



ABOUT

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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: *'Ambitious, entertaining choice', 'All faces were concentrated. Some excellent shaping in both unison and part work. Variations were a highlight of this polished performance.'* *'This ghostly tale was neatly shaped with excellent changes in pitch, pace and length. All faces were animated and energy was focused. Wonderful choral work.'*

Junior Primary Verse Speaking Choir – FIRST

Adjudicator's comments included: *'A great choice to enjoy performing! Unison and part work shaped the verse very well. Vocal changes were dynamic. Excellent conclusion.'* *'Excellent shaping of the sounds to add charm and vitality. Each variation was clear and meaningful. Wonderful choral performance. Most entertaining!'*

Infants Verse Speaking Choir – SECOND

Adjudicator's comments included: *'A well presented choir – alert and focused. Excellent design of unison and part work to add interest and variety. Just a delight.'* *'Very good choice! Some excellent changes in dynamics, pace, pitch and use of pauses. Each member of the choir was focused and involved. 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!

Kinder/Year 1 Nursery Rhymes: Violet Whitehouse – Second, Jacqueline Hutchison, Bonica Henry, Poppy-Grace Newton

Year 2 Poetry: Ella Mudford – Second, Emilia Peart – Third, Eva Bonnington – Highly Commended, Kimbalee Gilmour, Rydah Whitehouse,

Year 3 Poetry: Alana Elsom, Paige Gilmour, Lucy McIsaac, Will Spora

Year 4 Poetry: Kate Woollams – Highly Commended, Jade Elsom, Camilla Beveridge, Molly Wilson, Emily Zell

Year 5 Poetry: Olivia McClelland – Second, Kelsey Hutchison, Bradley Kildey, Patrick Spora

Year 6 Poetry: Aliza Purvis – 4 Highly Commendeds, Laura Smith – Highly Commended

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

Just a reminder that the Life Education Van will be visiting our school tomorrow, Friday and next Tuesday and Wednesday. All children will visit the van and once again we thank our P & F Association for paying for the children's entry to the van. The children will be given the opportunity to buy merchandise from the Life Education Van tomorrow at lunch time. Items range in price from 50¢ to \$15.00.

'A FISH OUTTA WATER' – AN OLYMPIC ODYSSEY – SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

'A Fish Outta Water' uses high energy physical theatre, circus, slapstick, storytelling, characterisation and audience participation to bring to life some of the most wonderful moments in Olympic history. 'Shelly', an aspiring young gymnast, comes home from her training and is reminded that her school Olympic assignment is due tomorrow! But what Shelly doesn't know is that the book she is studying from is not an ordinary book! She goes to open it and BAMM she becomes alive in the pages of Olympic History. Shelly gets catapulted into some amazing moments to learn about the history of athletics in Athens before stepping into the worlds of Olympic legends such as Cathy Freeman, Dawn Fraser, Nadia Comaneci and more. The performance will be staged in our school hall tomorrow, Friday, 10 June.

ICAS WRITING AN SPELLING COMPETITIONS

The ICAS Writing competition will be held next Tuesday, 14 June and the ICAS Spelling Competition on Wednesday, 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, 15 June. All Year 6 students in the diocese will sit this test.

EAR BUS

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be visiting our school again next Wednesday, 15 June to test children's hearing. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

YEAR 5 MASS

Year 5 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 16 June at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Mass.

GOOD LUCK RHYS & WILL

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, 17 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, 24 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 was a note with last week's About outlining all the jobs. Thank you to those who have offered to help. *Unfortunately we are still a little short of helpers. 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 Wednesday, 15 June.* We will be running heats of the 200 m events tomorrow, Friday, 10 June at 1:00 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. If it is too wet tomorrow for the 200 m heats, we will try again next Friday. A special canteen lunch order for the Athletics Carnival is going home today. Just a reminder if your child wishes to order his/her lunch for the carnival you will need to return the lunch order by next Tuesday, 14 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, 24 June. During the last week of term, on Monday, 27 June, Tuesday, 28 June and Wednesday, 29 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 the time and date of your interview prior to this, 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.

