



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.



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 tomorrow, Friday, 17 June. Congratulations boys on being selected in the diocesan team and good luck tomorrow.

COOEE LODGE VISIT

Tomorrow Years 5 and 6 will be visiting Cooee Lodge. They will be performing their award winning eisteddfod poems and having a chat with the residents. The children are looking forward to performing their poems and hope the residents enjoy their rendition of "Macavity the Mystery Cat" and "The Viper".

JUNE P & F MEETING

The June P & F Meeting will be held at school this Tuesday, 21 June at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

YEAR 6 MASS

Year 6 will celebrate a class Mass next Thursday, 23 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 Joeys' Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval on Friday, 24 June. The back-up date in case of wet weather is Friday, 1 July. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6). **We are still desperate for volunteers to help with timekeeping, helping run field events and in the canteen. There was a note with last week's About outlining all the jobs. 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, 21 June.**

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, 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.

YEAR 4 HUT DAY

Everyone is starting to get excited about the Year 4 Early Settlers Hut Day to be held on Thursday, 30 June. The day begins with morning tea at 11:00 a.m. followed by the presentation of huts at 11:20 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. It's sure to be a great day.

ICAS ENGLISH AND MATHEMATICS COMPETITIONS

All children from Year 3 - Year 6 will be entered into the ICAS English and Mathematics Competitions which will be held next term. We thank our P & F Association for paying the entry fees to enable all our students to enter these competitions.

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES

SONGLINES: THE LIVING NARRATIVE OF OUR NATION

During the last week of term we will celebrate NAIDOC Week at our school. The program will be as follows:

Monday 27 June

- 9.00 am** Flag raising by school captains
Welcome by Mrs Iris Reid
Cake cutting - Jett Grimshaw, Laura Smith, Jacob Wilson
- 9.30 am** Games in the weathershed

Tuesday 28 June

- 9.00am** Whole School Mass
1.00pm Free BBQ Lunch
Sausage sizzle and drinks, Tiger Pearce making his famous Johnny Cakes and Didj playing.

CANBERRA/SNOWY BOUND

The Years 5 and 6 children are lucky to be heading to Canberra and the snow on the second day back next term. While on this excursion they will participate in a variety of educational programs focused on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to the value of \$30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses. We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. The excursion is full of interesting and exciting places to visit. Have a look at the itinerary: *National Capital Exhibition Centre, National Film and Sound Archive, Parliament House, Telstra Tower, Mt Ainslie, Snowy Mountains Authority Education Centre, Perisher Valley, Australian Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Royal Australian Mint, Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre, Questacon, Electoral Education Centre, National Museum of Australia, Cockington Green.*

BOOK FAIR

The annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held on Tuesday 26th July in the School Hall from 3:20 - 4:15 p.m. (Week 2 of Term 3). This is a great opportunity to purchase quality books for your child and our school library will benefit from your support. Please mark this date on your calendar. *Mrs Kilby - Librarian*

ENROLMENTS FOR KINDER 2017

Just a reminder that the closing date for enrolments for our Kinder class of 2017 is Friday, 1 July. If you have picked up an enrolment form and haven't yet returned it, could you 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.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Violet Whitehouse, Jacqueline Hutchison, Poppy-Grace Newton

YEAR 1: Bonica Henry

YEAR 2: Ella Mudford, Emilia Peart, Eva Bonnington, Kimbalee Gilmour, Rydah Whitehouse

YEAR 3: Alana Elsom, Paige Gilmour, Lucy McIsaac, Will Spora

YEAR 4: Kate Woollams, Jade Elsom, Camilla Beveridge, Molly Wilson, Emily Zell

YEAR 5: Olivia McClelland, Kelsey Hutchison, Bradley Kildey, Patrick Spora

YEAR 6: Aliza Purvis, Laura Smith

All for fabulous individual performances at the City of Dubbo Eisteddfod.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 8 - Year 6 Reconciliation
Friday, 17 June - CPS Cross Country – Rhys O'Neill, Will Fuller
- Years 5 & 6 visit Cooee Lodge

