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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.

WESTERN REGION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL LACHLAN AND WILL - AGE CHAMPIONS!

Congratulations to **Lachlan Riley** who won the Senior Boys Championship and **William Fuller** who won the Junior Boys Championship at the Western Region Athletics Carnival held in Dubbo last Thursday. Lachlan won and 12 years 100 m. Senior 200 m and Senior Long Jump and came second in the Senior High Jump, while Will won the Junior 800 m, Junior 200 m, Junior High Jump and Junior Long Jump and came second in the 10 years 100 m. Well done Lachlan and Will. Other athletes to excel included: **Ashleigh Carlow** – 2nd 12 years 100 m, 3rd Senior 200 m, 3rd Senior High Jump, 3rd Senior Discus. **Thomas Durrant** – 2nd 11 years 100 m, **Ryan Ferguson** – 1st 9 years 100 m, **Mason Fryers** – 1st 11 years Long Jump, 3rd 11 years High Jump, **Isaiah Gleadhill** – 2nd 11 years Shot Put, 2nd 11 years Discus, **Isaac Grimshaw** – 3rd Junior High, **Kelsey Hutchison** – 3rd 11 years Discus, **Jennifer Ibe** – 2nd 10 years 100 m, **Rhys O'Neill** – 1st 11 years 800 m, 3rd 11 years 200 m, **Mike Raglus** – 3rd Senior Discus, **Aiden Walker** – 2nd Junior 200 m, 3rd Junior Long Jump, **Jacob Wilson** – 3rd Senior Long Jump.

William Fuller, Ryan Ferguson, Bailey Wykes, Aiden Walker - Junior Boys Relay team - first.

Lachlan Riley, Jacob Wilson, Hamish Beveridge Thomas Durrant - Senior Boys Relay team - second

Jennifer Ibe, Breanna Foster, Jade Elsom, Tylah Anforth - Junior Girls Relay team - third

Congratulations to all these awesome athletes!

ICAS SCIENCE AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES COMPETITIONS - DISTINCTION TO EMILY ZELL

We had some excellent results in the ICAS Science and Digital Technologies Competitions that were held last term. Special mention to Emily Zell who received a Certificate of Distinction in Science. An outstanding achievement Emily! Congratulations also to the following students who received their Certificates at Assembly on Monday:

Science

Distinction: Emily Zell

Credit: Chelsea Brand, Jack Oehm

Merit: Kate Woollams

Digital Technologies

Credit: Hayden Ferguson, Emily Zell, Olivia Ferguson

EXCURSION SNIPPET

*Wow – it was scary looking over the edge of Telstra Tower. The lights of Canberra looked cool and the fog that kept coming over us was like touching clouds. We had heaps of fun. **Zac Ferguson, Rhys O'Neill, Mason Fryers, Will Fuller, Will Gaff***

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Tomorrow, Friday, 5 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 you don't own a pair of jeans, just 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.

'Guess Who?' YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

Friday, 5 August 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Our Year 6 students have decided that 'Guess Who?' 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 as you prepare for the Primary Social. Some suggestions for our fancy dress social might include: favourite TV or movie characters, country and western, someone from the future or from the past, superheroes, fairies or footballers, pyjamas, sporting stars, the

amazing 80's, crazy colours or a change of character – a boy Cinderella or a girl Bob the Builder. The social will be held in our school hall tomorrow, Friday, 5 August from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. The cost is free and supper is provided - just bring yourself! So start thinking 'Guess Who?'

KINDER/YEAR 5 SUNDAY MASS

RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

Our Kinder and Year 5 classes will be preparing the Mass this 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.

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 Monday, 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.

PRESCHOOL VISIT

We look forward to a visit from the preschool next Tuesday, 9 August at 10:45 a.m. We hope all the pre-schoolers enjoy their visit.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

*At Perisher we absolutely loved the snow! We enjoyed catching the chair lift to the top of the mountain where we got to play in the snow! Then we topped it all off with some great rides on the toboggans. We all hope to go there again one day. **Mike Raglus, Charlie Banks, Tyler Evans***

MOORAMBILLA VOICES PROGRAM

Congratulations to **Camilla Beveridge, Olivia McClelland, Heidi Purvis, Will Spora and Jack Oehm** who will participate, along with other talented singers from across the North West region of NSW, in the Moorambilla Voices program. Camilla, Olivia, Heidi, Will and Jack 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.

