



# ABOUT

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### Thought for the Week

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

#### **FUN, FRIENDS & FUNDS**

It was a great evening of fun with friends whilst raising funds for the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus at the P&F Trivia Night held at Sporties last Friday night. Quiz Master Guy McAnally-Elwin was fabulous writing and delivering the questions and he was ably supported by our very energetic compere, Andrew Schier. Thank you Guy and Andrew. A huge thank you to the Sporties Club for their very generous donations and use of the Club. Thank you also to our P&F Association for organising such a fantastic evening and to all those who helped prior to and during the night. To all those who attended, thank you so much, hopefully you had an enjoyable evening. Finally, it is amazing to be able to announce that \$1,200.00 was raised for the Ear Bus. This money was presented to Rachel Kirsop by our Year 6 leaders at school on Wednesday.

#### **JEANS FOR GENES DAY**

Last Friday, 3 August was Jeans for Genes Day and we decided this would be a great opportunity to help raise money to prevent childhood disease. All students were asked to wear jeans to school and bring along a gold coin donation. We raised \$401.00 for this very worthwhile cause. This was a fabulous effort and we thank everyone for their donation.

#### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

*All those who enjoyed Parliament House, say "AYE! AYE!" Walking down the halls and looking at all the unique paintings of the past Prime Ministers was magnificent! It was amazing to see how enormous the flagpole and the flag really are. We even got to go inside the Senate and House of Representatives. It was a remarkable place the visit! Samantha Naden, Billie Allan, Alana Elsom and Jasmine Zell.*

#### **NETBALL NSW SCHOOLS CUP REGIONAL FINALS**

On Tuesday the Senior Girls Netball Team participated in the NSW Netball Schools Cup in Orange. The team played 7 games and really gave of their best, winning 2 games and coming very close to winning another 2. They made some great passes, impressive intercepts and shot some fantastic goals. The girls played really well in shooting, defence and centre court and showed plenty of school spirit throughout the day. They should be really proud of their efforts and the way they worked together as a team. Congratulations girls.

#### **SYDNEY THUNDER VISIT**

Students from Years 3-6 were visited by players from the Sydney Thunder Cricket Team yesterday. The students received a very informative talk from players Ryan Gibson and Liam Hatcher and were then able to ask questions and receive some autographs! We would like to thank Cricket NSW for organising this visit to our school.

#### **SOCCER GALA DAY**

We have over 60 students from Years 3-6 competing in the St Laurence's School Soccer Gala Day in Dubbo tomorrow. A note relating to transportation and containing the teams and draws was sent home yesterday. We wish the following students the best of luck and trust you will all 'Give Of Your Best' and have an enjoyable day: Lucas Fong, Rhyon Hutchison, Shane Estens, Sam Dunn, Will Younghusband, Henry Purvis, Will O'Connor, Darron Mulligan, Riley Fiddes, Mitchell Fuller, Orlando Ryan, Ethan Morris, Declan Gale, Blake Fairey, Ryder Ryan, Lochie Henry, Nick Kirsop, Charlie Zell, Tom Staggs, Darcy Morris, Brody Heffer, Jett Chandler, Elten Walker, Darcy Neeves, Aiden Walker, Luke O'Neill, Kyzack Corcoran, Ry Heffer, Jacob Harland, Cameron Davis, Ben Harland, Harry Mudford, Dylon Murray, Isaac Grimshaw, Jerome Woodrow, Dennis Gale, Daniel Kirsop, Tom Dunn, Alex Gaff, Millie Spora, Emmie Peart, Brooke Woollams, Grace Tancred, Jordan Neeves, Charlotte Ferguson, Molly Nichols, Eva Bonnington, Beatie Davis, Eliza Larkin, Hope Jones-Copelin, Bonnie Henry, Isabelle Mudford, Layney Godber, Molly Wilson, Kate Woollams, Camilla Beveridge, Emma Durrant, Emily Zell, Jade Elsom, Sarah Temple, Emma Westwood, Chloe Mudford, Breanna Foster, Mattea Purvis, Grace Winter, Alana Elsom, Ava Meyers.

#### **ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION**

The ICAS Mathematics Competition will be held next Tuesday, 14 August for all students in Years 3-6. Thank you to our P & F who generously pay the entry fee for each child for this competition.

#### **BOOK WEEK PARADE**

##### **Wednesday, 15 August – 12:30 p.m.**

Years K-2 will be dressing up as their favourite book character next Wednesday, 15 August to celebrate Book Week. The children will parade their outfits in the square at 12.30pm and parents are more than welcome to attend. Just a reminder that Book Club orders are due on 17 August.

##### **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

Next Thursday, 16 August the whole school 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. Year 3 is preparing this special Mass and we ask if you could please bring a plate for morning tea which will follow Mass.

