



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 4

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Thought for the Week

Come Holy Spirit

Fill the hearts of your faithful

And kindle in them the fire of your love.

CONFIRMATION

This Sunday, 13 August – 9:45 a.m.

All is ready for our Confirmation Mass that will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church this Sunday, 13 August at 9:45 a.m. Again we invite everyone to attend on Sunday to support our Confirmation class. Please keep all the Year 6 students 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 Youngusband.

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 tomorrow, Friday, 11 August at 1:30 p.m. It would be great if as many parents as possible could lend a hand.

INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

Everyone had a great afternoon today as our infants children enjoyed their mini carnival. There were lots of fun races culminating with some exciting tug-o'-wars. Many thanks to the staff for organising and running this carnival and to all the parents, family and friends for coming along to cheer on the children. Go Joey's!

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Last Friday, 4 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 \$231.00 for this very worthwhile cause. This was a fabulous effort especially considering we had so many children away at the Soccer Gala Day in Dubbo.

SOCCER GALA DAY

Well done to the five teams that played at the Soccer Gala Day last Friday. It was a great day and we congratulate all our students for braving the cold and representing our school with terrific sportsmanship!

NETBALL NSW SCHOOLS CUP REGIONAL FINALS

Our Senior Girls Netball Team travelled to Orange on Tuesday to compete in the Netball NSW Schools Cup Regional Finals. The girls certainly 'Gave Of Their Best' throughout the six challenging games they played and are to be congratulated on their positive attitude and great school spirit. Also a very big thank you to Danielle Diggs who coached the girls at lunch times and umpired all our games in Orange.

PRESCHOOL VISIT

We look forward to welcoming the Friday group of children from Gilgandra Preschool, tomorrow, Friday, 11 August. We hope they enjoy their visit to 'big school'.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Next Tuesday, 15 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.

AUGUST P & F MEETING

The August P & F Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 15 August at 7:30 p.m. in the school staffroom. Please come along and show your support for our hardworking P & F Association.

ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The ICAS Mathematics Competition will be held next Wednesday, 16 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.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Best of luck to the Joey's students who will represent the Western Region at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival to be held in Dubbo next Friday, 18 August. Our competitors include: Will Fuller, Darcy Neeves, Rhys O'Neill, Mason Fryers, Sam Dunn, Luke O'Neill, Lilla Oehm, Ryan Ferguson, Jennifer Ibe, Jade Elsom, Isaiah Gleadhill, Rani Diggs, Dylon Murray, Ryder Ryan, Bailey Wykes, Bradley Kildey, Aiden Walker.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

'Joey's Australian Vacation' **Gilgandra High School Hall**

Thursday, 31 August

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged on Thursday, 31 August at the Gilgandra High School hall at 6:00 p.m. The students and staff put a lot of time and effort into the concert and it always promises a great night's entertainment.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our Father's Day Stall will be held this year on Friday, 1 September. Jessica Whitehouse has kindly offered to coordinate the stall this year. This 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 wouldn't be possible. Donations of gifts to sell can be dropped in at the office at any time. 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 and tickets will go home in the next couple of weeks.

ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 15 September

Preparations are well under way for this year's fete to be held on Friday, 15 September. Thank you to Rochelle Easman who is again taking the reins as Fete Coordinator. We are very open to new ideas so if there is something you would like to organise at the fete please let us know. A quick overview so you can start planning:

- Infants - Cake/Produce Stall – *Coordinator Kristy Gale*
- Year 3 and 4 - Tombuli (small items in snap lock bags) – *Coordinator – Sally Oehm*
- Year 5 or 6 - 'Everyone's a Winner' – *Coordinator Meichelle Schier*. Start looking out for prizes from small to big.

In future Abouts we will be asking for coordinators for various other stalls, so if anyone would like to volunteer, please let us know.

WHOOPING COUGH (PERTUSSIS)

As reported last week, we have had several cases of Whooping Cough reported at school. A factsheet from NSW Health regarding Whooping Cough is accompanying today's About.

VISITORS' REGISTER

As part of our WHS requirements, we now have a Visitors' Register in the office. All visitors to the school must first come to the office to sign in and then sign out when they leave. This will include all canteen workers. It is not necessary to sign in if you come during the day to pick up your children.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS WHS REQUIREMENTS

As part of our WHS requirements, the Catholic Education Office and our school recommend that all volunteers complete the WHS Induction e-learning module online. If you wish to undertake this module please contact the school for the online instructions.

WRITING COMPETITION

Entry is now open in the 2017 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, or email to 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, 2017.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** **Oliver Christian** for writing an entertaining story about being on a deserted island, **Jacob Fordham** for superb work finding nouns in a find-a-word, **Jock Mills** for a fantastic effort in Reading Groups, **Amity Henry** for great work sorting 2D shapes and **Nikola Riley** and **Ivy Murphy** for creating lovely artworks of a witch. **YEAR 1:** **Lara Younghusband** and **Layla Wykes** for researching fascinating facts about bears, **Ava Lacey** for being a great volunteer during our visit to Healthy Harold and **Violet Whitehouse** for being kind and helpful to others. **YEAR 2:** **Emily Standing** and **Darcy Morris** for excellent work in Text Types, **Eliza Larkin** for careful work in all areas, **Lucas Fong** for solving Problem A Day with accuracy and **Orlando Ryan** for displaying excellent manners at all times. **YEAR 3:** **Beatie Davis** for a fantastic effort with the Literacy Pro program, **Eva Bonnington** for great work with homophones, **Rydh Whitehouse** for wonderful expression when reading, **Charlotte Ferguson** for a beautiful monkey artwork and **Charlie Zell** for super spelling results. **YEAR 4:** **Cameron Davis** and **Ryan Ferguson** for fantastic researching group work during their Geography unit and **William Spora** for presenting a fantastic news item on his recent holiday. **YEAR 5:** **Luke O'Neill**, **Molly Fairey** and **Emily Zell** for spending one million dollars thoughtfully and with a Christian attitude and **Jack Oehm** and **Tom Dunn** for a positive attitude towards their learning. **YEAR 6:** **Tylah Anforth** for finding averages with accuracy, **Mason Fryers** for subtracting six digit numbers with speed and accuracy, **Jennifer Ibe** for carefully using superlative adjectives in Grammar and **Bradley Kildey** for great contributions to class discussions.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4 - Year 3 Reconciliation

