



ABOUT

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Term 2 Week 9

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Thought for the Week

One small positive thought can change your whole day!



DIOCESAN SCHOOL LEARNING REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT

Accompanying today's About is a report on the recent review of our school conducted by the Catholic Education Office. We thank everyone who was involved in the process and feel very proud of the many highlights found in the report. We also look forward to implementing the recommendations for improvement over the coming years.

CONGRATULATIONS RHYS & WILL

Congratulations to Rhys O'Neill and Will Fuller who represented the Diocese of Bathurst at the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Cross Country Championships held at Eastern Creek Raceway in Sydney last Friday. Special mention to Rhys who finished fourth in his event which is a fantastic achievement. Rhys will now represent Polding at the NSW PSSA Cross Country Championships next term.

JUNE P & F MEETING

Thank you to all those who attended our June P & F Meeting. At the meeting funds were made available to purchase infants readers, sport levies, pay the children's entry to the Life Education Van and the ICAS English and Maths Competitions. The school is very grateful for the wonderful generosity and continued support of our P & F Association.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

At this stage the Athletics Carnival will still go ahead tomorrow. If we get more rain then it may need to be postponed to next Friday, 1 July. **Please note – if it is deemed to be too wet for some events eg. high jump then the times listed on the roster may need to be totally changed.** All children need to come to school dressed in their sports uniform where they will be told if the carnival is to proceed. **The ground will obviously be quite damp tomorrow, so an extra pair of socks or shoes might be handy.** If the carnival is postponed lunch orders will still be served from the school canteen. Thank you to those who have offered to help at the carnival, your help is greatly appreciated. The roster is attached. Hopefully we will see lots there to cheer on the children.

HALF YEARLY REPORTS – PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Your child's half yearly report will be sent home with the eldest child in the family tomorrow, Friday, 24 June. Next week, 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. 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.

RICHARDSON CUP FINALS

We wish our Years 3/4 rugby league team the best of luck next Wednesday, 29 June when they play in the finals of the Richardson Cup in Dubbo. Congratulations to all the boys and coach Nathan Ferguson for reaching the finals. The team consists of: **Luke O'Neill, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Bailey Wykes, Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Aiden Walker, Will Spora, Jack Oehm and Dylon Murray.**
GO JOEY'S!

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES

SONGLINES: THE LIVING NARRATIVE OF OUR NATION

Next week 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 – Billie Buckland, 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.

YEAR 4 HUT DAY

The huts are coming in and they look fantastic! Once again so much hard work has gone into creating them. Everyone is starting to get excited about the Year 4 Early Settlers Hut Day to be held next Thursday, 30 June with morning tea at 11:00 a.m. and the presentation of huts at 11:20 a.m. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

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 next 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.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Scarlett Chandler** for beautiful handwriting in Sentence A Day, **Alex Cosier** for his confidence and interesting topics in News, **Angus Johnson** for giving of his best during our Science unit, 'Staying Alive', **Evie Peart** for being a great role model for others to follow and **Jack Gibson** for his contribution to discussions during our History topic, 'Personal and Family Histories'.

YEAR 1: **Alicia Fordham** and **Eliza Mudford** for an excellent effort in spelling, **Emma Mills** for a great information report about crocodiles and **Isabelle Mudford** for a great explanation about how to look after horses.

YEAR 2: **Jessie Riley** for wonderful work in Comprehension, **Declan Gale** for a great effort in Spelling, **Blake Fairey** for super work in Maths, **Tia Allan** for writing imaginative stories during free writing sessions, **Molly Nichols** for a fabulous effort in Spelling and Sentence A Day and **Trinity Zell** for great improvement in Spelling.

YEAR 3: **Jasmine Zell** for working hard in Grammar, **Alana Elsom** for writing thorough responses in Comprehension, **Nick Tancred** for working conscientiously in Science and **Elten Walker** for approaching his work with an interested attitude.

YEAR 4: **Jade Elsom** for painting a lovely symmetrical snowflake, **Layne Godber** for writing a well structured exposition and **Luke O'Neill** for writing a creative Hut Day speech.

YEAR 5: **Marshall Fairey** for reading fantastically at our class Mass and **Bradley Gibson** and **Oli Schier** for presenting great speeches on someone they admire.