##### **"DREAM BIG" YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL**

##### **Friday, 17 August 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

The primary fancy dress social is almost here and our Year 6 leaders are hoping you are 'DREAMING BIG' as you get your outfits ready for the night! 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!**

##### **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

Our Father's Day Stall will be held this year on Friday, 31 August. A big thank you to Sally Beveridge who has taken over as coordinator of the stall. The stall is run along the same lines as the Mother's Day Stall. Each year the children are excited to purchase a gift from the stall, however without your help this would not be possible. Donations of gifts can be dropped in at the office at any time. Ideas for the stall include chocolates, keyrings, mugs, caps, pens, tools, hose fittings, car care items, beanies, socks, etc. It would be wonderful if we could have enough gifts for the children to purchase 1 to 2 gifts each. Please keep an eye out for presents no matter how big or small...it all helps! If the gifts could be wrapped in clear cellophane, that would be greatly appreciated. There will be a raffle run in conjunction with the stall. Tickets are \$2.00 each and a book of five tickets is with today's About.

##### **EXCURSION SNIPPET**

*Smash!! Went the snowball as it hit Mr Musgrave. We all walked to Tube Town and had a great time on the tubes. The tubes were lots of fun because you got pulled up to the top and then got pushed down by the staff. The super spin was when the staff spun us around on the tubes really quickly and went down the steep slope. Then we all had a huge snowball fight and all won against Mr Musgrave. We were having so much fun that we couldn't feel the cold. Kate Woollams, Molly Wilson, Jade Elsom, Camilla Beveridge and Emma Durrant.*

##### **ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE**

##### **Friday, 7 September**

Preparations are well underway for this year's fete to be held on Friday, 7 September. Thank you to Rochelle Easman who is in her last year as Fete Coordinator. We are still looking for someone to take over the role from Rochelle. We are also in need of a coordinator for the Show Bag stall and the Everyone's a Winner stall. Please contact Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller in the office if you can assist.

##### **IN THE GARDEN**

On Friday we planted succulents in tin cans and glass jars. Succulents grow well in dry weather so are easy to look after. In the native bird garden the wattle tree is flowering. It looks beautiful. The daffodils are growing well and one has a bud. Happy gardening. *By Casey Gaff*

## **MESSAGE FROM BISHOP McKENNA'S OFFICE**

Accompanying today's About is a message from Bishop McKenna's Office relating to any hardship that families are experiencing due to the drought affecting NSW. If any families are suffering financial hardship and finding it difficult to pay school fees, please contact Tony Musgrave for assistance.

### **MOORAMBILLA VOICES PROGRAM**

The following students will participate, along with other talented singers from across the North West region of NSW, in a series of workshops that are being held this week and next week, as part of the 2018 Moorambilla Voices program: **Jack Oehm, Oscar Spora, Camilla Beveridge, Kate Woollams, Nick Tancred, Will Spora, Grace Winter, Alana Elsom, Paige Gilmour, Lilla Oehm, Alex Gaff, Brooke Woollams** and **Trinity Zell**. Well done to all the sensational singers!

### **WRITING COMPETITION**

Entries are now open for the 2018 Schools Writing Competition. Students all over Australia are invited to enter their short stories or poems and battle it out for the great cash prizes on offer. There is no theme. Entrants are encouraged to let their imaginations run wild on any topic and in any style. Students from all grades from Kinder to Year 12 are welcome to enter. Enter online at [www.write4fun.net](http://www.write4fun.net), or email to [enter@write4fun.net](mailto:enter@write4fun.net) or fax entries to (07) 5574 3644, or post entries with official entry form (available from school) to Write4fun, PO Box 2734, Nerang DC, QLD, 4211. Entry is free and all entries must be received by 31 August 2018.

### **MERIT AWARDS**

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

**KINDER:** **Oliver Peart** and **Mitchell Cosier** for writing a well sequenced story about Meg and Mog, **Connor Jones-Copelin** for working hard to write neatly, **Chloe Alexander** for trying very hard to follow directions during Art and **Ivy Zell** for confidently reading her sight words.

**YEAR 1:** **Tilly Tancred** for working hard in Maths, **Brodie Nichols** for wonderful reading at our class Liturgy, **Jacob Fordham** for super work in Spelling and **Caine Bugmy** for lovely singing at our class Liturgy.

**YEAR 2:** **Xanthe Gale** for having lovely manners and being a happy friend, **Jack Gibson** for good listening in Comprehension Groups, **Kenedi Hazelton** for always working hard in Reading Groups, **Sailor Ryan** for improved effort and attitude in Reading Groups, **Evie Peart** and **Tilla Chandler** for taking pride in the presentation of their work.

**YEAR 3:** **Alicia Fordham** for a conscientious effort learning fractions in Maths, **Jaida Tarrant** for always 'Giving of Your Best', **Emily Standing** for being creative when making compound words in Grammar and **Kaycee Bugmy** for a fantastic effort in Spelling.

**YEAR 4:** **Rani Diamond, Blake Fairy** and **Ella Mudford** for a consistent effort with morning reading, **Michael Ibe** for excellent participation during extension Maths activities and **Dakotah Gilmour** for working well in groups during our 'Scratch' coding.

**YEAR 5:** **Hayden Ferguson** for critically thinking about your answers in Maths, **Jett Chandler** for an enthusiastic approach to Maths, **Nick Tancred, Grace Winter** and **Cameron Davis** for excellent reading results.

