



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 1

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Thought for the Week

*Enjoy every moment, because in life there are no
rewinds, only flashbacks. Make sure it's all worth it.*

WELCOME BACK

We welcome everyone back to a new school term. Hopefully everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break and we now look forward to another exciting term at St Joey's.

YEARS 5/6 CANBERRA/SNOWY EXCURSION

The Years 5 and 6 students, their teachers and parents are having a sensational time in Canberra and at the snow this week. Our travellers left at 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday and visited the National Capital Exhibition Centre, National Film and Sound Archive, Parliament House and Telstra Tower. On Wednesday, after an eventful trip to Perisher, they visited the Snowy Mountains Authority Education Centre 'Mountains of Power' Program before catching the ski tube to Perisher Valley for lots of thrills and hopefully not too many spills, in the snow. Today our tourists explored the Australian Institute of Sport, Australian War Memorial, Royal Australian Mint, the Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre and Questacon. Tomorrow they will investigate the Electoral Education Centre at Old Parliament House, the National Museum of Australia and Cockington Green. Our weary travellers will then depart for Gilgandra at approximately 3:00 p.m. with a stop-off at McDonalds in Parkes for dinner before arriving back at school at approximately 9:30 p.m. Wow!! We can't wait to hear of all their adventures.

YEAR 4 LEADERS

The Year 4 students have been doing a fantastic job as our school leaders while the Years 5 and 6 students have been in Canberra. Well done Year 4!

NSW PSSA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

We wish Rhys O'Neill the best of luck as she competes in the NSW PSSA Cross Country Championships to be held at Eastern Creek tomorrow. Rhys will represent Polding and be up against the best in the state when he runs this 3 km race. Well done Rhys on making it this far!

YOUTH MASS

Sunday, 24 July - 9:45 a.m.

This Sunday's Mass will be a Youth Mass and all students from St Joey's are invited. If you would like your child/ren to be involved in this Mass, could you please let Mrs Newstead know tomorrow.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held next Tuesday, 26 July in the school hall from 3:20 - 4:15 p.m. The children who are unable to visit the Book Fair after school will be able to purchase books at lunch time. All children must have their money on the day. This year there will be a 'Specials' box with books starting at \$1.00 as well as the very popular 'variety boxes'. Hope to see you there!
Mrs Kilby - Librarian

WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Joey's will send a strong squad to the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Thursday, 28 July. Participating schools include St Joseph's Gilgandra, St Brigid's Coonamble, St John's Baradine, St Lawrence's Coonabarabran, St Mary's Dubbo and St Pius X Dubbo. Best of luck to all our athletes: **Billie Allan, Tylah Anforth, Hamish**

Beveridge, Ashleigh Carlow, Rani Diggs, Thomas Durrant, Jade Elsom, Blake Fairey, Laura Farragher, James Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Breanna Foster, Mason Fryers, Will Fuller, Isaiah Gleadhill, Isaac Grimshaw, Madison Hourigan, Kelsey Hutchison, Rhyon Hutchison, Jennifer Ibe, Michael Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Sienna Marchant, Ella McAnally-Elwin, Olivia McClelland, Lucy McIsaac, Samantha Naden, Jack Oehm, Lilla Oehm, Luke O'Neill, Rhys O'Neill, Heidi Purvis, Mattea Purvis, Mike Raglus, Lachlan Riley, Jessica Scholte, Patrick Spora, Will Spora, Grace Tancred, Amber Tarrant, Aiden Walker, Jacob Wilson, Grace Winter, Jerome Woodrow, Kate Woollams, Bailey Wykes, Ella Wykes.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

A Confirmation parent meeting will be held at school in the computer room on Monday, 1 August at 6:00 p.m. During this meeting we will be outlining the significance of the Sacrament of Confirmation, the program being covered at school and organising the celebration. A note regarding Confirmation has been given to all those children who will be receiving the Sacrament.

KINDER/YEAR 5 SUNDAY MASS

RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

Our Kinder and Year 5 classes will be preparing the Mass on Sunday, 7 August in St Joseph's Church at 9.45am. All students and their families from Kinder and Year 5 are warmly invited to this Mass. Also during this Mass the Year 6 Confirmation candidates will be participating in a Rite of Commitment for Confirmation. During the Mass they will be stating their commitment to prepare themselves for Confirmation. Their families and the parish are asked to support and pray for the Confirmation candidates.

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

The ICAS English Competition will be held on Tuesday, 2 August. All students from Years 3-6 will participate in this competition.

DENTAL VISIT

Cate Corcoran, therapist from Gilgandra Dental Surgery, will visit our school on Thursday, 4 August to complete dental screening for the children. **This is a free dental check-up for all children at our school.** Children will also receive an oral health education bag that includes a toothbrush, toothpaste, pencil, rubber, oral health education information sheets and a tooth holder that can hold a tooth for storage after it has fallen out. If you would like your child to have the check-up please complete the consent form that was given to the children today and return it to school by Wednesday, 3 August. **No children will receive the check-up unless they have returned the consent form.** We thank Cate and Gilgandra Dental Surgery for providing this service to our children.

2015 ANNUAL SCHOOL EDUCATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Our 2015 Annual School Education and Financial Report has been uploaded to the BOSTES website and the Bathurst Diocesan CEO website. This report is a requirement of the Australian Government. If any parents wish to view the report, please see Mrs Hodge and she will provide you with a copy.

