



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 1

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Thought for the Week

Hope sees the invisible, feels the intangible, and achieves the impossible.

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.

PEACHEY SHIELD FINALS

Congratulations to our Years 5/6 rugby league team who played in the finals of the Peachey Shield Rugby League competition on the last day of Term 2. Our team had a most successful day defeating Assumption School Bathurst and drawing with Forbes Public School before losing to Catherine McAuley School Orange. The boys trained exceptionally hard prior to the finals and we thank Nathan Ferguson for giving his time to coach. Thank you also to Dean Ferguson for his assistance and all those who travelled to Dubbo. We are very proud of our team consisting of **Ryan Ferguson, Hayden Ferguson, Nick Gale, Nick Tancred, Will Spora, Ben Standing, Elten Walker, Ryder Ryan, Sam Dunn, Will Younghusband.**

WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

St Joey's will send a strong squad to the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Wednesday, 31 July. A permission note was sent home yesterday. Please return to the tear off slip to school tomorrow, Friday, 26 July. Participating schools include St Joseph's Gilgandra, St Brigid's Coonamble, St John's Baradine, St Lawrence's Coonabarabran, St Mary's Dubbo, St Mary's Wellington and St Pius X Dubbo. Our team consists of: **Evie Peart, Georgia Allan, Chloe Harris, David McIsaac, Jacob Fordham, Ben Mudford, Alyssa Ferguson, Tilla Chandler, Georgia Tancred, Sailor Ryan, Alex Cosier, Angus Johnson, Alex Gaff, Molly Nichols, Alicia Fordham, Will O'Connor, Ryder Ryan, Jonas Naden, Lilla Oehm, Grace Tancred, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairey, Will Younghusband, Billie Allan, Ava Meyers, Lucy McIsaac, Ryan Ferguson, Nick Tancred, Will Spora, Mitch Fuller, Brody Heffer, Henry Purvis, Eva Bonnington, Darcy Morris, Jacqueline Hutchison, Emilia Peart, Beatie Davis, Sophia Peart, Nick Gale, Hayden Ferguson, Brooke Woollams, Rhyan Hutchison, Elten Walker, Harry Mudford, Emma Mills, Nick Kirsop, Jordan Neeves, Trinity Zell, Millie Spora, Jett Tarrant, Grace Winter, Jaida Tarrant, Michael Ibe, Samantha Naden, Ben Harland, Jessica Ibe.**

PRIMARY SPORT ON WEDNESDAY

As many of our primary students will be in Dubbo for the athletics carnival on Wednesday, 31 July, those primary students at school will also have sport. Therefore all primary children should wear their sports uniform on Wednesday. There will be no primary sport next Friday, 2 August. Infants sport will remain on Thursday.

NEXT WEEK'S MUSIC LESSONS

As many students will be attending the Western Region Athletics Carnival on Wednesday, 31 July, next week's music lessons will be held on Thursday, 1 August.

IT'S A GIRL!

Congratulations to Miss Smith and Matt on the safe arrival of Charlie Grace. Charlie was born at Dubbo Base Hospital on Thursday, 18 July. Our very best wishes to Phillipa, Matt and baby Charlie.

KINDER & YEAR 1 TEACHERS

We welcome Mrs Mia van der Walt to the Joey's family next Thursday as she will be teaching Year 1 for the rest of the year while Miss Smith is on maternity leave. Mrs van der Walt has been teaching in Taiwan for the past 15 years and was originally from South Africa. We hope Mia and her family have an amazing time here at Joey's and in Australia. We also welcome Mrs Carmen Clarke who will teach Kinder for the first three weeks while Mrs Newstead is on Long Service Leave. Welcome Carmen.

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back to Term 3! We have a huge term of activity planned for the library. A huge thank you to Michelle O'Brien for making new covers for

the library soft seating. They look fantastic!! Later this term we have Science Week (12-16 August) and Book Week (19-23 August). Watch this space for activities in Weeks 4 and 5! The next Book Club Catalogue will go home in Week 3. *Mrs McIsaac & Mrs Thomas*

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held this Tuesday, 30 July in the school hall from 3.30 - 4.15 pm. There will be a wonderful selection of books for all ages including picture books, junior and senior novels, budget buys, our very popular posters and novelty items. Prices begin at \$1 through to approximately \$30. Every purchase made will earn more books for our school library. Students have this week received catalogues and have visited the Book Fair to see the books that will be on offer. All books must be paid for on the day and EFTPOS facilities will be available. If your child is unable to attend the Book Fair after school, they may shop at lunch time, however please ensure that you child has CASH to pay for their purchase. We look forward to seeing you there.

