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Term 2 Week 8

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Thought for the Week

First Communion Prayer

Come Lord Jesus, into my heart today

Help me always to follow Your will, Your Word and Your way.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Joseph's Church - Sunday, 23 June – 9:30 a.m.

The excitement is certainly building for the First Holy Communion class as this special day is quickly approaching. Our school community and parish are warmly invited to celebrate First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church on Sunday, 23 June at 9:30 a.m. Please keep our First Holy Communion class in your thoughts and prayers: **Brooke Beaton, Sam Chandler, Scarlett Chandler, Tilla Chandler, Alex Cosier, Toby Davis, Te Mana Diamond, Alyssa Ferguson, Mia Ferguson, Xanthe Gale, Jack Gibson, Sophie Gilmour, Jemima Harrison, Kenedi Hazelton, Makynli Hazelton, Jacqueline Hutchison, Riley Hutchison, Angus Johnson, Ava Lacey, Poppy-Grace Newton, Hayden Nichols, Evie Peart, Sophia Peart, Lachlan Profke, Alexia Riley, Sailor Ryan, Georgia Tancred, Olivia Westwood, Violet Whitehouse, Dimity Wykes, Layla Wykes, Lara Younghusband, Vaughan Zell.**

It would be fabulous to have lots there for this great occasion.

WORKING BEE TO CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a working bee for Year 3 parents to clean the church in preparation for First Holy Communion this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. We hope to see as many as possible there.

JUNE P & F MEETING

Thank you to those who attended the June P & F Meeting on Tuesday evening. It was once again a productive meeting where it was agreed to subsidise the buses that transported the children to the Dubbo Eisteddfod which amounted to \$886.00, thus enabling us to charge the minimal fee of \$5.00 per child. The P & F are also paying all the children's entry costs to the Life Education Van this week – a saving to parents of \$10.00 per child. We thank all the energetic members of our P & F Association for their continued hard work to enable these savings to be passed on to you, the parents. We have been approached by the Gilgandra Services Club to promote an upcoming ABBA performance which they are holding on Saturday, 31 August. By agreeing to promote this event, they will donate 50% of all door sales to our P & F – a fabulous gesture. So keep this date in mind, organize your family, friends and neighbours for a great night out at the Gilgandra Services Club on Saturday, 31 August. The more tickets sold, the more money we make!

YEAR 2 RURAL MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTRE VISIT

Our Year 2 students are counting down the days until their visit to the Gilgandra Rural Museum and Cultural Centre which will take place next Wednesday, 26 June. This excursion is part of their History unit, 'The Past In The Present' and it should be most interesting investigating the way things were in days gone by.

GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

The students and staff of Gilgandra High School have invited all our Year 5 and Year 6 students and parents to their Open Day to be held next Wednesday, 26 June. The students will be placed into groups lead by a Year 10 student who will take them through the various stations in the hall. Both students and parents are also invited to stay for a shared BBQ lunch. All Year 5 and Year 6 students received a note outlining the day's events yesterday.

YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 27 June at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will be served following the Liturgy.

DIOCESE OF BATHURST RUGBY UNION GALA DAY

We have three students participating in the Diocese of Bathurst Rugby Union Gala Day being held in Orange tomorrow, Friday, 21 June. We wish **Elten Walker, Eva Bonnington** and **Will Younghusband** the best of luck as they represent our school at this event and hope they have an enjoyable day.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joe's Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval next Friday, 28 June. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6). Thank you to everyone who has offered to help on the day. We certainly can't run these events without your help. A complete roster will go home next Thursday. All lunch orders should be in now. **If your child wishes to order his/her lunch at the athletics carnival and they haven't returned their lunch order, please do so by Monday at the latest so we can order the food.**

YEAR 4 HUT DAY

Everyone is starting to get excited about the Year 4 Early Settlers Hut Day to be held on **Thursday, 4 July**. 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.

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, 28 June. During the last week of term, on Monday, 1 July, Tuesday, 2 July and Wednesday, 3 July, 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.

