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Term 3 Week 3

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Thought for the Week

Let your dreams be bigger than your fears and your actions be louder than your words.

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, 13 August – 9:45 a.m.

The excitement is certainly building in anticipation of the upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will be administered by Bishop Michael McKenna on Sunday, 13 August at 9:45 a.m. This is such an important event at our school and we really encourage everyone to be at church on Sunday, 13 August to celebrate with our Year 6 leaders. **It would be fabulous to have lots there for this great occasion.** Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers: Tylah Anforth, Jack Chandler, Anton Davis, Rani Diggs, Marshall Fairey, Laura Farragher, Heidi Ferguson, Zac Ferguson, Mason Fryers, William Fuller, William Gaff, Bradley Gibson, Isaiah Gleadhill, Jinda Green, Kelsey Hutchison, Jennifer Ibe, Bradley Kildey, Harrison King, Finn Marchant, Olivia McClelland, Tayarna McKenzie, Samantha Miller, Rhys O'Neill, Jack Purvis, Joshua Purvis, Olivia Schier, Jessica Scholte, Patrick Spora, Ella Wykes, Laura Younghusband.

WORKING BEE TO CLEAN THE CHURCH FOR CONFIRMATION

A working bee for the Year 6 parents to clean the church in preparation for Confirmation will be held next Friday, 11 August at 1:30 p.m. It would be great if as many parents as possible could lend a hand.

WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL WILL & DARCY AGE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to **Will Fuller** who won the 11 years Boys Championship and **Darcy Neeves** who won the Junior Boys Championship at the Western Region Athletics Carnival held in Dubbo last Thursday. Will won the long jump, came second in the 800 metres and high jump and came third in the 100 m and shot put, while Darcy won the 100 m, 200 m, long jump and came second in the high jump and discus. Well done Will and Darcy! Special mention to our **Junior Boys Relay Team** consisting of **Darcy Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Bailey Wykes and Sam Dunn** who not only won the event but also broke the Western Region record in a time of 1:01.65! Well done boys! Other athletes to excel included: **Rhys O'Neill** – 1st Senior 800 m, 1st Senior Long Jump, **Mason Fryers** – 1st Senior Long Jump, **Sam Dunn** – 1st 9 years 100 m, **Luke O'Neill** – 1st Junior High Jump, **Lilla Oehm** – 2nd 9 Years 100 m, **Ryan Ferguson** – 2nd 10 Years 100 m, **Jennifer Ibe** – 2nd 11 Years 100 m, 3rd 11 Years Long Jump, **Jade Elsom** – 2nd 11 Years Long Jump, **Isaiah Gleadhill** – 2nd Senior Shot Put, 2nd Senior Discus, **Rani Diggs** – 2nd Senior Long Jump, 2nd Senior Discus, **Dylen Murray** – 2nd Junior Shot Put, 3rd Junior Discus, **Ryder Ryan** – 3rd 8 years 100 m, **Bailey Wykes** – 3rd 10 Years 100 m, 3rd Junior Long Jump, **Jack Oehm** – 3rd 11 Years Long Jump, **Mattea Purvis** – 3rd Junior Discus, **Kelsey Hutchison** – 3rd Senior Discus, **Jerome Woodrow** – 3rd 11 Years High Jump.

Bradley Kildey, Rhys O'Neill, Aiden Walker, Will Fuller – Senior Boys Relay – 2nd, **Billie Allan, Lilla Oehm, Mattea Purvis, Eva Bonnington** – Junior Girls Relay – 3rd, **Kelsey Hutchison, Rani Diggs, Jennifer Ibe, Breanna Foster** – Senior Girls Relay – 3rd.

Those students who came first, second and third in the track events and first and second in the field events will now compete at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo on Friday, 18 August. First and second placed relay teams will also compete at this carnival.

"No Way!" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

'No Way!' was the theme for this year's primary fancy dress social which was held last Friday evening in the school hall. Fantastic school spirit was shown by all the students and teachers as everyone came dressed in costume and counted down the Joey's Top 20! Thank you to the primary teachers for their organisation and providing the music and lights. It was a great night!

ICAS SPELLING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students who received excellent results in the recent ICAS Spelling Competition. These students received their certificates at Assembly on Tuesday.

Distinction: **Bradley Kildey**

Credit: **Alison Mudford, Hayden Ferguson, Dylen Murray, Kate Woollams**

Merit: **Camilla Beveridge**

INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

We decided to postpone the Infants Sports Carnival to next Thursday, 10 August. We all look forward to a fun afternoon next week.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Tomorrow, Friday, 4 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 tomorrow and bring along a gold coin donation. If your child doesn't own a pair of jeans, they can wear a pair of casual pants. With their jeans, primary students need to wear their sports shirt and school jumper, whilst infants students will wear jeans with their normal school shirts and jumper. We look forward to an enjoyable day and raising lots of money for this worthwhile cause.

