, Abby Tate, Mary Westwood, Skye Bui, Rani Diggs, Laura Farragher, Sophie Hassall, Heidi Holland, Kelsey Hutchison, Jennifer Ibe, Olivia McClelland, Tayarna McKenzie, Mackaylah Ross, Oli Schier, Jessica Scholte, Ella Wykes, Camilla Beveridge, Emma Durrant, Jade Elsom, Chloe Mudford, Madison Riley, Sarah Temple, Molly Wilson, Kate Woollams, Lauchlan Bash, Jye Day, Darren Doherty, Martin Fryers, James Kildey, Stuart Larsen, Aiden Ryan, Marshall Ryan, William Sandford, Harry Spora, Charlie Banks, Hamish Beveridge, Tom Durrant, Tom Eason, Tyler Evans, Lachlan Riley, Jacob Wilson, Anton Davis, Zac Ferguson, Mason Fryers, Will Fuller, Will Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Isaiah Gleadhill, Bradley Kildey, Rhys O'Neill, Patrick Spora, Rhys Bonnington, Kyzack Corcoran, Tom Dunn, Richard Glover, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Ry Heffer, Dylon Murray, Jack Oehm, Luke O'Neill, Oscar Spora, Aiden Walker, Bailey Wykes.

PRIMARY SPORT

Sport for the Years 3-6 students will be on Thursday next week as many of the children will be travelling to Coonamble. Therefore all primary children should wear their sports uniform on Thursday next week, **not** Friday.

NEXT WEEK'S ABOUT

Next week's About will go home on Wednesday instead of Thursday due to so many students participating in the league and netball in Coonamble.

RHYS & WILL – CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPS

Rhys O'Neill and **Will 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 next Friday, 12 June. Congratulations boys on being selected in the diocesan team and good luck next Friday.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joey's Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval on Friday, 19 June. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6). Those children in Year 2 who wish to compete in the 8 years 100 m will do so during sport next Thursday. 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 Wednesday, 10 June. There will be a special canteen lunch order for the Athletics Carnival. This will go home next week and if your child wishes to order his/her lunch at the carnival you will need to return the lunch order by Thursday, 11 June.

HALF YEARLY REPORTS – PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Your child's half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family on Friday, 19 June. During the last week of term, on Monday, 22 June, Tuesday, 23 June and Wednesday, 24 June, the teachers will be available for parent/teacher interviews. Those people who have indicated they require an interview will receive an appointment date and time with the reports. If you would like to find out prior to this date the time and date of your interview, please contact the office. All staff members are looking forward to meeting parents and discussing your child's progress. If you do require an interview and haven't let us know yet, please do so as soon as possible.

ENROLLING NOW FOR KINDER 2016

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2016. 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, 26 June.**

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Sporting Schools, formerly known as Active After Schools, will again be running for the last four weeks of this term, each Tuesday, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Therefore all students are invited to attend Sporting Schools on a

Tuesday. A light afternoon tea will be provided. Basketball is this term's sport and our teacher's aide, Mrs Margie Stewart, will coordinate the activities. Children may remain in their school uniform or change.

CHAIR COVER WASHING – STILL 50 TO GO!

We are still looking for volunteers to help wash the chair covers that were used at the Ball. There's only 50 left, so come and get a dozen or so! It all helps.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** Adison Thomas for writing a super story about a haunted house, Boni Henry for settling in well to St Joseph's School, Stuart Wheatley for his beautiful work in Religion, Molly Temple for being a role model for others and Hope Jones-Copelin for being kind to others. **YEAR 1:** Lochie Henry for settling in so well at St Joseph's, Carter Chapman for great counting in Maths, Nick Kirsop for working hard in Maths, Emilia Peart for super improvement in Reading, Indi Murphy for great improvement during poem practice and Lilla Oehm for working well in Grammar. **YEAR 2:** Lucas Gleadhill for settling in to St Joey's so easily, Jasmine Zell for working independently during phonics, Ben Harland for beautiful handwriting and Samantha Naden for a fantastic effort in comprehension. **YEAR 3:** Breanna Foster for working confidently in Maths Operations, Eli Fullbrook for striving to improve his handwriting, Dylen Murray for answering tricky questions in Maths, Layney Godber for reading confidently and carefully and Luke O'Neill for a consistent effort in Problem A Day. **YEAR 4:** Bradley Gibson for an impressive effort in all Maths tasks, Oli Schier for reading beautifully at our Mass, Sophie Hassall for writing an impressive exposition and Isaiah Gleadhill for a top effort to complete all set tasks. **YEAR 5:** Jett Grimshaw for having a positive attitude towards all tasks, Laura Smith for working hard to improve Maths facts, Tyler Evans for consistently trying hard to learn his spelling words and Billie Buckland for great contributions to class discussions. **YEAR 6:** Darren Doherty for taking great care with all bookwork, Tarah Foran and Lily Naden for working hard on new concepts in Maths, Lucy Davis for fantastic contributions to class poetry discussions and Zoe Welsh for her dedicated approach to Maths.

