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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.*

WOW – WHAT A WEEK AT ST JOEY'S!!

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: *"Splendid vocal variation is used to convey this narrative. Well timed use of pause. I love Colonel Fazackerley's voice. The conductor has the full attention of the speakers. Pleasing solo lines and group speaking." "A polished performance! Every speaker is fully involved speaking with vitality and control. The player in sports uniform was splendid illustration. This is a great contrast in content, style and presentation."*

Junior Primary Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST

Adjudicator's comments included: *"The choir is arranged attractively. Every member is attentive. Facial expression is delightful. Delivery is well modulated and pauses are well timed. The additional effects enhance the poem. A polished performance." "The subtle changes in mood and meaning are conveyed. Articulation is neat and vocal tone pleasing. The voices are 'blended' very well. This is a disciplined group who think, speak and breathe as one. Congratulations on two fine performances!"*

Infants Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST

Adjudicator's comments included: *"An attractive placement of choir members, all can be seen. The voices are mostly blended very well. Intonation and modulation are effective. I like the orchestration." "The atmosphere is established immediately. The meaning is well painted. The solo voice is very strong. Pause is used effectively. I love the 'wailing'. Good sound effects."*

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!

Kinder Nursery Rhymes: David McIsaac – First, Lilly Hanson – Third, Amity Henry, Chloe Harris, Ashley Gilmour and Joe Staggs gained Certificates of Achievement.

Year 1 Poetry: Poppy-Grace Newton – Third, Jacqueline Hutchison, Ava Lacey, Sophia Peart, Violet Whitehouse, Lara Younghusband – Highly Commended

Year 2 Poetry: Tom Staggs – Third, Lucas Fong, Amity Chapman – Highly Commended

Year 3 Poetry: Eva Bonnington – Third, Ella Mudford – Highly Commended, Kimbalee Gilmour, Rydah Whitehouse, Jordan Neeves, Charlie Zell, Emilia Peart

Year 4 Poetry: Harry Mudford – Third, Lucy McIsaac, Paige Gilmour

Year 5 Poetry: Camilla Beveridge – Highly Commended, Emily Zell, Kate Woollams

Year 6 Poetry: Kelsey Hutchison – Highly Commended, Olivia McClelland, Patrick Spora

SPORTING SUCCESS AT COONAMBLE

Congratulations to all 92 students who played either netball or footy at Coonamble last Thursday. We were all so impressed with your skill and sportsmanship. It was also an extremely successful day! Our Years 5/6 girls were the Netball Cup Champions after winning all their games and they will now play in the finals in Orange next term. The Years 3/4 competition was non-competitive and all the girls were great. A fantastic effort by all the teams. In the footy our Years 3/4 boys won the Richardson Cup defeating Gil Public School who played gallantly in the grand final. Our Years 5/6 team won the

Peachey Shield defeating a tough St Joseph's Nyngan side in the grand final. These two sides will now travel to Dubbo for the finals day later in the term. An amazing effort by all our footy teams. It was a huge day for the Spora brothers who were both named man of the match in their respective finals, Will in the Richardson Cup and Pat in the Peachey Shield. Well done Will and Pat. A huge thank you to Dean Ferguson, Nathan Ferguson and David Corcoran who helped train the sides and to the dads who helped out on the day. Also thank you to Danielle Diggs, Zoe Welsh, Rebecca Gaff, Tahnee Carr, Grace Alchin and Brielle Reid for umpiring the netball. Many thanks to all the parents who travelled to Coonamble and provided transport and support. It's amazing to think we transported 92 children without the need to hire a bus. It was a huge effort to transport, organise and run all these teams on the day and we couldn't have done it without your help.

McNAMEE TROPHY – 'We Meet In Friendship'

In a big sporting week, our school then hosted the Years 5 and 6 students from St Brigid's Coonamble for the McNamee Trophy on Friday. The day commenced with a beautiful Mass. We thank Fr Greg for celebrating Mass with us. Following Mass it was time for the public speaking. Congratulations to our speakers, **Harrison King, Bradley Kildey and Olivia Schier**. The speeches were certainly of a high quality. After the public speaking the sports began. These included Touch Football, Soccer, Netball and Rugby League. All the games were played in sensational spirit. Congratulations to all the players. The sportsmanship medals were awarded to: **Tayarna McKenzie** (Touch), **Will Gaff** (Soccer), **Laura Younghusband** and **Chloe Mudford** (Netball) and **Isaiah Gleadhill** (Rugby League) A huge thank you to our staff and parents for organizing and running the day and to the Shire for marking our oval. It was a wonderful day of fun and friendship.

