

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!



PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The St Joeys' Primary Athletics Carnival will be held at McGrane Oval tomorrow, Friday, 29 June. A message will be published on the school app advising if the carnival is on or off by 8.00 a.m. The back-up date in case of wet weather is Friday, 6 July. This carnival involves all primary school students (Years 3-6). Thank you to those who have offered to help. A roster has gone home to everyone today and as you can see we are still a little short of helpers in some events and no helpers in the canteen from 1.00 p.m. If you are able to help out, please do so tomorrow. Please note that the times listed are approximate only. Events may start earlier or later. Children should firstly come to school dressed in their sports uniform and will then walk down to the oval with the teachers. Hopefully we will have a big crowd there cheering on the children.

NAIDOC WEEK ACTIVITIES

THEME: BECAUSE OF HER WE CAN

Next week we will celebrate NAIDOC Week at our school. The program will be as follows:

<u>Monday, 2 July</u>	9.00 a.m.	Flag raising Welcome Cake cutting
	9.30 a.m.	Class activities
<u>Tuesday, 3 July</u>	9.00 a.m.	Whole School Mass
	1.00 p.m.	Free BBQ Lunch Sausage sizzle and drinks, Tiger Pearce making his famous Johnny Cakes and Didj playing.

RICHARDSON CUP FINALS

We wish our Years 3/4 rugby league team the best of luck next Wednesday, 4 July when they play in the finals of the Russell Richardson Cup in Dubbo. The team has trained really well and we congratulate them on reaching the finals. Our team consists of: **Eva Bonnington, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Lochie Henry, Lilla Oehm, Henry Purvis, Ryder Ryan, Will Younghusband, Mitch Fuller, Brody Heffer and Will O'Connor.**

YEAR 4 HUT DAY

The huts are starting to come 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, 5 July** with morning tea at 11:00 a.m. and the presentation of huts at 11:20 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea.

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, 29 June. Next week, on Monday, 2 July, Tuesday, 3 July and Wednesday, 4 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. 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 2019

We are now taking enrolments for our Kinder class of 2019. 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, 6 July.**

LIBRARY NEWS

The Library is running a competition in preparation for the Book Fair. Competition sheets were handed out in library lessons this week. Entries close on Wednesday, 4 July.

ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is being celebrated this Sunday, 1 July at the 9:30 a.m. during Mass at St Joseph's Church. The Australian Catholic Bishops have declared the first Sunday in July a day dedicated to our aboriginal brothers and sisters. All are welcome to come along and join in the celebration. We need children to help out with the slides, singing, and playing the clapsticks!

P & F TRIVIA NIGHT

St Joseph's P & F Association is holding a Trivia Night on Saturday, 4 August at Gilgandra Sporties. There will be tables of eight, so get a table together or come on your own and join a table. The cost will be \$10.00 per head. The evening will commence at 7:00 p.m. and feel free to bring your own nibbles. Stay tuned for further details regarding tickets etc.

TRIVIA NIGHT MEETING

There will be a meeting next Thursday, 5 July at 7:00 p.m. at the Sporties for anyone interested in helping to organise the Trivia night. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to come along and share some ideas.

"DREAM BIG" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

Friday, 17 August 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

It's just about time for the fancy dress social and our Year 6 leaders want you to 'DREAM BIG'!! What does it mean to 'DREAM BIG' we hear you ask? Well how about you dream about coming as an **OUTBACK LEGEND**, or **LIGHT IT UP** and dress in different colours, or dress as your favourite **MOVIE CHARACTER**, or as what you want to be **WHEN YOU GROW UP**, or as a **ROCK 'N' ROLL STAR**, or your **BIGGEST IDOL**, or someone from **ONCE UPON A TIME** or **ONCE IN A MILLION YEARS**, or what about **SPONGEBOB** or one of his mates, or come up with your own dream character. **BUT DON'T DREAM IT, DO IT!!** See you at the social to be held in our school hall on Friday, 17 August from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself and **DARE TO DREAM!**