WHAT'S ON

<u>WEEK 7 -</u>	Eisteddfod Week
Friday, 5 June	- ICAS Science Competition
	- Priest/Principal Day
	- AEDC – Kinder
Sunday, 7 June	- First Holy Communion – Body & Blood of Christ – 9:45 a.m.
<u>WEEK 8 -</u>	Year 5 Reconciliation
Monday, 8 June	- Queen's Birthday holiday
Tuesday, 9 June	- Sporting Schools
Thursday, 11 June	- Peachey/Richardson Football / Far West Netball Coonamble
Friday, 12 June	- CPS Cross Country – Will Fuller & Rhys O'Neill
<u>WEEK 9</u>	
Monday, 15 June	- Mrs Hodge commences Long Service Leave
	- Life Education Van
	- ICAS Writing Competition
Tuesday, 16 June	- Life Education Van
	- ICAS Spelling Competition
	- Sporting Schools
	- P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 17 June	- Life Education Van
	- GHS Promotion Day – Year 6 (9:30 – 12:45)
Thursday, 18 June	- Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 19 June	- Primary Athletics Carnival
	- Reports home
<u>WEEK 10</u>	
Monday, 22 June	- NAIDOC Week Celebrations
	- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday, 23 June	- NAIDOC Week Celebrations – Mass
	- Sporting Schools
	- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, 24 June	- Peachey/Richardson Finals – Dubbo
	- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday, 25 June	- Year 4 Hut Day
Friday, 26 June	- Athletics Carnival back-up date
	- Last Day – Term 2

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten has been reading the book "Mrs Wishy Washy". We have been concentrating on 'action' words and giving lots of examples in our writing. During story writing, we continue to use our sight

words and try to include more detail in our stories. Next week's sound is 'Ce' so start looking for things for our sound table. In Mathematics we have been focusing on the difference between cylinders and spheres and learning about triangles and the difference between night and day. In Science and Technology we continue to learn about lifecycles. We have also explored how baby animals change. During Religion we focused on what parish we belong to and what symbols we see in our church. We also discussed how we should behave when we attend Mass and what the sign of the cross means to us. Take care - *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 Congratulations Year 1 for your fabulous effort at the Dubbo Eisteddfod. We were so proud of you all. Well done!! In Religion we are continuing our discussion about strategies we can use to include our friends in all school activities and the effects of what can happen if we exclude others. During Maths this week we have focused on number patterns, fractions, position and money. We are all trying hard to master these concepts. We have loved reading and completing activities about the big book "Harry McFar's Clunker Car" by Jill Eggleton. Who ever thought someone could love a car so much! In celebration of our Year 3 friends receiving their First Communion we would like to see as many Year 1 children as possible at Mass this Sunday to support them. Please come along. Have a wonderful long weekend. *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Congratulations to all the students on their fabulous eisteddfod performance. You made us very proud. In Maths we had lots of fun following a path on 'Spooky Island' and solving multiplication using a jump strategy. In PDH we discussed the importance of wearing a seatbelt and in Grammar we investigated synonyms. In Science we conducted an experiment with water, tissues and an upside down cup with interesting results. On Sunday Year 3 will celebrate their First Holy Communion. Thank you to those Year 2 parents who have volunteered to help make this day special. Have a lovely long weekend. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 is so excited about our First Holy Communion on Sunday, only 3 sleeps to go! Everyone showed a tremendous effort this week at the eisteddfod, ten out of ten! In Comprehension we read an interesting text called 'A Black Crow'. Our Grammar focus has been on prepositions. In Science we have learning about packaging and how it protects different products. In Writing we have written an information report titled 'About Me'. We had the opportunity to write some facts about ourselves. I look forward to seeing you all on Sunday! *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 Congratulations to all on your fabulous efforts at the eisteddfod this week. In Grammar we have explored simple and compound sentences while in writing we have planned and written our portfolio exposition about 'The Best Super Power'. During comprehension our focus has been on answering inferential questions. Maths this week has been about hundreds, tens of thousands and grouping 2D shapes. During Art we have drawn and painted a chalice as we focus on the Eucharist. We look forward to celebrating with Olivia and the First Communion class on Sunday. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 Well done to all of Years 5 and 6 yesterday on a brilliant presentation of your eisteddfod poems. You all did an outstanding job! In class this week we have been doing some Maths assessments as well as learning how to use Sharecloud as we begin writing information reports on Gilgandra for our portfolios. Just a reminder if anyone still has their portfolio at home can you please bring it in as soon as possible so we can start putting them together. We have been praying for the first Holy Communion class this week as they prepare for this Sacrament, especially for our classmate Jacob. It would be great to see all our Year 5 class at Mass on Sunday to help celebrate. Have a great long weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 Wow! Congratulations Years 5 and 6 on your spectacular performance on the stage at the eisteddfod yesterday! We were all extremely proud of your team effort and the way you "Gave Of Your Best"! This week we have been continuing to tutor our Reading Group buddies and have been excited to see the progress they are making. In English we began writing a discussion speech, which will be presented at the beginning of Week 10, whilst in Maths we have been learning about potentially misleading data, using a scale, extended multiplication and expanding numbers. We hope the First Holy Communion class enjoys their special day on Sunday and look forward to seeing you there. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 5 June – Cate Corcoran
Monday, 8 June – Queen's Birthday holiday
Wednesday, 10 June – Rosemary Larsen & Katherine Gaff
Friday, 12 June – Heather Larkin & Alicia Heffer

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 7 June – Martin Fryers, Charlie Banks, Lachlan Fairey, Laura Smith