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Term 3 Week 3

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Thought for the Week

"Never see a need without doing something about it". Mary MacKillop

CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONS

After some restricted training due to the wet weather last week, our school cross country for the primary students was staged under ideal conditions on the school oval last Friday. Congratulations to all our runners for their tremendous training and efforts. The 9 and 10 year olds ran 2 km and the 11 and 12 year olds ran 3 km. Congratulations to the following students on their wonderful results: 9 years & under boys – 1st David McIsaac, 2nd Jock Mills, 3rd Jagger Hazelton, 4th Joe Staggs; 9 years & under girls – 1st Chloe Harris, 2nd Layla Wykes, 3rd Evie Peart, 4th Elsie Mudford; 10 years boys – 1st Alex Cosier, 2nd Sailor Ryan, 3rd Hayden Nichols; 10 years girls – 1st Tilla Chandler, 2nd Sophia Peart, 3rd Jemima Harrison 4th Jacqueline Hutchison; 11 years boys – 1st Mitchell Fuller, 2nd Will O'Connor; 11 years girls – 1st Alicia Fordham, 2nd Eliza Mudford; 12 years girls – 1st Beatie Davis, 2nd Grace Tancred. Congratulations to all the other competitors: Jacob Fordham, Cooper Lummis, Clayton Wheatley, Georgia Allan, Tilly Tancred, Isla Volkofsky, Eliza Larkin, Kennedi Hazelton, Alyssa Ferguson, Scarlett Chandler, Poppy-Grace Newton, Lara Younghusband.

CONGRATULATIONS JESSIE RILEY

Congratulations to Jessie Riley, one of our Year 6 leaders, who was awarded first prize in the Gilgandra Shire Council's mini photography challenge 'Around Town'. Naomi Pitts from Council presented Jessie with her prize at school last week. Well done Jessie!

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Tomorrow, Friday, 7 August

Tomorrow, 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 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 students will wear their normal school shirt (infants) or sports shirt (primary) and jumper. We look forward to an enjoyable day and raising lots of money for this worthwhile cause.

SPELLING BEE

Our school Spelling Bee Finals will be held next **Tuesday, 11 August** for Years 3 and 4 and **Wednesday, 12 August** for Years 5 and 6. Congratulations and good luck to these super spellers who have qualified for the school's finals. The Years 3 and 4 finalists include **Vaughan Zell, Jacqueline Hutchison, Ava Lacey, Alex Cosier, Hayden Nichols, Lara Younghusband, Violet Whitehouse, Mia Mudford, Ben Mudford, Evie Peart, Jemima Harrison**, while the Years 5 and 6 contestants will be **Rydah Whitehouse, Rhyan Hutchison, Hudson Duffy, Emma Mills, Alicia Fordham, Tahleigh Davey, Lilla Oehm, Ethan Morris, Stella Valler, Alex Gaff, Dakotah Gilmour, Brooke Woollams**. Well done to you all! Unfortunately adults are not allowed to attend due to COVID restrictions

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION MASS

Thursday, 13 August – 10:30 a.m.

Next Thursday, 13 August Year 5 will be attending Mass at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. This is a holy day which celebrates Mary being taken into heaven body and soul. 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.

'WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB'

YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

Thursday, 27 August – 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Year 6 has decided that the theme for the Years 3-6 Fancy Dress Social will be your 'Dream Job'. So have you ever dreamt of being a movie star, superhero, builder, train driver, doctor, nurse, teacher, parent, or maybe even a Wests Tiger footy player? Years 3 to 6 students can let their imaginations

run wild and come and dance the night away on Thursday, 27 August at St Joey's for the your 'DREAM JOB' Fancy Dress Social.

CPR & FIRST AID TRAINING

Each year staff at our school are required to undertake CPR and first aid training. Completing this course annually is essential in updating our skills and knowledge in this very vital area. We thank Barb Bignell and Geoff Kiehne for conducting this training for us next Thursday after school.