LILLY – AN EVERYDAY HERO

Congratulations to **Lilly Hanson** who raised over \$2,800.00 for Kids With Cancer. Lilly's hair was cut on Saturday and it will now be used to make a wig for a child with cancer. Lilly came to school on Monday with a beautiful new hair style. Well done Lilly! If you would still like to donate, it's not too late, just go to the following link and make a donation to this very worthwhile cause: <https://alopecia.everydayhero.com/au/lilly-s-hair-with-heart>

ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING COMPETITIONS

The ICAS Writing competition will be held next Tuesday, 13 June and the ICAS Spelling Competition on Thursday, 15 June for those children who have entered these competitions.

YEAR 6 RELIGION TEST

Our Year 6 students will sit the Diocesan Year 6 Religion Test next Wednesday, 14 June. All Year 6 students in the diocese will sit this test.

KINDER LITURGY

Kinder will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 15 June at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Mass.

EAR BUS

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be visiting our school again next Friday, 16 June to test children's hearing. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

GOOD LUCK RHYS, WILL AND BAILEY

Rhys O'Neill, Will Fuller and Bailey Wykes 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, 16 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, 23 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. 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 Tuesday, 13 June. We will be running heats of the 200 m events tomorrow, Friday, 9 June at 1:15 p.m. (weather permitting) at McGrane Oval. **We will also require helpers to time these races.** If you are able to help out, please ring the office. There is a special canteen lunch order for the Athletics Carnival. This was given to each primary child today and if your child wishes to order his/her lunch at the carnival please return the lunch order by Tuesday, 13 June.

PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Your child's half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family on Friday, 23 June. During the last week of term, on Monday, 26 June, Tuesday, 27 June and Wednesday, 28 June, 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.

HUNTER PARK PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Gilgandra Shire Council will install new playground equipment in Hunter Park. The community is invited to provide feedback on two options that have been selected after a quotation process. How to be involved: The two options can be viewed and a survey completed on Council's website or facebook page: www.gilgandra.nsw.gov.au or www.facebook.com/gilgandrashirecouncil Come along and view the options and give your feedback at a free sausage sizzle in Hunter Park on Thursday, 15 June 2017 from 3:00 to 5.30 p.m. The two options are on display in the foyer at Council's Administration Office at 15 Warren Road, Gilgandra. Feedback closes 5pm Tuesday 20 June 2017.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER**: **Baxter Whitehouse** for carefully sounding out words when writing, **Ben Mudford** for great results in our fractions quiz, **Ruby Ryan** for writing a super response about her farm, **Chloe Harris** for writing a great story about the character 'Spot', **Caine Bugmy** for reading with confidence, **Mia Mudford** for fantastic work completing counts up to 30 and **Max Fiddes** for working hard to sound out unknown words when writing.

YEAR 1: **Te Mana Diamond** for great work recognizing 2D shapes, **Alexia Riley** for a super effort in our Grammar test, **Georgia Tancred** for great improvement in Story Writing and **Tilla Chandler** for coping so well with a broken elbow.

YEAR 2: **Alicia Fordham** and **Jordan Wighton** for designing and painting a wonderful 'Wild Thing' and **Isabelle Mudford**, **Eliza Larkin**, **Emily Standing** and **Darcy Morris** for fantastic facial expressions during poem practices.

YEAR 3: **Nick Kirsop** for super work in comprehension, **Millie Spora** for lovely presentation of work, **Dakotah Gilmour** for a determined effort to complete work accurately, **Sam Dunn** for great improvement in handwriting and **Rani Diamond** for a super effort in Grammar.

YEAR 4: **Lucy Kilpatrick**, **Ava Meyers** and **Elten Walker** for working well as part of a team during our History research task and **Ben Standing** for fantastic enthusiasm towards our eisteddfod poetry.

YEAR 5: **Jacob Harland** for enjoyment of class reading activities, **Madison Riley** and **Emma Durrant** for enthusiastic participation in netball and **Isaac Grimshaw** for excellent contributions to class discussions.

