

ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 1

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Thought for the Week

The members of a family are like branches on a tree - we all grow in different directions yet our roots remain as one.



ST JOSEPH'S P & F SOCIAL TRIVIA NIGHT

Friday, 3 August – 7:00 p.m. – Gilgandra Sporties

There will be tables of 8 at a cost of \$10.00 per head. If you haven't got a table organised, come along and we will put you on a table. There will be lots of fun and games. NO raffles. Tickets are available to purchase from the school office. **There will be no food provided, but feel free to bring along a plate of nibbles for your table.** All money raised will go the **HEAR OUR HEART EAR BUS PROJECT.**

Here is a sample trivia question to get you thinking!

Where was Sir Donald Bradman born?

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 Parliament House, the National Film and Sound Archives, the National Capital Exhibition Centre and Telstra Tower. On Wednesday, they visited the Snowy Hydro Discovery 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 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 Cowra for dinner before arriving back at school at approximately 10:00 p.m. Wow!! We can't wait to hear of all their adventures. We will keep parents posted regarding their home arrival time via the school app.

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!

WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

St Joey's will send a strong squad to the Western Region Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Monday, 30 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: **Alyssa Ferguson, Georgia Tancred, Bonica Henry, Sailor Ryan, Alex Cosier, Angus Johnson, Sienna Zell, Alex Gaff, Molly Nichols, Will O'Connor, Mitchell Fuller, Ryder Ryan, Lilla Oehm, Grace Tancred, Jordan Neeves, Sam Dunn, Blake Fairay, Lochlann Henry, Billie Allan, Mattea Purvis, Chloe Mudford, Darcy Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Bailey Wykes, Jade Elsom, Emma Durrant, Layney Godber, Jack Oehm, Aiden Walker, Isaac Grimshaw, Jonas Naden, Will Spora, Kate Woollams, Ry Heffer, Jerome Woodrow, Emilia Peart, Alicia Fordham, Brody Heffer, Lucy McIsaac, Oscar Spora, Emily Zell, Molly Wilson, Kyzack Corcoran, Will Younghusband, Brooke Woollams, Trinity Zell, Rhyan Hutchison, Nick Kirsop, Dylon Murray, Camilla Beveridge, Jacob Harland, Eva Bonnington, Luke O'Neill.**

PRIMARY SPORT ON MONDAY

As many of our primary students will be in Dubbo for the athletics carnival on Monday, 30 July, those primary students at school will also have sport. Therefore all primary children should wear their sports uniform on Monday. There will be no primary sport next Friday, 3 August. Infants sport will remain on Thursday.

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

The ICAS English Competition will be held on Tuesday, 31 July. All students from Years 3-6 will participate in this competition.

LIBRARY BOOK FAIR COMPETITION

Thank you to all students who entered the recent library Book Fair competition. Our winners received vouchers to spend at the Book Fair next Tuesday. Congratulations to: **Camilla Beveridge, Lucy McIsaac, Brooke Woollams, Alicia Fordham, Vaughan Zell, David McIsaac, Ben Mudford, Mia Mudford, Lottie Duffy, Eva Mulligan, Lucas Riley, Bill Ryan.**

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are getting very excited about our annual Scholastic Book Fair which will be held next Tuesday, 31 July in the school hall from 3.20 - 4.15 pm. There will be a wonderful selection of books for all ages including picture books, junior novels, non-fiction, budget buys and our very popular posters and novelty items. Catalogues were sent home with the children on Monday so that you can see some of the books that will be on offer. If your child is unable to attend the Book Fair after school, they may shop at lunch time and all books must be paid for on the day of the fair. Items are priced from \$1.00 - \$30.00. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mrs McIsaac & Mrs Thomas

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

A Confirmation parent meeting will be held in the school hall on Wednesday, 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.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 2 August at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Friday, 3 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, 3 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, 10 August at Lady Cutler Ovals, Bligh 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.

"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!**

WARREN HORSE SPORTS

Thursday, 30 & Friday, 31 August

St Mary's School Warren is hosting a Horse Sports Event on Thursday, 30 August and Friday, 31 August. Those students wishing the compete in this event should provide their completed entry form together with the relevant fee to Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the school office by Friday, 3 August.

PRINCIPAL'S ASSESSMENT

This term Mr Musgrave will be undergoing a Principal's performance review conducted by the Catholic Education Office Bathurst (CEDB). This review is an assessment of Mr Musgrave's performance during his current contract period and is linked to contract renewal. The data collection aspect of the review is being managed through an online survey. All staff at the school will be completing this survey. In addition, the process seeks feedback from a random sample group of parents and you are therefore invited, if you are part of this group, to also complete the survey. It will be sent to you via email. The information you provide remains confidential with the data presented to Mr Musgrave as a 'parent group' response. If you have any questions about the process or are unable to access the online survey, which will be available from Monday, 30 July to Friday, 10 August, please contact Janine Kearney, Schools Consultant, Catholic Education Office Dubbo on telephone 6882 7355.