YEAR 6: **Charlie Banks** for always 'Giving Of His Best', **Thomas Durrant** for great work in Operations, **Ashleigh Carlow** for excellent use of imagery in writing, **Hamish Beveridge** for accurate work when identifying verb tense and **Tyler Evans** for working well in Problem A Day.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 9

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
- Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.

WEEK 12 - Year 5 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 26 July - Book Fair
Thursday, 28 July - Western Region Athletics
Friday, 29 July - GHS Careers Expo

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER In Kindergarten this week we have been reading "How The Kangaroos Got Their Tails" and learnt some new words that were unfamiliar. We discussed Dreamtime stories and how they came about. Next week is revision week with all the sounds we have learnt so far. In Mathematics we learnt about dots on dominoes and dice and recognised numbers from 1 to 10 in a ten frame. During story writing we used our imagination to write a story about a spectacular garden. There were many creatures that were invented! In Science we discussed space and shelter, as well as different types of shelters for animals and people. In History we continued our discussion about artefacts and learning the difference between past, present and future. During Religion we have been learning where the Bible is read, why we bow before we come onto the altar and why we genuflect when we enter the church. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 This week in Religion we read the story, 'Feeding The Five Thousand'. We discussed how the disciples must have felt when Jesus

asked them to find food for all those people and then how amazing it would have been to actually witness this miracle. Our focus in Maths has been bridging to ten, exploring quarters of collections and quadrilaterals. In History we have looked at some examples of Aboriginal artefacts and how the Aboriginal people used these to hunt, gather, store and carry items in the past. Thank you to everyone who prepared their favourite Dreamtime story to share during News. It was great to hear all about them. Our information report about frogs has been an interesting discovery into the amazing world of our little green amphibian friends! Have a good weekend! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 Brr! What a cold and wet week it's been. Year 2 has worked hard writing about their teachers who are aliens!!! In History we reviewed the Gilgandra timeline of significant events and are looking forward to our excursion to the Rural Museum next Friday. During Religion we discussed the signs and symbols of God's love for us and identified the colours in the seasons and what they represent. We talked about the colours of Fr Martin's vestments and why he wears different ones for different occasions throughout the church year. We are looking forward to catching up with lots of parents during the parent/teacher interviews next week. Keep warm and enjoy your weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 During Maths this week Year 3 investigated the kilogram as a unit of measure. We estimated whether some every day objects were less than, about or more than 1 kilogram. We also learnt to use empty number lines to calculate more complicated addition and subtraction operations. In English we have been working on publishing our poems and during History we have continued to work in groups to research well known celebrations from around the world. It has been good to learn about how to find relevant information as well as how to work effectively together as a group. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 There's only one week to go until Hut Day! In class we have been preparing by practising our speeches and writing a procedure titled 'How to Build an Early Settler Hut'. You are more than welcome to bring in any completed huts. For Comprehension we have been continuing our work in groups to learn a particular comprehension skill. In Grammar our focus has been on commas and when to use them. For Maths we have revised a number of concepts taught over this semester, in particular fractions and we completed our Portfolio task. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 Only 26 more days until our Canberra adventure! This week in class we have been spending some time practising our Canberra interviews and they are sounding fantastic- we have a week to go and some of us have already learnt them off by heart. During History we have spent time learning all about the Australian War Memorial, developing our understanding of what people have sacrificed so that we can live in our free country today. In Maths we have been looking at revising Roman Numerals and Line Graphs. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 has been working very hard on our Canberra interviews this week. They are very entertaining and engaging. In Maths we have worked with fractions, chance from zero to one and we have constructed 3D objects with centicubes. We have finished writing our discussions titled 'Should Homework Be Banned?' and they sound great! In Grammar we have been learning about similes and we have discussed the importance of using them to enhance our writing. Last Friday Years 5 and 6 really enjoyed their visit to Cooee Lodge and they presented their eisteddfod poems magnificently. Have a great weekend! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 24 June – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas
Monday, 27 June – Shalyn Chandler & Anna Mudford
Wednesday, 29 June – Donna Wheatley & Rachel Hutchison
Friday, 1 July – Katherine Gaff & Sarah Gordon

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 26 June – Pat Spora, Zac Ferguson, Rani Diggs, Amber Tarrant

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