



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 2

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Thought for the Week

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was held on Tuesday. The support from all our families was greatly appreciated with many of our book titles running out and having to be reordered. If your child did not receive the book he or she ordered then it should be available in the coming week. Please let the school know if your child's book is not received by the end of next week. Also, a big thank you to Mrs McIsaac and Mrs Thomas for their wonderful work in organising and running the book fair. We really appreciate their effort prior, during and now after the fair (reordering books) and all in line with COVID guidelines. It gave the children a great opportunity to purchase books and support the school at the same time. Thank you Helen and Nik. Also thank you to the staff for assisting on Tuesday. Well done to everyone on a very successful COVID Book Fair.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

**Tomorrow – St Joseph's School Grounds –
11:30 a.m.**

The wet weather has restricted our training but we are ready and raring to run the cross country at school tomorrow starting at 11:30 a.m. The 9 and 10 year olds will run 2km and the 11 and 12 year olds 3km. Adults are not permitted on the school grounds however you can still get a good view from the fence. Please adhere to physical distancing regulations. GO JOEY'S!!

ST MARY MACKILLOP MASS

Year 6 is preparing a Mass in honour of St Mary MacKillop which will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church next Thursday, 6 August at 10:30 a.m. St Mary is a very special saint as she co-founded the Sisters of St Joseph, the order that started our school back in 1909 and we look forward to celebrating this special day. Unfortunately adults are not allowed to attend the Mass due to COVID restrictions and as such there will be no morning tea after the Mass.

SPELLING BEE

Our Spelling Bee finalists are back in training for the Joey's Spelling Bee to be held on Tuesday, 11 August for Years 3 and 4 and Wednesday, 12 August for Years 5 and 6. Keep working hard all you super spellers!

NEW SCHOOL CANTEEN PROCEDURES

As mentioned in last week's About, the school canteen will be reopening next Monday, Wednesday and Friday and welcoming our parent helpers back into the canteen. There are a number of procedures in place for our canteen helpers, as follows:

- No children are allowed in the canteen.
- Canteen helpers are NOT to attend or go near the classrooms to collect the baskets or for any other reason. The children will deliver the baskets to the canteen and leave them outside the door.
- Upon arrival at school the canteen helpers must fill in the 'External Visitors to School Site Form' in the office and then go directly to the canteen.
- The adult toilet may be used as well as the bins outside the hall.
- Milk and biscuits will be provided in the canteen for morning tea.
- Any cardboard that needs to be disposed of should be flattened and left outside the canteen.
- If would be preferable if canteen helpers DO NOT go outside the canteen during recess and lunch.
- Strict hygiene protocols should be adhered to. Disposable gloves, antibacterial spray, cloths etc are available in the cupboard below the sink.
- If anyone is unwell, they MUST NOT attend the canteen. Please phone the office if this is the case.

ICAS ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS

ICAS Academic Assessments for Science, Digital Technologies, English, Maths and Spelling will be held in Weeks 5, 6 and 7 and will be online assessments. There will be no writing assessment this year. Children in Years 3 – 6 received a form providing dates and details with regards to the competitions with last week's About. If your child would like to participate in any of the competitions, please complete and return the tear-off slip to school, together with the relevant fee, no later than next **Wednesday, 5 August**.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

As advised last term, school photos have been rescheduled to take place on **Tuesday, 18 August**. In Term 1, each child was given an envelope with full details regarding price and products available. If you did not order your photos back in Term 1, please go online to www.advancedlife.com.au before photo day and enter our school code: 7Q9 5JT KQZ at the top of the page. Then just follow the prompts. You do not need to return your child's envelope if ordering online. You can also make payments by cash or cheque and must be returned in the envelopes provided. A separate envelope must be used for each child. **ALL PHOTOS NEED TO BE PAID FOR PRIOR TO PHOTO DAY**. The money for photos may be returned to school at any time. If you have more than one child at school and would like a family photo taken, special envelopes are available from the office. For those families who previously paid by cash, we are holding your envelope here at school. If you are unable to locate your envelope and need a new one, please contact the school office and we will send one home.

