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Thought for the Week

Optimism allows us to evolve our ideas, to improve our situation and to hope for a better tomorrow!

SOCCER GALA DAY

We have over 80 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: **Alex Cosier, Toby Davis, Hayden Nichols, Sailor Ryan, Riley Fiddes, Lucas Fong, Mitch Fuller, Brody Heffer, Darcy Morris, Darron Mulligan, Jonas Naden, Will O'Connor, Orlando Ryan, Tom Staggs, Jordan Wighton, Mac Lesslie, Hudson Duffy, Sam Dunn, Shane Estens, Blake Fairey, Declan Gale, Lochie Henry, Rhyann Hutchison, Ethan Morris, Henry Purvis, Ryder Ryan, Rydah Whitehouse, Will Youngusband, Charlie Zell, Jett Chandler, Cameron Davis, Hayden Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Ben Harland, Harry Mudford, Nick Tancred, Jett Tarrant, Nick Gale, Tilla Chandler, Alyssa Ferguson, Xanthe Gale, Jemima Harrison, Jacqueline Hutchison, Poppy-Grace Newton, Sophia Peart, Olivia Westwood, Alexia Riley, Georgia Tancred, Lara Youngusband, Bonnie Henry, Hope Jones-Copelin, Eliza Larkin, Emma Mills, Eliza Mudford, Isabelle Mudford, Abbie Skinner, Jaida Tarrant, Molly Temple, Adison Thomas, Lauren Thurlow, Maddi Peart, Tia Allan, Eva Bonnington, Charlotte Ferguson, Alex Gaff, Dakotah Gilmour, Kimbalee Gilmour, Grace Jones-Copelin, Alison Mudford, Ella Mudford, Jordan Neeves, Molly Nichols, Lilla Oehm, Emmie Peart, Millie Spora, Grace Tancred, Brooke Woollams, Trinity Zell, Billie Allan, Alana Elsom, Lucy McIsaac, Ava Meyers, Sam Naden, Grace Winter.**

CHRISTMAS ART WORKSHOP

Years 5 and 6 participated in an art workshop on Monday and Tuesday with artist, Mr Les Quick. This workshop was to prepare them for the Diocesan Christmas Art Competition. During the sessions Mr Quick taught the students some artistic techniques using a variety of media and helping them reflect on Christmas passages from the Bible to create an artwork for the competition. Everyone really enjoyed the days and have created some amazing artworks.

HEAR OUR HEART VISIT

On Monday, 19 August Hear Our Heart will be visiting our school to teach the students about the importance of ear health. This will be done by way of a puppet show for our Years K-3 students and a Power Point presentation for our Years 4-6 students. We thank the HOH Project for taking time to meet with the children.

AUGUST P & F MEETING

The August P & F Meeting will be held next Tuesday, 20 August at 7:00 p.m. at school. Please come along and show your support for our hardworking P & F Association.

BOOK WEEK DRESS UP DAY

Next week we celebrate Book Week and this year we will be holding a Dress Up Day on Wednesday, 21 August. The infants children (Years K-2) will be dressing up as their favourite book character and the primary students (Years 3-6) can either come dressed in the outfit that they wore to the fancy dress social or dress up as their favourite book character. We will have our parade after recess at 11:20 a.m. All welcome.

EAR BUS

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be visiting our school again next Thursday, 22 August to test children's hearing. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

ICAS COMPETITIONS

The format for this year's ICAS competitions has changed with all competitions taking place over a three (3) week period during Weeks 7-9. A note was sent home last week detailing the changes. If your child

will be participating in any of the competitions, please ensure the tear-off slip is completed and returned to school by Friday, 23 August.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our Father's Day Stall will be held this year on Friday, 30 August which is just over two (2) weeks away. *We are very short on gifts at this stage.* 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 has been sent home with this week's About. Thank you to **Rohr's Home Timber & Hardware, 3D Butchery, Diggs Butchery, Johnson's Butchery** and the **Armatree Hotel** for kindly donating items for our raffle.

WORKING BEES FOR FATHER'S DAY STALL

Thank you to those parents who helped wrap gifts for the Father's Day Stall this morning. There will be two (2) further working bees to help wrap presents next Wednesday, 21 August and the following Wednesday, 28 August from 9:00 a.m. Morning tea will be provided. Please come along and help if you can.

ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 6 September – Only 3 weeks to go!

It's time to start getting organised for the fete! The following are our major stalls that need donations to be successful:

CAKE & PRODUCE STALL (Infants) Kristy Gale is the coordinator of this stall and is asking for donations.

TOMBULI (Years 3 & 4) Sally Oehm is the coordinator of the Tombuli Stall. It is always a great favourite among the children and we are looking for donations. Just simply fill a sandwich sized ziplock bag with miscellaneous items. There could be rubbers, pencils, textas, plastic toys (army men, animals etc.), hair bands, hair clips, toy cars etc., keeping in mind that the tickets for the tombuli stall will be \$2.00 each. Please send them into school by Monday, 2 September.