Wednesday, 9 August -
Saturday, 12 August - Moorambilla Boys Camp
Friday, 11 August - Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.
- Church Working Bee – 1:30 p.m.
Sunday, 13 August - 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

Monday, 21 August - Visit from Stanislaus College Bathurst – Years 4, 5 and 6 boys – 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, 24 August - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 7

Monday, 28 August - Concert Rehearsal
Tuesday, 29 August - 'Get To Know Asia' School Performance – 2:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 30 August - Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge
- St John's College Placement Tests
Thursday, 31 August - Concert – 6:00 p.m.
Friday, 1 September - Father's Day Stall

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER We enjoyed a lovely Mass for the Feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on Tuesday. Thank you Year 4. We have also been reading "Meg's Car" and the children have enjoyed writing about their own adventure in a magical car. In addition, they have learnt about the 'j' sound and the correct formation of this letter. Next week our sound focus is 'v' for van. During Mathematics the children explored the number we can add together to make nine and how to share objects equally into groups. During History we spoke

about special places at home and identified whether they are constructed, natural or maintained and ways we care for our special place. Kinder also created a beautiful bookmark for their buddy to congratulate them on making their Conformation. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 This week Year 1 enjoyed reading "The Very Hungry Bear". We wrote about each animal home that 'Bear' suggested 'Polar Bear' should try living in. Some places were too hot, small and dangerous but finally the perfect home was found in the snow! Thank you to Year 4 for preparing such a beautiful Mass to celebrate the feast of St Mary of the Cross. Year 1 students are going to try hard to follow her motto of never seeing a need without doing something about it, no matter how small the 'something' is!! In Maths we have been practising our addition facts and exploring the link between subtraction and addition. We have started our concert practice and everyone is very excited! A note will be sent home regarding costumes. See you at Confirmation this Sunday to celebrate with all our amazing Year 6 friends! *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 It was a great day of fun and sportsmanship at the Infants carnival today. It was great to see so many parents and friends to cheer everyone on. Thank you to Year 4 for a lovely St Mary MacKillop Mass on Tuesday. We discussed her famous quote, "Never see a need without doing something about it". In Maths we looked at comparing data and rounding up or down to ten. Mr Langes certainly challenged everyone last week with tricky problem solving questions! In Spelling we focused on words that have the 'ai, a_e, ay' sound. We wish our Year 6 leaders a happy celebration on Sunday and hope to see everyone at Mass for Conformation. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week Year 3 had the opportunity to visit the Life Education Van. During their 'Mind Your Medicine' unit they learnt that it is important to take medicine properly and what to look for to make sure medicine is safe to take. Everyone had a great time and even got to see Happy Harold. In Writing the students revised the purpose of a procedure and were guided through two procedures, 'how to brush your teeth' and 'how to make a paper bag monster'. During Grammar students learnt about articles and when 'a', 'an' and 'the' is used. In Mathematics, division facts and strategies were revised and practised. As part of our Geography unit, 'Places That Are Similar And Different', we located well known deserts, rainforests and mountain ranges in Australia and read about some famous natural attractions. We look forward to celebrating Confirmation with Year 6 on Sunday. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 It has been a very busy week in Year 4. Thank you to everyone who came to help celebrate our Mass on Mary Mackillop on Tuesday. A special thanks goes to Fr Joshy who travelled from Dubbo, for stepping in for Fr Martin. This week in class we have been busy finishing off our explanations on paper planes. In Maths we have been learning about the compensation strategy which was very hard at first but we are now mastering it with ease. The Life Education Van was a hit with everyone as we learnt how to stay safe when using technology and how people could be hurt by what we put on the internet. Don't forget Confirmation on Sunday. It would be great to see lots there supporting Year 6. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 This week in Year 5 we have been busy writing explanations. Everyone was keen to explain about a topic that interests them. It certainly is interesting to see such a wide range of experts in our classroom. Our Maths focus has had us learning about averages, estimating addition algorithms and reflecting, translating and rotating 2D shapes. During Religion we contemplated the life of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross and why she is so special to us here at St Joseph's. We thank Year 4 for preparing such a beautiful Mass honouring Mary on Tuesday. We are also keeping our Year 6 Confirmation class in our thoughts and prayers and we look forward to a wonderful celebration. Thank you to the Year 5 parents who are able to help with the morning tea on Sunday. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 is very excited for our huge celebration on Sunday! Only 3 days to go! We have published our Confirmation poems for the Yearbook using google docs. In Maths this week we have learnt about two-way tables, mixed numerals and multiplication. In History we have learnt about 'our convict past' and investigated factors that led to British colonisation (political, social, financial). The students are now preparing presentations to show their findings to the class. In Grammar we have learnt about past and present participles. It sounds like everyone is very excited for our magnificent celebration on Sunday! *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 11 August – Simone Fordham & Sheree Staggs
Monday, 14 August – Sarah Hickey & Emma Meyers
Wednesday, 16 August – Amanda Chandler & Gai-Maree Younghusband
Friday, 18 August – JB & Ali Tancred

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 13 August – Molly Fairey, Charlie Banks, Luke O'Neill, Oscar Spora