SOCCER GALA DAY

We have over sixty students from Year 3-6 competing in the St Laurence's School Soccer Gala Day in Dubbo tomorrow. We wish everyone the best of luck and trust you all 'Give Of Your Best'. It promises to be a fabulous day. The students competing include: **Dylen Murray, Tom Dunn, Ry Heffer, Darcy Neeves, Bailey Wykes, Aiden Walker, Harrison King, Finn Marchant, Jack Purvis, Anton Davis, Bradley Gibson, Will Gaff, Bradley Kildey, Joshua Purvis, Molly Fairey, Emma Westwood, Madison Riley, Jade Elsom, Layney Godber, Breanna Foster, Molly Wilson, Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams, Emma Durrant, Kelsey Hutchison, Tayarna McKenzie, Tylah Anforth, Rani Diggs, Rydah Whitehouse, Declan Gale, Blake Fairey, Lochie Henry, Rhyon Hutchison, Henry Purvis, Ryder Ryan, Sam Dunn, Will Younghusband, Shane Estens, Jett Tarrant, Dylan Tobin, Harry Mudford, Cameron Davis, Ben Standing, Jett Chandler, Nick Gale, Ryan Ferguson, Ben Harland, Elten Walker, Hayden Ferguson, Nick Tancred, Lucas Gleadhill, Will Spora, Ella Mudford, Beatie Davis, Millie Spora, Emilia Peart, Jordan Neeves, Grace Tancred, Kimbalee Gilmour, Alex Gaff, Eva Bonnington, Alana Elsom, Mattea Purvis, Grace Winter, Ava Meyers, Lucy McIsaac, Samantha Naden. Mrs Banks, Mr Soares, Mr Keady and Mr Musgrave will accompany the teams.**

ST MARY MACKILLOP MASS

Year 4 is preparing a Mass in honour of St Mary MacKillop which will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church next Tuesday, 8 August at 10.30 a.m. St Mary is our 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 together. Everyone is most welcome and morning tea will follow Mass so please bring a plate to share.

NETBALL NSW SCHOOLS CUP REGIONAL FINALS

We wish our Senior Girls Netball Team the best of luck next Tuesday, 8 August as they travel to Orange to compete in the Netball NSW Schools Cup Regional Finals. The girls earned the right to play in the finals after winning the gala day at Coonamble last term. The team consists of **Rani Diggs, Ella Wykes, Heidi Ferguson, Olivia McClelland, Kelsey Hutchison, Tayarna McKenzie, Molly Wilson, Kate Woollams, Camilla Beveridge.**

Go Joey's!

MOORAMBILLA VOICES PROGRAM

Congratulations to Jack Oehm, Paige Gilmour, Grace Winter, Will Spora, Harry Mudford, Nick Tancred, Jett Tarrant and Lilla Oehm who will participate, along with other talented singers from across the North West region of NSW, in the 2017 Moorambilla Voices program. They were selected from a rigorous workshop and audition process to be an active part of this talent development program. Under the artistic direction of Michelle Leonard they will participate in a series of workshops led by internationally renowned artists in composition, movement and dance, percussion and music skills development and visual art with indigenous artists. These workshops will be held during the next two weeks. Congratulations also to **Olivia McClelland, Harrison King, Joshua Purvis, Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams, Aiden Walker, Dylon Murray, Bailey Wykes and Brooke Woollams** who were also invited to take part in this year's Moorambilla workshops.

WHOOPING COUGH

We have had a couple of cases of Whooping Cough reported at school this week. This is a reminder to all parents to be aware of this illness.

HEAR OUR HEART EAR BUS RURAL HERO GRANT

The Hear Our Heart Ear Bus has been shortlisted as 1 of 4 nationwide projects for a chance to win \$50,000.00 in the Aussie Farmers Foundation Rural Hero Grant 2017. They need your help to win by voting by 14 August. Go to Aussie Farmers page to vote <http://www.aussiefarmersfoundation.org.au/grants/aussie-farmers-rural-hero-grant/>. Together we can do this as kids ears are worth caring for!

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER**: Elsie Adams, Ashley Gilmour, Ben Mudford, Joe Staggs, Matilda Tancred, Anna Walker and Baxter Whitehouse for superb reading at our Sunday Mass. **YEAR 1**: Brooke Beaton for sharing interesting facts about bees, Alex Cosier for showing kindness and consideration to others, Dimity Wykes for writing five great questions to ask the 'Itchy Bear' and Vaughan Zell for super expression when reading. **YEAR 2**: Isabelle Mudford and Jaida Tarrant for writing a super holiday recount, Alicia Fordham for beautiful presentation of all bookwork, Jonas Naden for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations and Lauren Thurlow for beautiful waiting manners in class. **YEAR 3**: Carter Chapman for contributing to our discussions about different landscapes, Tahleigh Davey for an interesting narrative about camping and Rani Diamond for a great effort with her times tables. **YEAR 4**: Billie Allan and Alana Elsom for excellent work in our Maths groups activities, Nick Gale for producing fantastic handwriting in all subjects and Harry Mudford for trying hard to extend his vocabulary in Writing. **YEAR 5**: Molly Wilson and Luke O'Neill for their enthusiastic approach to learning times tables, Jerome Woodrow for consistent results in Spelling and Emma Westwood for being a considerate member of Year 5. **YEAR 6**: Marshall Fairey for accurate work with multiplication problems, Samantha Miller for writing interesting sentences in spelling activities, Olivia Schier for accurately using comparative adjectives in Grammar and Bradley Gibson for asking questions to clarify his understanding in History.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3 - Year 6 Reconciliation