FATHER'S DAY STALL COORDINATOR

We are looking for a coordinator for our Father's Day Stall. Mrs Jessica Whitehouse did a fabulous job last year but has now moved to Nelson Bay. Father's Day is on Sunday, 2 September which means our stall would be held on Friday, 31 August. This may seem a long way off at the moment but we all know how quickly time passes! Our Father's Day Stall is one of our four fundraising activities for the year, but more importantly, as with the Mother's Day Stall, it is something that gives much pleasure to the children, being able to purchase their own special gifts. Could you please give this role serious consideration and if you are interested contact the office.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHILDREN'S GUARDIAN

Anyone who works face-to-face with your child must have a Working With Children Check ("WWCC") clearance unless they qualify for an exemption. It does not matter whether they are paid, volunteer or self-employed. This includes people that you may personally engage to work directly with your children such as: **au pairs & nannies (except privately arranged babysitting), tutors, sporting coaches & music teachers.** If you directly engage a person in child-related work, you need to verify their WWCC number online before they commence work by visiting <https://www.kidsguardian.nsw.gov.au>. Please note, if a person is barred, interim barred or not found, then you cannot engage them in child-related work.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Olamide Kuku** for being a polite and enthusiastic member of Kinder, **Andrew Standing** for drawing a fantastic fox, **Milla Morris** for writing a great story about a fox and **Ella Murphy** for super work learning ordinal numbers.

YEAR 1: **Nikola Riley** for super word attack when reading, **Chloe Harris** for a fabulous drawing of a horse, **Mia Mudford** for wonderful effort when writing and **Isla Volkofsky** for being a great classroom helper.

YEAR 2: **Brooke Beaton** for working hard in Maths, **Scarlett Chandler** and **Tilla Chandler** for reading with delightful expression, **Alex Cosier** for asking interesting questions in Science and History, **Toby Davis** for being a caring and considerate class member, **Te Mana Diamond** for great perseverance in Problem A Day and Operations and **Kenedi Hazelton** for taking pride to complete all work neatly.

YEAR 3: **Amity Chapman** for a great effort in Text Types, **Jordan Wighton** for great participation in class discussions, **Orlando Ryan** for fantastic work in Maths and **Abbie Skinner** for an improved effort in Spelling.

YEAR 4: **Rani Diamond, Jordan Neeves** and **Molly Nichols** for writing fantastic hut procedures, **Lilla Oehm** for correctly using pronouns in Grammar, **Nick Kirsop** for always being kind and courteous towards others and **Grace Jones-Copelin** for using effective strategies to work out your 9 times tables.

YEAR 5: **Paige Gilmour, Jett Chandler** and **Grace Winter** for a fantastic poem 'What is a Million?', **Lucas Gleadhill** for improvement in fluency when reading and **Ava Meyers** for a fantastic attitude towards all set tasks.

YEAR 6: **Dylen Murray** for coming up with excellent sentence starters for persuasive writing, **Bailey Wykes** and **Jerome Woodrow** for great work with order of operations and **Breanna Foster** for trying hard to improve her standard of bookwork.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 9

Friday, 29 June - Athletics Carnival
- Reports home

WEEK 10

Monday, 2 July - NAIDOC Week celebrations
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday, 3 July - NAIDOC Week Mass – 9:00 a.m.
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, 4 July - Peachey/Richardson Finals – Dubbo
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
Thursday, 5 July - Year 4 Hut Day
- Trivia Night Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 6 July - Athletics Carnival back-up date
- Last day – Term 2

TERM 2

WEEK 1

Monday, 23 July - First day Term 3
Tuesday, 24 July -
Friday, 27 July - Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion

WEEK 2

Monday, 30 July - Western Region Athletics Carnival
Tuesday, 31 July - ICAS English Competition
- Book Fair
Friday, 3 August - Jeans for Genes Day
Saturday, 4 August - Trivia Night