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 FEES

The 2020 School Fee Statements were emailed to all families yesterday. If you didn't receive your Fee Statement please contact Mrs Hodge. With today's newsletter is a letter from Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst Executive Director, Christina Trimble, addressed to all parents with an update regarding parent billing and fee concessions. If anyone is experiencing financial hardship, please contact Mr Musgrave as soon as possible.

2020 NON-GOVERNMENT SCHOOL CENSUS COLLECTION NOTICE

With today's newsletter is the 2020 Non-Government School Census Collection Notice from the Department of Education, Skills and Employment for parents' information.

NEW SCHOOL CANTEN PROCEDURES

The school canteen reopened this week and it was lovely welcoming our parent helpers back into the canteen. A reminder that 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.

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.

UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, it is important that you let us know either via our school app, by phone or by note, the reason for the absence. We are required by law to report any child who has more than 10 unexplained absences. We would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

CHICKEN POX

We have had a case of chicken pox reported at school. Please be on the alert for the symptoms of chicken pox such as an itchy blister-like rash on the skin and consult your family doctor if symptoms are noticed.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Tiaki Diamond** for super work in MiniLit, **Laycee Hazelton** for great work using bundles of 10 in Maths, **Maci Lomax** for working hard to stay between the lines when writing and **Lleyton Lummis** for trying hard to write a story all by himself.

YEAR 1: **Sophie Lacey** for writing a great story in free choice Writing, **Elijah Newton** for great sounding out in Phonics, **Mitchell Beaton** for working hard in Maths and **Parker Leven** for using elaborations in his weekend recount.

YEAR 2: **Oli Chandler** for adding more detail to his stories, **Mitchell Cosier** for a fantastic effort in Phonics and Spelling, **Lottie Duffy** for happily sharing strategies to answer tricky questions with the class, **Kellie Hutchison** for wonderful work in Maths Groups, **Keaghan Lummis** for great expression in morning reading and **Alana Spora** for great work in Maths Groups.

YEAR 3: **Elsie Adams** for always showing great enthusiasm to complete activities, **Mia Mudford** for expertly multiplying 2 digit numbers by 2 digits, **Amity Henry** for dedicated application to all areas of her work, **Georgia Allan** for drawing a superb 'Pig the Pug' and **Jeremiah Woodrow** for a great job finding homophones on homophone.com.

YEAR 4: **Toby Davis** and **Jack Gibson** for a brilliant start to their Hut Day speeches, **Jacqueline Hutchison** for a consistently determined approach to completing her Maths tasks and **Sailor Ryan** for his fantastic cover page for "Paper Planes".

YEAR 5: **Isabelle Mudford** for striving to answer Comprehension questions accurately, **Will O'Connor** for a great effort to create entertaining limericks, **Abi McArd** for an enthusiastic approach to completing Maths Prodigy tasks, **Molly Temple** for a diligent approach to Spelling and **Eliza Mudford** for fantastic achievement in Literacy Pro.

YEAR 6: **Dakotah Gilmour** for great results in Spelling, **Taylor Hayes** for fabulous reading in Reading Groups, **Nick Kirsop** for asking clarifying questions during Maths, **Henry Purvis** for great reading with fabulous expression in Reading Groups and **Jessie Riley** for beautiful reading with great expression during morning reading.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 3

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

WEEK 5

Monday, 17 August - ICAS Science Competition

Tuesday, 18 August - School Photos

- P & F Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 20 August - Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 21 August - Athletics Carnival