YEAR 6: **Jack Purvis** for an excellent effort in Maths Operations, **Joshua Purvis** for carefully constructing two dimensional shapes and **Laura Youngusband** for accurately identifying adverbial clauses in Grammar.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7

Friday, 9 June - Primary 200 m heats – McGrane Oval, 1:15 pm

WEEK 8 - **Year 5 Reconciliation**

Monday, 12 June - Queen's Birthday holiday

Tuesday, 13 June - ICAS Writing Competition

Wednesday, 14 June - Year 6 Religion Test

- Junior Joey's to visit Cooee Lodge

Thursday, 15 June - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

- ICAS Spelling Competition

Friday, 16 June - CPS Cross Country

- Hearing Bus

WEEK 9

Tuesday, 20 June - P & F Meeting

Wednesday, 21 June - Junior Joey's to visit Cooee Lodge

Thursday, 22 June - Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 23 June - Athletics Carnival

- Reports home

WEEK 10

Monday, 26 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Tuesday, 27 June - Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wednesday, 28 June - Peachey/Richardson Finals – Dubbo

- Parent/Teacher Interviews

- Year 4 Hut Day

Friday, 30 June - Athletics Carnival back-up date

- Last Day – Term 2

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kinder has enjoyed preparing for our Liturgy. Thank you to all who have practised their readings at home for homework. We can't wait to see you at our Liturgy next Thursday. In English this week the students have learnt about the 'c' sound by recognising words with this sound either in the beginning, middle or end. Our sound next week is 'b' for balloon. During Reading we have read Craig Smith's, "The Windy Farm" and the students have enjoyed writing a response to this text beginning with the sentence starter 'On Windy Farm...' During Mathematics the students have continued to impress me with what they have learnt so far this year by completing a variety of assessments. While visiting the church to prepare for our Liturgy we named a variety of special places and objects we often see in our Church. I hope everyone has a restful long weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 What a week! Congratulations to everyone on their fabulous eisteddfod results. You certainly gave of your best and made us all very proud. Our Spelling focus this week has been the double 'ss' sound and we have continued to practise putting words into alphabetical order. In Religion we completed our portfolio task and discussed how the arrival of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was Jesus' promise to His disciples. We also discussed that the gifts of courage and joy given to us by the Holy Spirit are very precious and should be used. We have really enjoyed reading "The Paper Bag Princess" by Robert Munsch and Michael Martchenko, especially the unexpected ending. In Maths we have continued our assessments and have been working through our Mathletics tasks. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Congratulations to all the Verse Speaking Choirs and individual performers who competed so enthusiastically at the Dubbo Eisteddfod – well done Joey's! You all gave a mighty effort. In the classroom we revised historical facts about Gilgandra and talked about the changes in technology that have occurred. During Religion we discussed signs and symbols of God's love – holy water and candles. We revised conjunctions in Grammar and Sentence A Day. The spelling sound was 'u', 'o' (umbrella and glove). We drew terrific mini jellybean monsters and made thumb print painted monsters as we looked at monster poems in the new Literature unit. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 Congratulations to all our wonderful choirs who performed so beautifully at the Dubbo Eisteddfod this week. A special 'Bravo!' to Years 3 and 4 – you all worked very hard and deserve the first place prize – we are very proud of you all. This week we have continued Maths assessments as well as investigating perimeter and mapping. In Text Types we are looking at Discussions and have enjoyed reading "The Twits" by Roald Dahl as part of our Literature unit. We had lots of fun in our technology lesson as the class was introduced to 'coding'. The students problem solved and used coding language to lead their character towards the candy. In Science we explored the properties of various materials by tearing, scrunching, stretching, twisting, poking and wetting plastic, paper, cardboard, baking paper and foil. Have a great long weekend! *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 Wow – all three choirs are the champions! Well done to everyone on their fantastic performances at the eisteddfod. In class this week we have been busy doing our portfolio tasks for Maths and Religion. We have been researching the First Fleet using the computers and are nearly ready to publish these for our portfolios. Notes about our Hut Day speeches went home with Maths homework this week – if you have any problems with it please let me know. The huts are by all accounts well on their way – we can't wait to see them. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 Congratulations to everyone on their marvellous performances at the eisteddfod. A great team effort and a shining example of our motto "Give Of Your Best"! In Science this week we have been researching "A day in the life of an astronaut". We have been looking into how astronauts complete day to day activities in space, for example eating, exercising, showering etc. We have realised how we take the simplest things for granted! We hope everyone is working hard on their speeches for homework this week. Remember if there are any problems please let us know! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 How amazing were all the eisteddfod choirs? Congratulations to everyone, we certainly 'Gave Of Our Best'. In Maths this week we have been learning about comparing and ordering fractions, drawing objects from views and units of measurement. In Writing we have finished writing our discussions about if we should have a dog as a pet. Our Grammar focus this week has been on adjectival clauses. We discussed their purpose and how to identify them in sentences. Year 6 has been busily preparing for our Religion test next week. Keep up the great work! *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 9 June – Simone Fordham & Sheree Staggs

Monday, 12 June – Queen's Birthday holiday

Wednesday, 14 June – Kirstie Bugmy & Lesley Riley

Friday, 16 June – Nat Mudford & Belinda Murray

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 11 June – Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Emily Zell, Rani Diggs