WHAT'S ON IN TERM 3

WEEK 1

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

Thursday, 2 August - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 3 August - Jeans for Genes Day
Saturday, 4 August - Trivia Night

WEEK 3

Tuesday, 7 August - **Year 3 Reconciliation**
- NSW Netball Cup Regional Finals – Orange
Wednesday, 8 August - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 8 August –
Saturday, 11 August - Moorambilla Boys Camp
Friday, 10 August - St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day
Saturday, 11 & Sunday 12 August - Moorambilla Girls Camp

WEEK 4

Monday, 13 August - **Year 4 Reconciliation**
- GHS Expo – Years 5 & 6 – Gil Shire Hall – 9:10 a.m.

Monday, 13 and
Tuesday, 14 August - Moorambilla Girls Camp
Tuesday, 14 August - ICAS Maths Competition
Thursday, 16 August - Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 17 August - St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala
Day back-up date
- Primary Fancy Dress Social

WEEK 5

Monday, 20 August - Cyber Safety Talk – 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- Cyber Safety Parent Meeting – 6:00pm
- P & F Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 23 August - Diocesan Athletics, Dubbo
Wednesday, 29 August - Little Athletics NSW School Visit

WEEK 6

Thursday, 30 August - **Year 5 Reconciliation**
NAPLAN Online Readiness Tests
- Ear Bus
- Warren Horse Sports
Friday, 31 August - Father's Day Stall
- Ear Bus
- Warren Horse Sports
- Selling Cow Pat Lotto tickets
Sunday, 2 September - Kinder and Year 5 Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Candidates Rite of Commitment

WEEK 7

Thursday, 6 September - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 7 September - Fete

WEEK 8

Wednesday, 12 September - Concert Rehearsal
Friday, 14 September - Polding Athletics

WEEK 9

Tuesday, 18 September - Polding Athletics back-up date
Thursday, 20 September - Annual Concert
Sunday, 23 September - Confirmation

WEEK 10

Wednesday, 26 September
- Saturday, 29 September - Moorambilla – boys and girls
Friday, 28 September - Last day Term 3

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER Welcome back to another busy term in Kinder. It sounds as though everyone had a fantastic holiday! Part of our Religion unit will be based on the Bounce Back program. We have talked about being honest and how important it is to always tell the truth so people can trust us! We are looking forward to our Literature unit based on the Meg and Mog books by Helen Nicoll and Jan Pienkowski. We coloured and painted a really funny witch in Art. Geography is our focus for the rest of the year and this term our unit is called, 'People Live in Places'. We enjoyed using Google Earth to locate Australia and Gilgandra. We hope our Years 5 and 6 friends are having a great time in Canberra. Enjoy your weekend!

Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 Welcome back to another busy term. Next Thursday Year 1 will celebrate 'Friends Together' with a Liturgy. To decorate the church for our Liturgy we have made beautiful friendship flowers in Art. We would love for the children's family and friends to join us. This term our Literacy focus is on the author Julia Donaldson starting with the fabulous book, 'The Gruffalo'. In Maths we investigated position and adding odd and even numbers. We also began a new unit of work in Geography, 'Features of Places' with a glossary of terms to help our understanding of this topic. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 2 Welcome back everyone to a very busy Term 3. We wrote some interesting recounts about the holidays and it sounds as though everyone had a well deserved break. During Maths we looked at using jump strategies on a number line when subtracting, rounding to the nearest ten and reading graphs. Mrs McIsaac took the class on a safety walk around the school and discussed important rules we all have to follow so everyone stays safe. The new Literature unit this term is 'Dinosaurs' and we are sure to learn lots of fascinating facts about these prehistoric creatures. Hopefully Years 5 & 6 are having a wonderful excursion. Thanks go to Year 4 for looking after us and taking care of the many jobs our leaders do for us each week. Have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 Welcome back to Year 3. It has been great to hear many stories about everyone's holidays. We jumped straight back into our routines and have begun our learning for Term 3. We have started our new Geography unit titled 'Places are Similar and Different.' The children used the chrome books and a new cloud based program called 'LucidPress' to create some great title pages. Also we have continued learning the basics of coding with another program called 'Lightbot'. The children really enjoy the process of learning by doing, trial and error and creative thinking to code their algorithms. During writing we have written a recount of our holidays with synonyms and antonyms being our focus in Grammar. Best of luck to all those students representing our school at the Western Region Athletics Carnival on Monday.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell

YEAR 4 It has been a great start to Term 3 this week. The students have been sensational looking after the school and doing all of the jobs during Year 6's absence. We hope Years 5 and 6 are having a blast on their excursion. During the week we have been writing recounts about our holidays and using our knowledge of the 7 steps to improve our explanation of details. During Maths we have revised subtraction strategies as well as looking at hidden angles of objects. Our Geography unit has us looking at the Earth's environments and how they change throughout the world. We have also spent time learning how to use 'LucidPress' to create our title pages for some units this week in our technology time. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 27 July – John & Helen McIsaac
Monday, 30 July – Alicia Harrison & Kristy Cosier
Wednesday, 1 August – Rachel Lacey & Rachel Kirsop
Friday, 3 August – Nikki Church

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 29 July – Emily Zell & Jett Tarrant

