



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 8

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Thought for the Week

Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out.

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

A beautiful Mass was held last Sunday morning in St Joseph's Church as the parish and school community celebrated with the First Holy Communion class. The church was filled with family, friends and parishioners to share this special time with these children. Following Mass a wonderful Communion breakfast was held in the school hall. Thank you to the parents, Fr Martin, Mr Soares and Mrs Banks for preparing the children so well. Also thank you to the school community for attending Mass and decorating the church and hall, to the Year 2 parents who assisted at the breakfast and to the family and friends of the First Communion class who joined in the celebration. Congratulations to our 2015 First Holy Communion Class: **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.**

SPELLING CHAMPIONS – SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALISTS

Our super spellers, **Skye Bui, Finn Marchant, Kate Gilmour and Emilie Hassall** took on the best in the diocese on Thursday at the Diocesan Spelling Bee held in Wellington. This Spelling Bee has representatives from every school in the diocese. A special mention to our senior team, consisting of **Kate and Emilie** who finished second and third in the Stage 3 competition. An amazing achievement! Well done Kate and Emilie.

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES AT THE EISTEDDFOD

Congratulations to the following students who performed an individual item at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod last week. To get up and perform on your own makes you a real champion. Well done!

Year 1 Poetry: **Rydah Whitehouse** – Third, **Emilia Peart** – Highly Commended, **Henry Purvis, Trinity Zell**

Year 2 Poetry: **Will Spora** – Second and Highly Commended, **Lucy McIsaac**

Year 3 Poetry: **Camilla Beveridge** – Highly Commended, **Emily Zell** – Highly Commended, **Kate Woollams**

Year 4 Poetry: **Sophie Hassall** – 2 Highly Commendeds, **Patrick Spora** – Highly Commended, **Kelsey Hutchison, Bradley Kildey, Olivia McClelland**

Year 5 Poetry: **Aliza Purvis** - Highly Commended, **Laura Smith** – Highly Commended

Year 6 Poetry: **Emilie Hassall** – 2 Highly Commendeds, **James Kildey** – Highly Commended, **Harry Spora**

LEAGUE & NETBALL IN COONAMBLE

Our seventy-five netball and footy players are ready for the Primary Netball Challenge and Peachey and Richardson Football competitions to be held in Coonamble tomorrow. All children need to be in Coonamble by 9:00 a.m. If anyone is driving a ute and could take our shade shelters, please contact the office. Those children requiring transport need to be at school by 7:45 a.m. Go Joey's!

PRIMARY SPORT

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

LIFE EDUCATION VAN

The Life Education Van will be at our school next week. 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:

Monday, 15 June

11:30 – 1:00 **Year 3** – *Harold's Diary* – Friendship, resilience, expressing emotions, coping strategies, healthy food choices, active lifestyles.

2:00 – 3:00 **Kinder** – *Harold's Surprise* – Healthy food choices, importance of physical activity, safety.

Tuesday, 16 June

10:00 – 11:00 **Year 1** – *Harold's Mystery Tour* – Body workings, safe use and storage of medicines, peer pressure and coping strategies, safety, decision making.

11:30 – 1:00 **Year 4** – *Mind Your Medicine* – Safe and unsafe situations, medicines and consequence of misuse, peer influence and friendship, positive communication.

2:00 – 3:00 **Year 2** – *Harold's Heroes* – Environmental health issues, emergency procedures, individual needs for medicines and safe use and storage.

Wednesday, 17 June

11:30 – 1:00 **Year 5** – *On The Case* – Short and long term effects of smoking, effects of passive smoking, laws, peer influence and refusal skills

1:50 – 3:20 **Year 6** – *Think Twice* – Consequences of alcohol use and misuse, stay safe situations and refusal skills, laws controlling purchase and use.

The children will be given the opportunity to buy merchandise from the Life Education Van on Tuesday at lunch time. Items range in price from 50¢ to \$15.00.

ICAS WRITING AND SPELLING COMPETITIONS

The ICAS Writing Competition will be held on Monday, 15 June and the ICAS Spelling Competition on Tuesday, 16 June for those children who have entered these competitions.

JUNE P & F MEETING

The June P & F Meeting will be held at school next Tuesday, 16 June at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

YEAR 5 MASS

Year 5 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 18 June at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow Mass.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joey's Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval on Friday, 19 June. The back-up date in case of wet wether is Friday, 26 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 tomorrow. 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. Unfortunately we have only had **six people** offer to help at this stage. **We desperately need more helpers and 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 Tuesday, 16 June.** A special canteen lunch order for the Athletics Carnival went home last week. Just a reminder if your child wishes to order his/her lunch at the carnival you will need to return the lunch order by tomorrow, Thursday, 11 June.

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES

The school fee accounts for Term 3 are going home with today's About. We realise this is earlier than usual but you still have the same amount of time to pay. Payment of all school fees is due by the end of Term 3. If anyone is experiencing difficulty with the payment of fees, please contact Mr Musgrave.

FAREWELL MRS HODGE – WELCOME MRS EASMAN

Mrs Hodge is taking long service leave from Monday and will return on

Monday, 3 August. While Heather is away Mrs Bonnie Easman will be taking on the role of school secretary. We hope Bonnie enjoys her time at St Joey's. Happy holidays Heather.