INFANTS PARENTS FOR CANTEN NEXT FRIDAY

We need a volunteer for canteen at school next Friday, 28 June. The infants students will be the only ones at school due to the Primary Athletics Carnival at McGrane Oval, so it won't be a big day. If anyone can help out, could you please contact Mrs Hodge in the office,

SISTER ROBYN'S 60th JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Sister Robyn will celebrate her 60th Jubilee as a Sister of St Joseph in the Bathurst Diocese and her 80th birthday with a special Mass at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, 30 June. An invitation is extended to all parishioners and their guests to join Sr Robyn at Mass followed by morning tea at the church and then an informal lunch at the Gilgandra Services Club from 12:00 noon. Those wishing to attend the lunch please RSVP to Paul or Leonie Mann on 68472218 or email pa.lpmann@bigpond.com by Sunday, 23 June. Tickets for the lunch (excluding drinks) are \$30.00 and can be purchased from Paul and Leonie at church or at the door on the day. We wish Sr Robyn all God's blessings on the occasion of two fabulous milestones.

COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS

We have now received full details, including entry forms, for the St Lawrence's School Coonabarabran Horse Sports two day event to be held at the Coonabarabran Showground on Thursday and Friday, 29 and 30 August. **Entries close on Thursday, 15 August, so we would need the completed forms back at school by Monday, 12 August.** For those interested, please call in and pick up a copy of the entry forms or let Mrs Hodge know and she can email them to you.

GO4FUN ONLINE PROGRAM

Western NSW Local Health is promoting a new program for kids and their families called 'Go4Fun Online'. This is a free 10 week program for children aged 7-13 years who may be above a healthy weight and their families to help improve eating and physical activity habits. There are 10 online sessions and a weekly phone call from a trained and qualified coach to help keep you on track. Go4Fun Online is for families in NSW who are unable to attend the face to face version of the program. To register or find out more call 1800 780 900 or go online to <https://go4funonline.com.au/>

MERIT AWARDS

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

Kinder: **Chloe Heffer** for trying hard to write her sounds, **Regan Johnson** for a magnificent effort writing his name, **Parker Leven** for confident reading during our Liturgy and **Oscar Medd** for attempting to spell tricky words in Story Writing. **Year 1:** **Oli Chandler** and **Kellie Hutchison** for writing imaginative stories about a monster, **Alana Spora** for great work measuring the length of objects using paper clips and toothpicks, **Izakk Tarrant** for a super effort in Story Writing and **Arabella Chandler** for creating a beautiful 'Bucket Filler' artwork. **Year 2:** **Max Fiddes** for great working out in Maths, **Jagger Hazelton** for super improvement in Maths, **Cooper Lummis** for trying hard in Reading and completing homework and **Brodie Nichols** and **Georgia Allan** for great work in reading groups. **Year 3:** **Alex Cosier** and **Georgia Tancred** for writing a convincing discussion on why everyone should own a dog, **Alexia Riley** for trying her best in all mathematical tasks, **Makynli Hazelton** for fabulous work following directions in Maths and **Ava Lacey** for writing a fantastic poem during free choice writing. **Year 4:** **Alicia Fordham**, **Eliza Mudford**, **Orlando Ryan** and **Emily Standing** for fantastic hut day speeches. **Year 5:** **Abigail Davis** for brightening the day with her smile, **Blake Fairey** for working well as part of a research team in Geography, **Alison Mudford** and **Grace Tancred** for asking intelligent questions in Maths to clarify understanding, **Henry Purvis** for increased participation in Literacy Pro reading quizzes and **Ryder Ryan** for trying hard in Sentence A Day activities. **Year 6:** **Jett Tarrant** for his focus and effort during eisteddfod practice, **Billie Allan**, **Hayden Ferguson** and **Harry Mudford** for their excellent understanding of life in Asia in comparison to Australia and **Paige Gilmour** for continued improvement to complete work.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 8

Thursday, 20 June	- Working Bee to clean the church for First Holy Communion – 3:00 p.m.
Friday, 21 June	- Life Education Van - Diocese of Bathurst Rugby Union Gala Day – Orange
Sunday, 23 June	- First Holy Communion – 9:30 a.m.
WEEK 9	
Wednesday, 26 June	- Gilgandra High School Open Day – Years 5 & 6 - Year 2 Rural Museum & Cultural Centre visit
Thursday, 27 June	- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 28 June	- Primary Athletics Carnival - Reports home
Saturday, 30 Jun	- Sister Robyn's Jubilee celebration

WEEK 10

Monday, 1 July	- NAIDOC Week celebrations - St Stannies representatives – Years 4, 5 and 6 boys - Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday, 2 July	- NAIDOC Week Mass – 9:00 a.m. - Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, 3 July	- Athletics Carnival back-up date - Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge - Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday, 4 July	- Year 4 Hut Day
Friday, 5 July	- Peachey Shield Finals – Dubbo - Last Day – Term 2