Competition Time! In conjunction with the Book Fair we are running a colouring-in competition for Years K-2 and a design a book cover competition for Years 3-6. The best judged artist from each year group will win a voucher to spend at the Book Fair. *Mrs McIsaac & Mrs Thomas*

"ABC" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

Next Thursday, 1 August 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Our Year 6 students have decided that 'ABC' will be our theme for this year's fancy dress social for all students from Years 3-6. Year 6 want you to use your sense of humour and imagination to come dressed as anything starting with the initials of your name. For example, if your child's initials are "T.B." they could come dressed as a Tigers supporter, a tennis player, a ballerina or Buzz Lightyear. The social will be held in our school hall next Thursday, 1 August from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself! So get your thinking caps on for 'ABC'!

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Friday, 2 August is Jeans for Genes Day and we have decided this would be a great opportunity to help raise money to prevent childhood disease. We are asking all students to wear jeans to school on Friday, 2 August and bring along a gold coin donation. If you don't own a pair of jeans, just wear a pair of casual pants. With their jeans students will wear their normal school shirt and jumper. We look forward to an enjoyable day and raising lots of money for this worthwhile cause.

SOCCER GALA DAY

The St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day will be held on Friday, 16 August at Lady Cutler Ovals, Blich Street, Dubbo. Permission notes were sent home last term and should have now been returned to school. If you have not yet returned your permission note please do so ASAP, noting that pre-ordered lunches have already been sent to St Laurence's. Canteen facilities will be available on the day.

COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS

We have now received full details, including entry forms, for the St Laurence'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.

YEAR 6 ENVISION HANDS PROJECT

Envision Hands is a not for profit organisation that manufactures prosthetic hands and arms for people in need. This cause solely relies on the recycling of plastic bottle lids and our school has decided to take part in the amazing cause. We ask families to collect plastic bottle lids at home and bring them to school where we can add them to our class collection boxes. Milk bottle, water bottle, soft drink bottle, juice bottle and long life milk bottle lids are all suitable for collection however bottle tops with ring pulls or metal are not. A small hand requires 750 plastic lids and an arm around 1500 plastic lids...so let's get collecting!!!! Thank

you to Year 6 who are driving this project with a vision to *give back to the community*.

STUDENT BACKGROUND DATA COLLECTION

The Catholic Education Office, on behalf of their schools, is required annually to provide Student Background Data to the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). This information is required to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools. ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. This notice is to advise you that ACARA has requested information about you and your child. The information disclosed to ACARA is your child's gender, date of birth, country of birth, indigenous status, background language, parental occupation and parental education. Students are not identified by name. This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:-

- formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
- assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

If you **do not want our school to provide this information to ACARA**, please contact the school office no later than Thursday, 1 August.

FABBA IN CONCERT

Gilgandra Services Club is hosting FABBA, a fabulous band who sing all your favourite ABBA songs. FABBA will be performing at the club on Saturday, 31 August starting at 8:30 p.m. **Half of the door takings will be donated back to the school!!** So get a group of friends and help raise funds for our school while having a FABBA-ulous time! Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the club or school. We thank Gilgandra Services Club for organising this show.

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3

WEEK 2	Years 3 & 4 Reconciliation
Tuesday, 30 July	- Book Fair
Wednesday, 31 July	- Western Region Athletics Carnival
Thursday, 1 August	- Macquarie Conservatorium music lessons (instead of Wednesday)
	- Years 3-6 Primary Fancy Dress Social – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, 2 August	- Jeans for Genes Day
WEEK 3	
Monday, 5 August	- Eva Bonnington – Polding Rugby Union
Thursday, 8 August	- St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday, 7 August –	
Saturday, 10 August	- Moorambilla Boys Camp
Saturday, 10 & Sunday 11 August	- Moorambilla Girls Camp
WEEK 4	
Monday, 12 &	
Tuesday, 13 August	- Moorambilla Girls Camp
Wednesday, 14 August	- Confirmation Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 15 August	- Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 16 August	- St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day
WEEK 5	
Tuesday, 20 August	- P & F Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Friday, 23 August	- Diocesan Athletics
Sunday, 25 August	- Kinder and Year 5 Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m.
	- Confirmation Candidates Rite of Commitment
WEEK 6	
Thursday, 29 August	- Coonabarabran Horse Sports
Friday, 30 August	- Father's Day Stall
	- Coonabarabran Horse Sports
Saturday, 31 August	- FABBA – Gilgandra Services Club
WEEK 7	
Thursday, 5 September	- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 6 September	- GHS Careers Expo
	- Fete
WEEK 8	
Monday, 9 September	- 'Scien-tastic' School Performance – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 11 September	- Concert Rehearsal
Friday, 13 September	- Catholic Schools Sports Day, Baradine
WEEK 9	
Wednesday, 18 September	- Concert
Sunday, 22 September	- Confirmation – 9:30 a.m.
WEEK 10	
Wednesday, 25 September	
- Saturday, 28 September	- Moorambilla – boys and girls
Thursday, 26 September	- Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 27 September	- Last day Term 3
	- Portfolios home