FETE - CHANGE OF DATE

At the Fete Meeting held on Monday it was decided to change the date to **Thursday, 15 September**. So mark the date in your diary. We will be asking for helpers and sending out further information regarding the fete in the weeks to come.

SCHOOL FEES

Just a reminder that Term 3 school fees are due on 12 August. Fee Statements accompany today's About.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

*Parliament House was huge! The marble staircase was super impressive and we loved getting to do our interview on it. We couldn't believe how big the House of Representatives and Senate were. **Olivia Schier, Olivia McClelland, Kelsey Hutchison***

BREASTSCREEN NSW

The Breastscreen Van is coming to Gilgandra! It's free and it saves lives. So book now and take the opportunity to have your free screening mammogram while we are in Gilgandra. We will be located at the CWA Rooms in Warren Road in September and October. Call

13 20 50 to book. Free screening mammograms are available for all women aged 50-74 years.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Alexia Riley and Layla Wykes for contributing to discussions during reading, Sailor Ryan and Dimity Wykes for great listening skills during News, Georgia Tancred for being a great role model for others to follow, Lara Younghusband for asking interesting questions during News and Vaughan Zell for being a polite member of Kindergarten.

YEAR 1: Kaycee Bugmy for identifying groups of 10, Eliza Larkin for super work in Spelling, Lucas Fong for thoughtful responses during Religion and Emily Standing for drawing a super 'cranky bear'.

YEAR 2: Taylor Hayes for trying very hard in Problem A Day and Operations, Ethan Morris for trying hard with challenging Maths work, Brooke Woollams for fabulous work on dinosaurs in our Literature unit, Rani Diamond for beautiful presentation of book work, Grace Jones-Copelin for a fantastic effort in Sentence A Day using conjunctions, Tahleigh Davey for great work in Maths and Henry Purvis for trying hard in Grammar.

YEAR 3: Chelsea Brand for excellent elaborations in Writing, Hayden Ferguson for working hard on challenging operations, Ben Harland for fabulous contributions to class discussions and Samantha Naden for her enthusiastic approach to learning.

YEAR 4: Daniel Kirsop for great illustrations of the Creation story, Bailey Wykes for excellent work completing 3-digit subtractions in Maths, Emma Westwood for completing division questions with diligence and accuracy and Luke O'Neill for contributing well during Reading Groups.

YEAR 5: Anton Davis for trying hard to use creative poetic techniques in his poetry writing, Olivia McClelland for going out of her way to help others in the classroom, Rhys O'Neill for showing great interest in reading his Literacy Pro texts, Jack Purvis for providing some great responses during class discussions in Maths and Laura Younghusband for settling in well to life at St Joey's.

YEAR 6: Caity Neeves for settling in so well at St Joey's, Jacob Wilson for excellent work with triangular numbers and Amelia Murray for showing speed and accuracy in Maths.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3 -	Year 4 Reconciliation
Friday, 5 August	- Jeans for Genes Day
	- Years 3-6 Fancy Dress Social
Sunday, 7 August	- Kinder and Year 5 Sunday Mass
	- Rite of Commitment for Confirmation – 9:45 a.m.
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.
Tuesday, 9 August	- Preschool Visit
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.
	- Moorambilla Girls Camp
Tuesday, 16 August	- Moorambilla Girls Camp
	- P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 17 August	- ICAS Mathematics Competition
	- Preschool Visit
Thursday, 18 August	- Diocesan Athletics
Sunday, 21 August	- Confirmation
WEEK 6	
Thursday, 25 August	- AECG Meeting – M. Pearce
Friday, 26 August	- Diocesan Athletics Back-Up date