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER We have had another busy week in Kinder. In Religion we read a story from the Old Testament called Joseph and his Coat. We discussed how the Bible contains the names of real people who lived in real cities and towns. One day some of us may visit these real places. We all really enjoyed 'The Scarecrows' Wedding' by Julia Donaldson and we ordered the major events, unjumbled sentences and completed a cloze passage. In Maths we described patterns and completed our portfolio task. Our PDH unit is 'Me and My Mates' and this week we explored how God made us all unique and special. In Art we painted some beautiful winter landscapes. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 In Text Types we have begun looking at procedures. We had a "wobbly" start by following the directions of how to make jelly and then enjoyed eating it the next day. After reading 'The Very Noisy Bear' by Nick Bland we decorated and filled a cardboard roll with rice to make our own instruments which we then played along to our favourite songs (a very noisy classroom!). In Religion we investigated the four parts of the Mass and classified pictures in History as 'past' or 'present' and discussed how we could tell the difference. In Art we completed work on a 'four seasons' tree and our portfolio task. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

YEAR 2 It has been another busy week in Year 2 as we review lots of concepts covered in the term. In Grammar we revised adjectives, conjunctions and speech marks. The Spelling sounds was "oo, u, ou" (like in push, book, could). During History we looked at landmarks in the local area and then painted beautiful windmill silhouettes in Art. We have really enjoyed learning about Gilgandra's history. Maths saw us revise division, numeration and working mathematically when problem solving. Next week we will be looking at 'Dreamtime Stories' in Literature as part of Naidoc Week and we look forward to Mrs Pearce reading some of her favourite stories to us. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Wow, isn't this term just flying? Holidays will be here before we know it! During English this week we have been focusing on prepositions in grammar and how they tell us positions. We have also looked at the sound 'n' during Spelling as well as adding the suffix 'ing'. During our literature unit we have continued to read our novel 'The Twits' and discussed some of the nasty tricks that Mr and Mrs Twit have been playing on each other. During Science we have looked at the terms 'snap, tear and stretch.' We have been experimenting with items that we could snap, tear and stretch and discussed whether the materials are natural and processed. We have also been looking at materials that we think will rot or decompose. Everyone is excited about the athletics carnival tomorrow. Best of luck everyone! Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell

YEAR 4 Wow, we are very impressed with the huts the students have constructed! A huge effort has gone into this and we would like to thank parents for their contributions. We cannot wait to show off our huts next Thursday! Please join us to hear the speeches and check out the finished products. We will be having morning tea as well, hope to see you there! Students have also been practising their athletic skills in preparation for the carnival tomorrow. We look forward to seeing everyone participating in events, along with cheering and supporting your house! Students have been learning how to write a persuasive text, using successful plans, sizzling starts and exciting endings to improve our writing. Grammar lessons have involved a focus on punctuation and proofreading and students have developed their knowledge of number patterns in Maths. Enjoy your weekend!

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 is to be congratulated on the reverence at our class Mass today. Fr Greg spoke to us about the importance of trusting in God and we thank all those who came along to celebrate with us. During Maths this week we have focused on finding fractions of whole numbers and rotational symmetry. In Science we have been conducting group research into famous astronauts. We think the life of an astronaut seems really exciting and interesting but also difficult at times completing simple daily tasks. We are really looking forward to running, jumping and throwing at our athletics carnival tomorrow!

Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 In Maths this week Year 6 learnt about volume and capacity and we worked well using 360 degree protractors to measure angles. In Religion we have started our Confirmation unit. We discussed the importance of this sacrament and designed our title pages. Our Canberra interviews are sounding amazing. It is quite clear that we are working hard to have these ready by the end of the term! This week we have put our final touches on our portfolio tasks that will be going home next week. Year 6 is looking forward to a great athletics carnival tomorrow. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 29 June – Sarah Adams & Clay Adams
Monday, 2 July – Nadine Hutchison & Katherine Gaff
Wednesday, 4 July – Jade Zell & Simone Beaton
Friday, 6 July – **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 1 July – Dennis Gale & Jess Scholte