Friday, 4 August - Life Education Van
- St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day
- Jeans for Genes Day
Sunday, 6 August - The Transfiguration of the Lord

WEEK 4 - Year 3 Reconciliation

Monday, 7 August - Life Education Van
Tuesday, 8 August - Life Education Van
- NSW Netball Cup Final (Years 5 & 6) – Orange
- St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass – Year 4 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 9 August – 12

August - Moorambilla Boys Camp
Thursday, 10 August - Infants Sports Day – 2:00 p.m.
Friday, 11 August - St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day back-up date
- Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.
- Confirmation – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 5

Monday, 14 August - Moorambilla Girls Camp
Tuesday, 15 August - Moorambilla Girls Camp
- Feast of the Assumption Mass – Year 3 (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.
- P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 16 August - ICAS Mathematics Competition
Friday, 18 August - Principals Meeting
- Diocesan Athletics

WEEK 6

Thursday, 24 August - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has enjoyed reading "Meg at Sea" this week. They also wrote a story beginning with 'I swam to land.' Kinder began reading groups this week where the children are broken into groups and participate in a variety of reading activities including guided reading, sentence making, CVC word building and picture sequencing. During 'Sounds' they brainstormed a vast array of words beginning with 'w' and learnt a great 'w' rhyme. Kinder is looking forward to learning about the 'j' as in 'jelly' sound next week. For Mathematics we ordered numbers between 11 and 20 from smallest to largest, completed subtraction questions and sorted various 2D shapes. Have a top weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 In Religion this week Year 1 read some parables about The Treasure and the Pearl and The Yeast. Parables are stories Jesus told His followers to help them understand about the Kingdom of God. Father Martin also visited us and asked us some questions about Jesus and told us how much Jesus loves us. Speech marks were our focus in Grammar this week. We learnt that speech marks go around the parts of a sentence that are being spoken by someone. We had lots of children away sick this week so we hope you all have a good rest over the weekend! *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 It has been another busy week in Year 2. We have investigated the positioning of speech marks in our sentences, when to use them and why they are important. In Maths we have looked at doubling numbers, division and changing the position of a shape – slide, flip, turn. In Problem A Day we have looked at challenging questions and investigated the various methods of solving them. Geography has seen us identify the states and territories of Australia. A lively and productive discussion took place on what it means to be an Australian. It has been a pleasure to have taken this class while Miss Harvey has been on leave. *Mr Langes*

YEAR 3 Wow! What a great night Year 3 had at their first Primary Fancy Dress Social. Everyone looked fantastic in their costumes and can't wait until next year's social. In Grammar we are looking at homophones and have started work on procedures in Text Types. In Maths we investigated grids, revised our 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables and calculated change with money. In Geography we described and drew three different environments (desert, rainforest, mountains) and continued to look at living and non-living specimens in Science. Inspired by the 'Muggle-Wump' monkeys from "The Twits" by Roald Dahl, we created colourful monkeys to hang in our classroom and painted some beautiful posters to help celebrate our Year 6 friends' Confirmation celebration. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 It's Week 3 already! During the week our class has been busy writing group explanations on how tides and the ocean are affected by the moon. In Maths we have been learning why we round money to the nearest 5c as well as challenging ourselves using grid references. During our Geography lesson we have spent some time looking at how our environment affects the way we live. We will be celebrating a very special Mass next Tuesday for St Mary of the Cross MacKillop and we hope you are all able to come along to help us celebrate Australia's first saint. Best of luck to all the soccer players heading to Dubbo tomorrow. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 Thanks to all those who came along to Mass last Sunday. It was a wonderful celebration and we congratulate the children on their wonderful reading and singing. This week in English Year 5 has written explanations about why the heart pumps blood. They have tried to use technical terms and even included a diagram to help explain the process. During Maths we have been ordering decimals, looking at the area of floor plans and equivalent number sentences. In Science this week we conducted an experiment looking at the conditions and factors in which yeast needs to grow. In Art we have been learning about Vincent van Gogh. We are creating our own interpretation of his famous artwork 'Starry Nights!' *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 It was wonderful to see so many people at the Rite of Commitment Mass on Sunday. This week in Writing we finished editing and publishing our letters of petition to Bishop Michael. Our Maths activities have focused on mass, subtraction of 5 and 6 digit numbers and finding averages. In Grammar we have identified and used superlative adjectives in sentences. We have continued to learn about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit in Religion. We have discussed how we can use these gifts to build up the church, help others in the community and spread the Good News of God. Only 10 days until Confirmation! *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 4 August – Belinda Murray & Melissa Hanson
Monday, 7 August – Anna Mudford & Lib Walker
Wednesday, 9 August – Kirstie Bugmy & Lesley Riley
Friday, 11 August – Simone Fordham & Sheree Staggs

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 6 August – Pat Spora, Madison Hourigan, Isaac Grimshaw, Dennis Gale