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate our Kinder Liturgy this morning. We always love having visitors at our school. This week Kinder also met Healthy Harold for the first time. It was very exciting visiting the Life Education Van and interacting with Harold to learn about building friendships and what we can do when we feel unsafe or unhappy. Thank you to Miss Erin for taking us on the 'Friend Ship'. Tweety made a return visit to the classroom this week and we were very excited to see him. We cleaned his cage and were reminded how important it is to look after our

pets. In Art we made some great looking kkkk.kings to match our sound of the week. We hope to see lots of Kinders at Mass on Sunday to help celebrate with Year 3 as they receive their First Communion. It's such a special time and everyone is welcome! Enjoy your weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 has enjoyed reading Nick Bland's, "King Pig" this week. The children have written a response about being a sheep in King Pig's kingdom and all the horrible things King Pig may make them do. In phonics our sound focus has been 'ea', 'ee' and 'e' and our spelling rule is 'for nouns ending in 'y' change the 'y' to an 'i' and add 'es'. Our Grammar focus is compound words and the students have enjoyed making compound words from two pictures and putting these words into sentences. During Maths we've revised our friends of ten and completed our portfolio task. We enjoyed going to Healthy Harold yesterday where we learnt about being safe in different environments and how important it is to know our home address and phone number if we ever have to make an emergency call. We hope to see lots at Mass on Sunday to help celebrate with our Year 3 class when they receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 2 students have looked at the 'shun' sound in Spelling ('_cian' – musician, '_ssion' – permission and 'tion' – invention). There are lots of tricky words that use these combinations. In Maths we revised multiplication, division and problem solving strategies. Narratives are the focus in text types and we wrote some great imaginative stories about a monster coming to our birthday party and causing lots of dramas! In Art we finished our decorations for the hall in readiness for Year 3's First Holy Communion celebration on Sunday. It's sure to be a great celebration. Thank you to the Mums and Dads who have offered to help prepare and serve the food on Sunday morning. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 The excitement is certainly building in Year 3 this week with only 3 more sleeps until our special celebration. We have continued learning about the parts of the Mass in our Religion unit focusing on 'Go Forth', whereby we go out and do the will of God. We have been preparing for our First Holy Communion Mass and it would be lovely to see family and friends come along and celebrate with us this Sunday. During English we have begun looking at writing information reports and how they can classify people, animals or objects, while in Maths we have focused on trading in addition, number patterns and describing prisms. In Science we have looked at classifying objects into different heat sources and learnt more about how light travels. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday! *Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 4 Students have finished writing procedures this week after they made up a game in groups and wrote a procedure instructing people how to play it. In Maths Year 4 has been learning about grams and exploring strategies for their nine times tables. We have been working on portfolio tasks to show our parents how we are going with our learning. We have also been practising our hut day speeches. Huts are due in by the end of next week (Week 9), you are welcome to bring these in any time from Monday – Friday. I am really looking forward to seeing the huts that students have been working hard on at home! We look forward to celebrating First Holy Communion with our Year 3 friends this Sunday. *Miss Prue Giffin*

YEAR 5 Congratulations to everyone who presented fantastic speeches this week – they were awesome! In class we have been looking at the order of operations and learning a cool rap to help us remember it. During Grammar we have been examining adjectival phrases and working at incorporating these into our writing. We are currently using the chromebooks to create a group information task sharing our ideas in a collaborative way. Mr Mus taught us about the importance of being respectful listeners which was also good to revise. We are looking forward to celebrating First Holy Communion with Year 3 on Sunday – we hope to see lots of you there. Have a good weekend. *Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

YEAR 6 What a busy and wonderful week. Year 6 began the week by presenting their free choice speeches to the class. I congratulate each and every student on their fantastic presentations and their efforts are highly commended. We have been busy in the classroom recapping the 'Bounce Back' concepts and discussing how we can implement these in our everyday lives, as well as learning about 'Relating, Respecting & Connecting' with the Life Education Van. We wish our fellow Year 3 class all the best for their upcoming First Holy Communion Celebration this Sunday. Have a safe and wonderful weekend. *Miss Jess Seaman*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 21 June – Anna Peart & Amy Spora
Monday, 24 June – Kristy Cosier & Alicia Harrison
Wednesday, 26 June – Jodie Peart and Lib Walker
Friday, 28 June – **Infants parent volunteers required**

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 23 June – Nick Gale, Declan Gale, Emilia Peart, Dakotah Gilmour