CHILDREN IN THE CANTEEN

Our school canteen is a wonderful service to our children and parents and obviously can only run with the help of parents. Therefore we are very appreciative of everyone's help in the canteen. However we must ask that *only children of the canteen volunteers be allowed in the canteen* whilst you are helping, as it gets a little dangerous when there are a number of children in the canteen.

FREE COMMUNITY EVENT – FOOD FOR A HAPPY AND CALM HOUSEHOLD

Do you worry about the chemicals put into foods? Are they causing temper tantrums, sleep disturbance and disruptive behaviour in your child? Join Louise D'Allura, East Coast's Authorised Additive Alert

Community Talks Presenter, for a fun and informative dinner seminar at the Gilgandra Sporties Club on Friday, 17 June at 6:30 p.m. RSVPs are essential for this FREE event for catering purposes. RSVP via phone to Jill (from Gilgandra Shire Council) on 68178750 or register online at www.MealPlanningYourWay.com/events.

GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL P & C INVITATION

Gilgandra High School P & C Association recognises the importance of a strong relationship between the Gilgandra community and our local high school. You are invited to an informal evening to meet all Gilgandra High School staff in a relaxed social setting at Gilgandra Sporties Club on Tuesday, 14 June from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. For catering purposes (tasty nibbles provided) please RSVP before Monday, 13 June to Paul Alchin on 0429472741 or Gabrielle Johnson on 68879266.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Tuesday:

KINDER: Brooke Beaton and Layla Wykes for beautiful reading during our Liturgy, Tilla Chandler for always being kind to others, Vaughan Zell for his confidence during News time and Lara Younghusband for excellent counting skills.

YEAR 1: Ryan Cox for trying hard in comprehension groups, Adison Thomas for writing a super recount about a camp draft and Darcy Morris and Amity Chapman for super illustrations of a crocodile.

YEAR 2: Lochie Henry for being a hard working and organised student, Nick Kirsop for always striving to 'Give Of His Best', Beatie Davis for trying hard in Comprehension groups, Indi Murphy for great expression during poem practices and Rachel Ryan for reading with beautiful expression.

YEAR 3: Billie Allan for great work in Operations, Ryan Ferguson for being a great classroom helper, Ava Meyers for a big effort in Writing and Mattea Purvis for excellent participation in class discussions.

YEAR 4: Breanna Foster for excellent facial expressions during eisteddfod practice, Emma Durrant for writing a convincing first argument and Dennis Gale for creating a lovely 'Target' artwork.

YEAR 5: Mason Fryers and Finn Marchant for having an enthusiastic approach towards Maths Warm Up, Tayarna McKenzie for contributing well with others in reading groups, Joshua Purvis for always giving of his best in class and Ella Wykes for working well with her group in writing their Canberra interview.

YEAR 6: Ella McAnally-Elwin and Olivia Ferguson for writing extraordinary narratives about 'A Fairytale', Abby Tate for improvement with long division and Billie Buckland for showing kindness and consideration towards others.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7 - Year 5 Reconciliation
 Friday, 10 June - Life Education Van
 - A Fish Outta Water – An Olympic Odyssey, School Performance – 12:00 p.m.
 - Years 3-6 200 m heats – 1:00 p.m.

WEEK 8 - Year 6 Reconciliation
 Monday, 13 June - Queen's Birthday holiday
 Tuesday, 14 June - Life Education Van
 - ICAS Writing Competition
 Wednesday, 15 June - Life Education Van
 - ICAS Spelling Competition
 - Year 6 Religion Test
 - Hear Our Heart Ear Testing
 Thursday, 16 June - Year 5 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
 Friday, 17 June - CPS Cross Country – Rhys O'Neill, Will Fuller

WEEK 9
 Tuesday, 21 June - Finance and Administrators Conference
 - P & F Meeting
 Wednesday, 22 June - Finance and Administrators Conference
 Thursday, 23 June - Year 6 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
 Friday, 24 June - Primary Athletics Carnival
 - Reports home