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Welcome back to school for Term 3. Kinder has completed some wonderful recounts of their holidays. We are reading "The Kick-a-lot-Shoes" and focusing on the sound "v" in English. In Maths we have been working on taking away using numbers up to 10. We have enjoyed playing games associated with taking away and patterns. We learnt that patterns can be made with shapes, colours, objects and actions. We are also practising saying the days of the week in the correct order. Well done Kinder for a wonderful start to the term. It is delightful to have a classroom full of happy, refreshed and enthusiastic learners.

Mrs Carmen Clarke

YEAR 1 Welcome back to Term 3. The children have been excitedly sharing many holiday stories with us and have written a recount about their holidays. This week we have enjoyed having Mrs Milsom and Mrs Colwell teaching and we are looking forward to meeting Mrs van der Walt next week. Our Literature unit focus this term is Julia Donaldson and we have begun reading her book "The Gruffalo". We have written a narrative based on the Gruffalo from the mouse's point of view and also completed a cloze activity. During Religion we read "Alexander and the Very Bad, Horrible, No Good Day" and discussed how everyone has a bad day sometimes and often things aren't as bad as they seem. In Geography we used Google Earth to look at a map of Australia and in particular Arnhem Land. The children couldn't believe how far away it is from Gilgandra!

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 Welcome back from holidays and a special welcome to Jimmy who has joined our class. It has been a busy start to Term 3 and some great writing about the holidays has been shared. In Religion we began the new unit "Bounce Back" and we discussed the attributes of what makes a good friend and how friendships can last a lifetime! In Spelling and Phonics we reviewed words ending in -ssion, -sure and -tion (eg. mission, treasure, fiction). Maths challenged us with rounding to the nearest 10 and subtracting on a number line in jumps of ten. Have a great weekend everyone.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Welcome back to Year 3. It has been great to hear many stories about everyone's holidays. We have jumped straight back into our routines and began our learning for Term 3. In Religion we have started our new unit looking at Pentecost and we have continued our Bounce Back unit. We have begun our new Geography unit titled 'Places Are Similar And Different.' The children used the Chromebooks and a new cloud based program called 'Lucidpress' to create some great title pages. During Writing we have written a recount of our holidays and continued working on our information reports on sharks. Best of luck to all those students representing our school at the Western Region Athletics Carnival next Wednesday. Excitement is also building with the Primary social next Thursday. We hope everyone has their costumes sorted! Have a nice weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 Welcome back to Term 3! This week we are very excited to welcome Mac Lesslie into our class. Year 4 are looking forward to dressing up and dancing the night away at the social next Thursday! This week we have been writing recounts about our holidays. We have been revising proper nouns in Grammar to improve our use of these in our written work. We are studying rounding numbers and factors in Maths and have started looking at 'The Earth's Environment' in Geography. It has been wonderful to see students bringing in bottle caps to support children in need for Envision Hands. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 A big welcome back to Term 3. It is great to see everyone smiling and ready for another fantastic term! We have written our holiday expositions and have tried to include complex sentences and more sophisticated vocabulary. In Maths we have looked at ordering decimals, comparing cubic centimetres and millilitres and revised recording remainders as fractions and decimals. "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" is the title of our class novel this term and we look forward to exploring the adventures in Narnia. We have started our new History unit "The Australian Colonies" and have learned about the difference between primary and secondary sources. We are all looking forward to the Primary Social next week and it sounds like everyone is being very creative with their ideas for costumes!

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 Welcome back everyone. I hope you had a wonderful holiday break. Year 6 has dived back into learning with a focus on sector graphs, triangular numbers and long division in Maths. We have enjoyed continuing our class novel "Chinese Cinderella" and are excited to share our school community project, which concludes our Geography unit. Plans are in full swing for the Primary Social and we are super excited. Don't forget to start thinking about your costumes! If you are stuck for ideas, come and see me. Don't forget your footy tips! Our current awesome tipper on the top of the leader board is Jasmine on 86 points! Well done!

Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 26 July – Alicia Heffer & Jo Lummis
Monday, 29 July – Kristy Cosier & Alicia Harrison
Wednesday, 31 July – Jill O'Connor & Shiree Ryan
Friday, 2 August – Sheree Staggs & Simone Fordham

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 28 July – Cameron Davis & Abigail Davis