HALF YEARLY REPORTS – PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Your child's half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family next 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.**

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.

GILGANDRA TENNIS CLUB

Are you interested in attending a holiday tennis clinic? The clinic is for all school aged students and will run in the second week of the July holidays. The clinic running and its cost are dependent on numbers, so please express your interest to Amanda on 68472769.

YOGA TEACHER TRAINING

Commit to your wellbeing and share your love of yoga with others. Training begins 1 August for one weekend a month in Dubbo. Phone Madi Simmons on 68476220.

MERIT AWARDS

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

Emilia Peart, Henry Purvis, Rydah Whitehouse, Trinity Zell, Lucy McIsaac, Will Spora, Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams, Emily Zell, Sophie Hassall, Kelsey Hutchison, Bradley Kildey, Olivia McClelland, Patrick Spora, Aliza Purvis, Laura Smith, Emilie Hassall, James Kildey and Harry Spora for fantastic individual performances at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod.

WHAT'S ON

<u>WEEK 8 -</u>	<u>Year 5 Reconciliation</u>
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 Congratulations to our First Holy Communion class. In Kindergarten this week we have been reading "Brown Bear Brown Bear". We have been focusing on the characters and describing each one. There has been some great stories written this week about what the children did over the long weekend and what adventures they got up to. During Mathematics we learnt ways to share equally and to measure what is longer and shorter. We

also discussed how many months were in each season and continue to learn numbers up to 20. In Science and Technology we discussed what baby farm animals grow into and in HSIE we considered how we are alike and different from each other. During Religion we went to the church and looked at the symbols we find there. In Creative Arts we made clowns by practising our skills of cutting, painting and gluing. Next week's sound is 'Bb' so start preparing things for the sound table. Take care - Miss Bourke

YEAR 1 Congratulations Year 3 on your First Holy Communion – what a special day it was on Sunday. Everyone had a lovely long weekend and Year 1 has been busy in Maths focusing on area, position and addition. Spelling activities centred around the 'bossy 'e' rule. The class has been looking at exclamation marks and compound words found in the book "Harry McFarr's Clunker Car". Everyone wrote magnificent recounts about their experience at the Dubbo Eisteddfod last week. In Art we completed some 'cool' winter snowscapes and made 'Frosty the Snowman'. Have a terrific weekend. Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead

YEAR 2 Congratulations to all the First Holy Communicants on a beautiful celebration on Sunday. Thank you again to those Year 2 parents for their help with the breakfast, your support is appreciated. In Maths we revised area and had lots of fun calculating the area of our own hand. In our Literature unit we paired up to become authors and created text for some of the illustrations. In text types we read the book, "Welcome To Ahen School". This will serve as an inspiration for our narrative this week. In Art we began work on our portfolio tasks by paper folding a traditional Japanese Kimono. Have a great weekend. Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

YEAR 3 What a beautiful day we had on Sunday as we celebrated First Holy Communion. I was so proud of the class in their preparation and reverent participation. A big thank you to everyone involved for making it such a special day. In the classroom we have continued to work on information reports. This week's topic for writing has been on volcanoes. In Maths we have learnt about the kilogram, number lines, division and multiplication. Our PDH focus this week has been on 'We Belong'. We discussed different groups in the community to which we belong. In Grammar we have been learning about synonyms. Keep up the great work Year 3. Mr Soares

YEAR 4 What a quick week it has been with the Queen's birthday holiday and the Peachy/Richardson Football and Far West Netball. A big thank you to all those who came last Sunday to celebrate First Holy Communion and congratulations to the First Holy Communion class. In the classroom this week we have focused on pronouns in Grammar and our Spelling sound is 'oi', 'oy'. In writing we have been learning about the purpose, structure and features of procedures so we can begin writing a procedure about how we made our early settler huts next week. Just a quick reminder that the huts are due on 23rd June, which is the Tuesday of Week 10. If you're having any trouble with the task please let me know. Have a top weekend. Miss Smith

YEAR 5 Congratulations to the 2015 First Holy Communion class on celebrating their wonderful Mass last Sunday – it was great to see a number of Year 5 students there as well. This week in class we have been looking closely at our understanding of the order of operations and fractions in Maths while in English we have spent some time researching Gilgandra as part of our information reports. We have also started preparing for our Mass which is next Thursday- we hope you can come along to celebrate with us. Best of luck to all those travelling to Coonamble tomorrow. Have a great weekend. Mr Keady

YEAR 6 Congratulations to the First Holy Communion Class! May God bless you all as you continue on your faith journey. And a big thank you to those Year 6 students who came along to join in the celebration – it was wonderful that you could be there! This week in HSIE we have looked at the Eureka Stockade and why it is a significant part of our Australian history. Our writing focus has been our discussion speeches, which are due on Monday, 22 June. We have tried to improve the standard of our writing by including some different persuasive terms and phrases. We are looking forward to travelling to Coonamble tomorrow to battle it out on the football field and netball court! Go the mighty Joeys! Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 12 June – Heather Larkin & Alicia Heffer

Monday, 15 June – Claudina Ryan

Wednesday, 17 June – Lorraine Hutchison & Sheree Staggs

Friday, 19 June – Christine Harland

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 14 June – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Jett Grimshaw