WEEK 10
 Monday, 27 June - NAIDOC Week Celebrations
 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
 Tuesday, 28 June - NAIDOC Week Celebrations – Mass
 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
 Wednesday, 29 June - Peachey/Richardson Finals – Dubbo
 - Parent/Teacher Interviews
 Thursday, 30 June - Year 4 Hut Day
 Friday, 1 July - Athletics Carnival back-up date
 - Last Day – Term 2

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten has been reading "Mrs Wishy Washy" and learnt about speech marks and how they are used in writing. In our sound work, we have been reading and listening to words with the beginning and ending sounds broken up and then put together. Next week our sound is 'Kk' so start looking for things for our sound table. In Science and Technology we continue to revise how our senses help to alert us to dangers and learnt how to access a word document using technology. During History we discovered what an artefact is and how it can be used to tell us information about our past or our present. In Creative Arts we made caterpillars and listened to the story "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" through digital technology. During Religion we went to the church to look for symbols to indicate we belong to a Catholic community and drew these symbols into our books. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 Congratulations to our fabulous poetry choirs who competed at the Dubbo Eisteddfod. You all certainly gave of your best and upheld the fine tradition of our great school. This week we have written our 'Crocodile' Information Reports based on the facts we collected and discussed last week. We have been completing lots of revision tasks in Maths and it's a real pleasure to see how hard everyone is working. Healthy Harold is coming to visit us this week and Year 1 is very excited to meet him again. We are looking forward to learning lots of interesting things about keeping our bodies healthy. Our Religion unit for the remainder of the term is titled 'Nourished by God'. We started our unit by all attending Tuesday Mass followed by a discussion about the special features of our church. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable long weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 Congratulations everyone on your fabulous enthusiasm and excellent performance at the eisteddfod – a mighty team effort! Well done Congratulations also to our classmates who performed an individual item at the eisteddfod – you did a marvellous job too! Go Joey's! It's been a busy week in Year 2 finishing assessments and revision work. You've all worked so hard, you can have a 'long weekend'! See you next Tuesday. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 has been working very hard this week revising work and completing assessments. During English we enjoyed using the cloud to publish our poems – it was interesting to all be working on the one document at the same time! Our comprehension groups are going well as we consolidate the skills of summarising, inferring and locating information. During Maths we have revised our three, four and six times tables and practised skip counting and in Science we have continued to investigate the many types of packaging that is in our world. We had a wonderful day in Dubbo yesterday at the eisteddfod and we are extremely proud of our team effort as we gave of our best. Well done everyone! *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 We enjoyed a fantastic morning at the eisteddfod yesterday. The students performed extremely well and should be very proud of their achievement. In the classroom we have focused on sentence types in Grammar and in Writing we have finished our exposition titled 'The Country is Better'. During Religion we have learnt about Mary's feast days and The Rosary. Our Maths focus has been multiplying tens then ones, division with remainders and perimeter. For homework this week students have been writing their speech for Hut Day. These are to be handed in on Friday so we may begin to practise presenting them next week. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 Wow what a performance - a super effort by Years 5 and 6 presenting their poems excellently yesterday and returning home with the trophy, a top effort! This week in class we have been looking at adverbial clauses in Grammar while in Writing we have been busy finishing off our Canberra interviews. In Maths we have been looking at revising 3 digit division and factors of whole numbers. We have also begun preparing for our class Mass that will be celebrated next Thursday – we hope you can come along and celebrate it with us. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 St Joey's certainly gave of their best at the eisteddfod this year, well done to everyone! In the classroom we have been learning about adjectival clauses in Grammar. In Maths we have learnt about interpreting misleading data, fractions and using scales in measurement. We have published our narratives for our portfolios in Writing. Year 6 has been finishing off their string art this week and they look magnificent! In our Canberra booklet we have discussed our itinerary and identified our journey on a map. Have a great weekend. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 10 June – Kristy Gale & Phillipa Saunders
 Monday, 13 June – Queen's Birthday holiday
 Wednesday, 15 June – Jacinta Ferguson & Kylie Carlow
 Friday, 17 June – Lesley Riley and Heather Larkin

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 12 June – Madison Hourigan, Jess Scholte, Rani Diggs, Ella McAnally-Elwin