**YEAR 6:** **Aiden Walker** for carefully finding information for your Saint PowerPoint, **Darcy Neeves** for excellent work with comparative adjectives, **Emma Durrant** for consistently having a high standard of bookwork and **Dennis Gale** for working through subtraction problems with confidence.

### **WHAT'S ON**

<b>WEEK 3</b>	<b>Year 3 Reconciliation</b>
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
<b>WEEK 4</b>	<b>Year 4 Reconciliation</b>
Monday, 13 August	- GHS Expo – Years 5 & 6 – Gil Shire Hall - 9:00 - 9:40a.m.
Monday, 13 and Tuesday, 14 August	- Moorambilla Girls Camp
Tuesday, 14 August	- ICAS Maths Competition
Wednesday, 15 August	- Junior Joey's visit Cooee Lodge
	- Infants Book Week Dress-Up Day - 12:30 p.m.
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 – 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
<b>WEEK 5</b>	
Monday, 20 August	- Cyber Safety Talk – 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
	- Cyber Safety Parent Meeting – 6:00 p.m.
	- P & F Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, 23 August	- Diocesan Athletics, Dubbo
	- Father's Day Stall Working Bee

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** This week in Religion we learnt all about Mary Mackillop and how she loved teaching children and looking after the poor. Mary wants us all to listen to God and to 'Never see a need without doing something about it'. In Maths we added single digits together using a ten frame, revised tricky teen numbers using tens and ones and identified objects using the position words left and right. During Writing this week we are trying hard to sequence events using the time connectives First, Then, Next and Finally. We are also working on making our sentences more interesting using elaboration - telling the reader more! We are starting to organise our concert item. If anybody has a princess costume they could possibly lend us we would be very grateful. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith & Mrs Alison Newstead*

**YEAR 1** This week in Grammar we are learning about homophones and have created a word bank which grows larger everyday with everyone on the lookout for these tricky words. In Religion we discussed the life of Saint Mary MacKillop and drew a picture of Jesus with Zacchaeus. In Maths we consolidated our knowledge of addition and subtraction and classified objects as 'natural' or 'constructed' in Geography. In Art we used the outline of our feet to create an artwork of a brightly coloured owl. Next Wednesday is our Book Week dress up day and we can't wait to see all of the fabulous book character costumes. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier*

**YEAR 2** Thank you Year 4 for a beautiful Mass to celebrate the life of Saint Mary MacKillop. In Religion we looked at the qualities of Mary and realised the importance of her selfless work to educate all children. We discussed "Never see a need without doing something about it". In Maths we focused on number patterns, area and money. We began looking at information text types and learnt some facts about butterflies and their life cycle. We look forward to learning about different dinosaurs next week. We made some groovy paper dinosaur bags and read 'The Gigantosaurus' as part of our Literature unit. We are all looking forward to dressing up for Book Week next Wednesday! Have a great weekend. *Miss Lisa Harvey*

**YEAR 3** Thank you to Year 4 for preparing such a beautiful Mass to celebrate the life of Mary MacKillop. Following this Mass our class celebrated Reconciliation with Fr Greg. Our text type focus has been information reports. The students researched information and have worked together to write information reports about Sharks. We enjoyed a visit yesterday from the two Sydney Thunder players. It was interesting to hear what they have achieved and how they started their cricketer careers. We have been practising for our Assumption Mass next Thursday. We would love to see you all and please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Best of luck to all the students participating in the Soccer Gala Day tomorrow, we hope you have a fun day. *Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Donna Colwell*

**YEAR 4** Wow the end of Week 3 already! Thank you to everyone who came along and helped us celebrate St Mary MacKillop's feast day on Wednesday. This week in class we have been writing explanations based on our Science topic for the term 'The Solar System'. In Maths we have been once again looking at fractions and the conversion of them between decimals and percentages. We have also been looking at tessellations and creating our own patterns. Our new focus in Art this term is creating some paper mache hot air balloons which are starting to take shape. Best of luck to all the super soccer stars who are heading to Dubbo tomorrow. We are sure you will give of your best. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady & Miss Prue Giffin*

**YEAR 5** This week in English Year 5 has written explanations about volcanoes. 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. We have completed the personal response questions in our excursion booklets and in Religion we have focused on Mary MacKillop. We have also started our 'Bounce Back' program which aims to help children develop resilience and positivity in their relationships with others. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas*

**YEAR 6** This week in Grammar we have learnt about superlative adjectives. We identified these adjectives in various texts and wrote them in our own interesting sentences. In Maths we have worked on multiplying by multiples of 10, division and two-dimensional shapes. We are now putting our final touches on our Saint PowerPoints, they are looking magnificent so far. In Religion we have been learning about the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit and we should know these off by heart by the end of next week (feel free to quiz your child!). In Art we have started to come up with ideas for our string art. Goodluck to all the Joey's playing soccer in Dubbo tomorrow! Have a great weekend. *Mr Damien Soares*

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 10 August – Jo Lummis & Jodie Peart  
Monday, 13 August – Penny Zell & Min Morris  
Wednesday, 15 August – Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas  
Friday, 17 August – Lorraine Hutchison & Alicia Heffer

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 12 August – Oscar Spora & Nick Gale