WRITE4FUN

The 2016 Schools Writing Competition is now open. Write4Fun encourages students to read and write through these fun competitions that are easy to enter. School students across Australia are invited to enter their poems or short stories and battle it out for the great cash and prizes on offer, including a \$1,000.00 cash first prize with \$500.00 awarded to their school and \$500.00 to the winning student. The quickest and easiest way to enter is online at www.write4fun.net. Alternatively an Official Entry Form can be completed (which is available from school) and entries mailed to PO Box 2734, Nerang DC, Qld, 4211. Entries may also be emailed to enter@write4fun.net or faxed to (07) 55743644. Stories or poems can be on any topic and in any style. Entry is free and the closing date is Wednesday, 31 August, 2016. Happy writing!

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3

WEEK 1

Tuesday, 19 July - Friday 22 - Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy
July Excursion
Sunday, 24 July - Youth Mass – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 2 - **Year 5 Reconciliation**

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

WEEK 3 - **Year 4 Reconciliation**

Monday, 1 August - Confirmation Parent Meeting –
6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 2 August - ICAS English Competition
Thursday, 4 August - Dental Screening
- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 5 August - Western Region Athletics Back-
Up date
- Jeans for Genes Day
- Years 3-6 Fancy Dress Social
Sunday, 7 August - Kinder and Year 5 Sunday Mass
- Rite of Commitment for
Confirmation

WEEK 4 - **Year 3 Reconciliation** - **Year 6 Reconciliation**

Monday, 8 August - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Mass- Year 4 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 10 August - Moorambilla Boys Camp
Thursday, 11 August - Moorambilla Boys Camp
Friday, 12 August - Moorambilla Boys Camp
- Principals Meeting

WEEK 5

Monday, 15 August - Feast of the Assumption Mass –
Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- Morrambilla Girls Camp
Tuesday, 16 August - Morrambilla Girls Camp
- P & F Meeting
Wednesday, 19 August - ICAS Mathematics Competition
Thursday, 18 August - Diocesan Athletics
Sunday, 21 August - Confirmation

WEEK 6

Thursday, 25 August - Concert Practice – GHS
Friday, 26 August - Diocesan Athletics Back-Up date

WEEK 7

Thursday, 1 September - Pastance – Musical School
Performance
- Concert
Friday, 2 September - Principals Meeting
- Father's Day Stall

WEEK 8

Thursday, 8 September - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Kinder Buddy Lunch
Friday, 9 September - Soccer Gala Day - Dubbo
- Polding Athletics

WEEK 9

Friday, 16 September - Fete

WEEK 10

Wednesday, 21 September - Catholic Schools Sports Day –
Coonamble
Thursday, 22 –
Saturday, 24 September - Moorambilla
Friday, 23 September - Last day Term 3
- Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Welcome back to a new school term and a special welcome to Toni Ford who has joined our class this term. This week the children have learnt the name and sound of 'Ee' and we brainstormed as many words as we could beginning with this sound. Next week our sound is 'Nn', so start thinking and looking for things for our sound table next week. We have been reading "Wishy-Washy Day" and have been looking at words in the story that we can sound out and words that rhyme. We also made predictions as to what the story might be about by looking at the pictures and discussed why the animals were hiding. During Writing we wrote a story about a treasure chest and revised punctuation and discussed what detail needs to be in a story. In Mathematics we revised data and participated in a survey based on our favourite colour. We started our new Science and Technology unit 'What Is It Made of?' and looked at things in the classroom made from different materials. We also looked at other types of shoes that are worn in the world and discussed why our shoes were made from leather and rubber. The students had some really good answers. In Geography we investigated where we are situated on a world map and learnt about our country. Just a reminder to bring in a paint shirt for art. Take care.
Miss Belinda Bourke

YEAR 1 Welcome back to another fabulous term in Year 1. We have started our Nick Bland Literature unit with the very funny picture book, "The Very Cranky Bear". Who could imagine spending the night in a cave with a bear! Our Religion unit is based around the stories from the Old and New Testaments. We have enjoyed reading the 'Creation Story' and discussing how amazing God was to create our wonderful world. In Maths we have been doubling numbers, identifying 3D shapes and dividing collections into equal groups. We are looking forward to the Youth Mass this Sunday, so please come along and join in the celebration. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 Welcome back! Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the holidays. We welcome Will and Jordan to Year 2 and hope they enjoy their time at St Joey's. During the week we began our 'Dynamite Dinosaur' literature unit and discussed many facts about these prehistoric creatures from millions of years ago. Lots of people have brought in books, pictures and dinosaur toys for our fabulous dinosaur table. In Maths we worked hard on rounding to 10, addition and subtraction. Have a fantastic weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 Welcome back to Term 3! It seems everyone enjoyed the holidays. We have begun a new unit on the Rio Olympic Games. The children are enthused to learn more about the games and then watch them next month. Compound words have been our Grammar focus and we've also written a Eurcharist acrostic poem and a holiday recount in English. During Maths we've learnt about the square centimetre, described prisms and revised counting by 10's and 100's. The children also practised their word processing skills by creating title pages on the laptop computers. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 Welcome back to a new term. A special welcome to Darcy Neeves. It's great to have you back at Joey's Darcy. We have a busy term ahead. This week we have been learning about the 'gh' sound and homographs along with revising our knowledge of punctuation marks. We have also shared with the class what we did during our holidays and have written a recount about them. In Maths this term we are focusing on two-step questions in Problem A Day and our eight and ten times tables. We are also learning about probability and revising factors and multiples. Well done Year 4 for helping out with all the jobs as leaders of St Joey's while Year 6 is away on the excursion. Have a safe weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 22 July – Michelle Woollams & Amy Spora
Monday, 25 July – Sarah Hickey & Amanda Chandler
Wednesday, 27 July – Nikki Church & Rachel Kirsop
Friday, 29 July – Lorraine Hutchison & Jodie Johnson

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 24 July – Marshall Fairey, Lachlan Fairey, Jacob Wilson, Jett Grimshaw

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