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER We have been working very hard in Kinder this week revising all our sounds in Phonics and revisiting our decodable readers to help us with sounding out words. We wrote some interesting facts about whales and enjoyed painting and decorating a collage of two whales swimming in the sea. In Maths we have been learning about ordinal numbers and comparing the capacity of containers. We have been discussing the life of St Mary MacKillop in Religion and how she loved God so much and always wanted to help others in need. It's great to see everyone trying hard with their home reading and sight words. Keep it up! Have a great weekend. *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 1 We have been learning about procedures this week. We made some 'Frogs in a Pond' which is a chocolate frog in jelly. We then wrote a procedure about how to make them and of course we ate them, which was the best bit! We also played a game of 'Snakes and Ladders' and sequenced a procedure about how to play. In Geography we learnt about 'Natural', 'Managed' and 'Constructed' places. We've begun reading "Room on the Broom" by Julia Donaldson and have been identifying adjectives in the story. In Art we've drawn some self portraits for our St Joeys tea towel. We are looking forward to wearing our jeans tomorrow to support Jeans for Genes day. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 This week in Religion our focus has been on Jesus' new commandment 'Love others as I have loved you'. We have looked at ways we can follow in Jesus' footsteps in Year 2. We have also learnt about Mary MacKillop as it is her feast day this week. "Never see a need without doing something about it". In English we have started using Reading Eggs and the students are able to access this website at home to support their progress if they wish. In Art we have been getting creative by sketching dinosaurs and painting volcanoes onto a landscape background. We are excited to wear our jeans tomorrow to support 'Jeans for Genes Day.' Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 has had another busy week. During Religion we have looked at gathering as God's people and the liturgy of the Word and the importance behind each of these when we attend Mass. We have also begun learning our liturgical movement for First Holy Communion. In English we are creating a Google Slide presentation about an extreme or freaky animal. These will be presented during News in Weeks 4 and 5. Our Sentence A Day focus has been on homophones and we have created large lists of homophones. During Art Year 3 has created some really colourful 'Pig the Pug' portraits and loved listening to the "Pig the Fibber" book during our Reading Groups. In Maths our focus has been on calculating change during Maths Warm Up and we have also looked at multiplication facts, rounding to 5-cents, grids and collecting data. Good luck to those students participating in the Spelling Bee next week. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 Congratulations to all who participated in cross country last Friday. The Joey's cheer squad sounded amazing. Year 4 has had an exceptionally busy week. We have been preparing 'Hut Day' speeches and planning has begun on the requirements for building our early settler huts. During Maths we have been consolidating our understanding of factors and factorising. We are learning all about friction during Science and our Grammar focus this week is verb tense. Painting has started on our collage landscape and has involved blending and experimenting with different brush techniques. Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 This week we have begun preparation for our class Mass celebrating the 'Assumption of Mary'. We also recalled facts about St Mary MacKillop whose feast day is this week. In Maths we investigated improper fractions and tree diagrams to display possible outcomes in chance. During Grammar we looked at similes and wrote a simile poem about ourselves in Text Types, while in Geography we identified different environments and researched which animals can be found in each biome. In Art we completed work on our surreal tiny window and have begun our own interpretation of the Picasso masterpiece 'The Three Musicians'. Tomorrow is Jeans for Genes Day so don't forget your gold coin donation for this worthy cause. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Michelle Schier

YEAR 6 We celebrated a beautiful Mass this morning in honour of Mary MacKillop. Well done Year 6 on your reverence and participation! This week we have started our self portraits for the school tea towels. We learnt about facial proportions and enjoyed contemplating what we look like and how to show that in an artwork that might be hanging in someone's kitchen in years to come! Our Maths focus this week has been on adding and subtracting mixed numerals, reading two-way tables and interpreting timetables to calculate elapsed time. Year 6 had the opportunity to reflect on their progress in Reading by analyzing their Literacy Pro results from the last three years. We were really impressed with the way everyone took ownership of their learning by setting goals and thinking about practical ways to improve. Keep up the great work!

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 7 August - Tanya Hutchison & Lorraine Hutchison

Monday, 10 August - Emma Hayes & Adam Howard

Wednesday, 12 August - Cassie Youngusband & Danielle Bonnington

Friday, 14 August - Katie Godber & **Volunteer Required**