SCHOOL DATA ANALYSIS

Members of staff undertook training on Monday which focused on how to use student assessment data to analyse and evaluate student understanding of content, identify interventions and modify teaching practice. The rest of the staff will be upskilled on this after school next Wednesday.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SURVEY

As part of our focus on school improvement, our school is conducting surveys to gather your knowledge, beliefs and experiences regarding our school. This survey is part of a suite of annual surveys we are conducting with staff, parents and students. We are collecting this data to capture the experience of all key stakeholders in our school. The results and analysis of the data will assist our school leaders to drive school improvement. Last Thursday all families were sent an email with a direct link to the survey. Your participation in this questionnaire is voluntary and confidential. We would greatly value your participation and input.

NEW JUICE BOMB FLAVOURS

With thanks to a Year 6 initiative we now have 2 new juice bomb flavours in the school canteen – WATERMELON and VANILLA LIME. Grape, orange passionfruit and apple blackcurrant are also still available for \$2.00 each. Well done Year 6!

GOOD HYGIENE

School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:-

- regularly washing hands;
- avoid sharing drinks or food;
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately; and
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.

LUNCH TIME FOOTY

Please remember that if your child wants to play tackle footy at lunch time then they **must have their own jumper**. The students will keep this jumper in their own school bag and parents will be responsible for cleaning.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Friday, 7 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 next Friday, 7 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.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Katie Colwell** for great work matching numbers to a collection of objects, **William Luckie** for trying hard to concentrate and complete activities, **Pearl Mudford** for always sharing well prepared news and **Alice Peart** for a super effort to always complete homework.

YEAR 1: **Adelaide Mudford** for great use of describing words in her writing, **Mack Hutchison** for a sensational effort in Minilit, **Chloe Heffer** for writing imaginatively in free choice writing and **Neve Walker** for great elaboration in Story Writing.

YEAR 2: **Mackenzie Skinner** for always trying hard in Maths groups, **Andrew Standing** for writing a detailed recount about his holiday, **Indy Thomas** for being an attentive listener in news and group discussions, **Harry Thurlow** for a big effort with morning reading and **Ivy Zell** for working carefully on all learning tasks.

YEAR 3: **Nikola Riley** for great improvement in the speed of her classwork, **Brodie Nichols** for always being willing to participate in class activities, **Baxter Whitehouse** for having a more confident approach to answering questions, **Ashley Gilmour** for always presenting neat and tidy bookwork, **Ryder Larkin** for a fantastic effort writing a story about 'Pig the Tourist', **Isla Volkofsky** for taking great care to draw a wonderful 'Pig the Pug' and **Elsie Mudford** for top work completing Maths Mentals.

YEAR 4: **Te Mana Diamond** and **Tilla Chandler** for a fantastic start to Term 3, **Brooke Beaton** for her persistence during Maths and **Xanthe Gale** for her fantastic contribution during our novel study time.

YEAR 5: **Hudson Duffy** for wonderful work in Spelling, **Bonnie Henry** for great work identifying adjectival subordinate clauses, **Eliza Larkin** for a conscientious effort in all areas and **Jonas Naden** for a super effort to understand and apply decimals and fractions.

YEAR 6: **Sam Dunn** and **Ryder Ryan** for enthusiastic questioning about atoms during Science, **Blake Fairey** for working hard on his Essential Assessments to improve his mathematical knowledge, **Alex Gaff**, **Lilla Oehm** and **Trinity Zell** for composing entertaining holiday recounts.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 2

Friday, 31 July - School Cross Country – 11:30 a.m.

WEEK 3

Thursday, 6 August - St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass – Year 6 – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 7 August - Jeans for Genes Day

WEEK 4

Tuesday, 11 August - Spelling Bee (Years 3 & 4)

Wednesday, 12 August - Spelling Bee (Years 5 & 6)

Thursday, 13 August - Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 5 – 10:30 a.m.