WEEK 9
Tuesday, 21 June - Finance and Administrators Conference
- P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
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

WEEK 11 - Mrs Stewart – Long Service Leave
Monday, 18 July - First day Term 3
Tuesday, 19 July - Friday 22 July - Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion
Tuesday, 19 July - Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has been very busy this week revising capital letters, finger spacing and full stops in their writing and the students have been encouraged to sound out new words. Next week's sound is 'Bb'. Thank you to those who have contributed to the sound table each week. During reading we have been reading "Brown Bear Brown, What Do You See?" and have been revising characters, settings and question marks. In History we revisited common artefacts that can be used to explain our history and discussed the importance of the 'Welcome to Country' tradition. In Mathematics we have been revising addition and subtraction and 2D and 3D shape properties. For Science we continue to work on a word document and get familiar with computers. During Religion we visited the church and discussed the different symbols and what they mean. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 has enjoyed writing recounts about their busy and exciting long weekend adventures. Everybody tried hard to write an interesting orientation and sequence each event correctly using elaborations. Our spelling rule relates to making words plural and our sound focus is the bossy 'e'. In History we have been discussing what an artefact is and trying to identify how artefacts help us to understand the past. Some of us would love to be an archeologist when we grow up! In Maths we have identified the patterns found when adding two numbers together and discussed our Australian coins and their value. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who have volunteered to cover our new readers. It is really appreciated. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 2 Last Friday we enjoyed our visit to the Life Education Van where Healthy Harold taught us many things about living a healthy life. In Maths we had fun with symmetry and investigated synonyms in Grammar. In PDH we discussed the importance of wearing a bike helmet and how to wear it correctly. We are still enjoying many English activities based on our theme, 'Monsters' and are putting together our fabulous portfolio artworks – which is proving to be a puzzle! Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week Year 3 enjoyed our visit to the Life Education Van where we learnt about how to keep the systems in our bodies healthy and strong. It was also great to see that Harold was still keeping up a healthy lifestyle. In Maths we've learnt about pentagons and during writing we reviewed our knowledge of the text types we have covered this year. In History we are working in groups to research different festivals that are celebrated throughout the world. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 enjoyed learning about Cybersafety with Healthy Harold yesterday. In Grammar we are learning about pronouns and when to use 'I' or 'me'. For Writing we have planned and composed an exposition convincing people of the best season. During Maths we have revised 4-digit addition, patterns on a hundreds chart and the top, front and side views of 3D shapes. We have begun practising our Hut Day speeches and explored the 'My Place' website to find out about the lives and living conditions of early settlers. Have a top weekend *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 Thank you to all the parents and friends who came along today to join our celebration with us and also thank you to Sr Robyn and Mrs Banks who helped lead the Communion Service in Fr Martin's absence. This week we have been looking at rotational symmetry in Maths as well as revising order of operations. In English we have begun to present our class speeches based on a person we admire. We are super excited to head to Cooee Lodge tomorrow to deliver our poems to the residents. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 This week Year 6 completed the Religious Education test and it was great to see everyone 'Giving Of Their Best'. In Maths we have learnt about lines of symmetry, expanding numbers and order of operations. Our Grammar focus has been on past and present participles. Year 6 has worked on their Canberra interviews this week. They are sounding magnificent! We have been writing a discussion titled 'Should Homework Be Banned?'. Year 6 sure came up with some very strong arguments both for and against this topic. Keep up the great work! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 17 June – Lesley Riley & Phillipa Saunders

Monday, 20 June – Rachel Kirsop & Sally Temple

Wednesday, 22 June – Julie Marchant & Brenda Purvis

Friday, 24 June – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 19 June – Marshall Fairey, Lachlan Fairey, Jacob Wilson, Jett Grimshaw