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER had a very exciting and fun day yesterday dressing up as a prince, princess or pirate for the sound of the week. Well done to all. Next week's sound is 'Jj' so start looking for things for the sound table and thank you to those who added to the table this week. In our shared reading, we read "Yes Ma'am" and discussed what doing words were and identified them in the story. The students also made some predictions what the story would be about by looking at the pictures. In writing, we have been busily practising writing upper and lowercase 'Pp' and learning where to start our letters in our writing books

During our Science and Technology unit, 'What Is It Made Of?' we went on a mini excursion walk around the school to observe what things were made of. In Mathematics we have been learning about numbers from eleven to thirteen and learnt words to do with direction. During PDHPE we discussed why it's important to have rules about medicine and using medicine safely. The students then brainstormed what they could do to keep their home and school safe. Just a reminder about our Kindergarten and Year 5 Mass on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Take care.

Miss Belinda Bourke

YEAR 1 In Year 1 this week we have enjoyed reading from the Old Testament the story of 'Joseph The Dreamer'. We also completed a cloze passage and a beautiful illustration in our Religion books. In Grammar our focus has been speech marks and past tense verbs. We have enjoyed many Maths challenges this week including trying to remember the rhyme about how many days in each month. During our Literacy Unit we found out some interesting facts about bears and musical instruments. We all decided bears can't really play the trumpet! Only 2 more sleeps until the Rio Olympics opening ceremony! Have a great weekend.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 2 Congratulations Year 2 on your beautiful Liturgy this morning. It was lovely to see so many family and friends at the church to help us celebrate. During the week we continued learning interesting facts about dinosaurs and we sorted them into carnivores, omnivores and herbivores. We all agreed that if we had to meet up with one of them millions of years ago, it would definitely have been the herbivores! In Maths we looked at number patterns, extending addition facts and rearranging numbers to 1000! Our spelling focused on 'are', 'air' and 'ear' words. Finally we've been counting down to the Olympic Games in Rio and we've been looking at the torch relay and the Olympic Rings. Go Aussies! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 This week in English Year 3 has written explanations about how a spider catches its prey. The children have tried to use technical terms and even included a diagram to help explain the process. Our comprehension groups are progressing well with new strategies to help improve our understanding of texts. During Maths we have looked at matching division and multiplication facts and revised our knowledge of angles. In Geography we worked in groups to research natural landforms in Australia discovering their importance and possible regulations to help protect them. We are really excited about the Primary Social tomorrow and can't wait to see everyone's costumes! Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 4 has spent this week preparing for our Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop Mass which will be celebrated next Monday. During comprehension groups we have learnt about and practised the skill of understanding word meanings in context and in Writing we have researched how a paper plane flies in order to write an explanation. In Maths this week we have revised 4-digit addition and have revised decimals by modeling them and converting them to fractions. For Geography this week we compared Asian and Australian animals. I can't wait to see everyone at the Social tomorrow night. Have a nice weekend and I hope to see you at our Mary MacKillop Mass on Monday.

Miss Phillipa Smith

YEAR 5 It's been another busy week in Year 5 as we have been preparing for our Mass with Kindergarten this Sunday. We hope you can all come along and join us in the celebration. In class we have been working in our table groups to discuss how we work out Maths problems and share different methods we use to solve a problem. Grammar has seen us investigate the various types of adverbs while in writing we have been finishing off the draft poems we have written about our environment. There have been lots of interesting suggestions for cool costumes for tomorrow's social and I can't wait to see them all. Have a great weekend.

Mr Tim Keady

YEAR 6 In Maths this week we have been working on negative and positive numbers and the position of two dimensional shapes. Our Grammar activities focused on adjectives of degrees. In Religion we have continued to learn about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and we have put the final touches on our letters of petition to the Bishop. Our Saint PowerPoints are looking excellent with detailed information and great design features. Year 6 is very excited about the primary social tomorrow night, we can't wait! Mr Damien Soares

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 5 August – Paula Purvis & Rochelle Harmer
Monday, 8 August – Toni Fuller & Justin Fuller
Wednesday, 10 August – Julie Marchant & Brenda Purvis
Friday, 12 August – Alicia Heffer & Roz Zell

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 7 August – Pat Spora, Charlie Banks, Olivia McClelland, Oli Schier