- Staff CPR & First Aid Skills Update

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week in Religion Kinder has been reading the story of Abraham and Sarah. In this story from the Old Testament, God makes a promise to Abraham that he will do great things and be the father of all nations. We discussed how Abraham trusted God and how important it is for us to trust God because He is always with us. We have been practising the correct formation of our letters especially the letter 'e' and trying hard to hold our pencils correctly while we sing our pencil song! In Maths we sorted 2D shapes and identified all the rectangles. We described their features and drew some of our own. Our Geography unit this term is all about the world and the places where we live. We identified our country Australia and tried to find where Gilgandra is located. Have a lovely weekend! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 thoroughly enjoyed the Book Fair this week. Thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mrs McIsaac for organising it for our school. During Religion we've been learning about the Bible. We read the parable of the Treasure and the Pearl and discussed how the Bible is a treasure. It is very precious like the pearl and contains the sacred scriptures of the Church. We have written a description of the Gruffalo in Story Writing and have been learning about antonyms in Grammar. In Maths we've practised describing 2D shapes, decomposition of numbers and made equivalent number sentences. We are looking forward to watching the Joey's Cross Country tomorrow. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 has been working really well this week in class! We have been learning how to write a procedure and we wrote one to teach people how to brush their teeth. In Maths we have learnt some subtraction strategies, how to round numbers to the nearest ten, constructed column graphs and measured distances in metres. Students have been putting a big effort into their Spelling and Phonics and we have revised our knowledge of conjunctions in Grammar. In Science, students enjoyed manipulating play dough to show how forces change a material. We are also having fun looking at dinosaurs in our Literature unit. Tomorrow we will be cheering on our cross country runners. Have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 What a great week we've had! It was fabulous to have the Book Fair on Tuesday with lots of great books to choose from. Thank you to Mrs Thomas and Mrs McIsaac for organising such a fabulous event. During Religion we have begun looking at the parts of the Mass and we have discussed how the Mass is broken into 4 parts – 'Gather', 'Listen', 'Eat' and 'Go Forth'. During Text Types we have started writing an information report on 'The Great White Shark' and we have found lots of fascinating information about sharks. Next week we are looking forward to writing our own information report about an extreme animal using Google Slides. In Maths we focused on trading in 3-digit subtraction, fractions of a collection, temperature and digital and analogue time. We look forward to cheering on our cross country runners tomorrow at school. Best of luck to those participating. Have a nice weekend.

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 has had a fantastic week. The excitement of Book Fair and training for cross country have been our highlights. During Maths we are extending our knowledge of 4-digit addition and 4-digit subtraction with trading. Read Theory on the Chromebooks is enticing us to improve our comprehension skills. During Art we are in the planning stage of a collage landscape painting. This has involved watching how other artists achieve texture and contrast using different shades of paper. Our Grammar focus has been on adjectives and we are utilising our class novel, "Paper Planes" to search for sentences to use as examples. Good luck to all competing in cross country tomorrow. Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 This week we enjoyed shopping at the school Book Fair. Not only did we purchase some wonderful books but all the money spent helps support our school library. In Maths we added and subtracted fractions and investigated patterns using fractions on a number line. Over the next five weeks we are spending 10 minutes a day completing activities based on times tables. We all hope that at the end of this period we have all received our times tables licence. In Grammar we are identifying connectives in sentences and are endeavouring to write limericks to entertain each other. Tomorrow is the running of the cross country and I wish all competitors the best of luck. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 This week has been a busy one! On Monday Mr Langes took Year 6 through the finer details of finding equivalent fractions and led everyone in a challenging game of 'Greedy Pig'! Our other mathematical adventures have included subtracting five and six digit numbers and exploring sector graphs. We have started reading our new class novel, "Hiding Edith" and we are getting to know the main characters. Our Writing focus for the next few weeks is poetry. We have looked at many different types of poems and started composing our own based on a format that includes simple rhyming words. In Geography we have continued to learn about the features of the world map by revising what we know about continents and oceans. We are also preparing to celebrate the feast of Mary MacKillop of the Cross at Mass next Thursday. This is an important feast for us here at Joey's and we are looking forward to remembering Mary's life and the important work of the Sisters of St Joseph. Good luck to all our cross country runners tomorrow!

Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Mia van der Walt