EVERYONE'S A WINNER (Years 5 & 6) JB & Alison Tancred are the coordinators of this stall and it needs donations to be successful, because as the name suggests, whether it's a major prize or a minor prize – everyone's a winner. We are looking for prizes of all values for this stall. *While these stalls are class specific they are open to donations from everyone.*

PLANT STALL As previously mentioned there will be a plant stall at this year's fete and donations of plants will be required. Hopefully everyone has some cuttings growing, or why not buy a punnet of seedlings and transplant them into individual pots – all donations are welcome!

COW PAT LOTTO

At the fete each year we have a Cow Pat Lotto. How does cow pat lotto work? We erect a yard with an area of 400 square metres. You then have the chance to purchase one or more of these one metre squares for \$5.00 per square. A cow is led around the yard and if you own the square where the first dropping lands, then you win \$1,000.00! With today's About are four tickets to sell. If you would like more tickets, just let us know and we will send them home. **All sold tickets need to be returned to school by Friday, 30 August.**

FABBA IN CONCERT

Gilgandra Services Club is hosting FABBA, a fabulous band who sing all your favourite ABBA songs. FABBA will be performing at the club on Saturday, 31 August starting at 8:30 p.m. **Half of the door takings will be donated back to the school!!** So get a group of friends and help raise funds for our school while having a FABBA-ulous time! Tickets are \$20 each and are available at the club or school. We thank Gilgandra Services Club for organising this show. **SEE ATTACHED FLYER.**

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Francis Ibe** for sharing interesting news about his special toys, **Sophie Lacey** for an amazing and well written story about a magical unicorn, **Hannah Meers** for great counting to 30 and reciting the months of the year and **Neve Walker** for fantastic contributions to class discussions.

YEAR 1: **Isabelle Peart** for having beautiful manners, **Ben O'Brien** for working conscientiously at all times, **Joe O'Brien** for being diligent, focused and a great example and **Mitchell Cosier** for writing amazingly creative stories.

YEAR 2: **Georgia Allan** and **Isla Volkofsky** for practising the concert script with enthusiasm, **David McIsaac** for beautiful bookwork in Religion, **Ben Mudford** for great setting out in Problem A Day and Operations, **Anna Walker** for a great effort on 'How to Build A Snowman' and **Max Fiddes** for writing a super acrostic poem about 'Dinosaurs'.

YEAR 3: **Alexia Riley** for thinking of extra sound words during Spelling, **Sailor Ryan** for taking extra care when subtracting using money, **Jacqueline Hutchison** for outstanding effort in all key learning areas and **Scarlett Chandler** for conscientious work in all areas.

YEAR 4: **Isabelle Mudford** for creating a beautiful artwork of a sunset, **Darron Mulligan** and **Molly Temple** for writing fantastic explanations about the planets and **William O'Connor** for reading clearly and confidently in front of an audience.

YEAR 5: **Beatie Davis** for working hard during our Essential Maths activities, **Rani Diamond** for showing improved skills when creating a perspective artwork, **Lilla Oehm** for sharing some great responses with the class during our Industrial Revolution lesson and **Ryder Ryan** for presenting well laid out work in Problem A Day and Operations books.

YEAR 6: **Ben Harland** for his excellent contribution during Maths discussions, **Lucas Gleadhill** for his excellent poem created in our Literacy unit, **Hayden Ferguson** for being a reliable peer, who is always willing to lend a helping hand and **Casey Gaff** for his well constructed poem about the 'Primary Social'.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4

Friday, 16 August - St Laurence's Dubbo Soccer Gala Day

WEEK 5 *Book Week*

Monday, 19 August - Hear our Heart Visit – Kinder-Year 3 Puppet Show – 12:15 p.m., Years 4-6 Education Session – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 20 August - P & F Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 21 August - Book Week dress up day – 11:20 a.m.

Thursday, 22 August - Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge

- Hear Our Heart Ear Bus

Friday, 23 August - Diocesan Athletics

Sunday, 25 August - Kinder and Year 5 Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m.

- Confirmation Candidates Rite of Commitment

WEEK 6 *Years 3 & 4 Reconciliation*

Thursday, 29 August - Coonabarabran Horse Sports

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Saturday, 31 August - FABBA – Gilgandra Services Club

WEEK 7

Tuesday, 3 September - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition

Thursday, 5 September - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

- ICAS Science Competition

Friday, 6 September - GHS Careers Expo

- Fete

WEEK 8

Monday, 9 September - 'Scien-tastic' School Performance – 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 10 September - ICAS Writing Competition

Wednesday, 11 September - Concert Rehearsal

Thursday, 12 September - ICAS Spelling Competition

Friday, 13 September - Catholic Schools Sports Day

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER It is lovely to be back with all my Kinder friends! Thank you Mrs Clarke for taking such good care of everyone while I was away. We are all very grateful and look forward to seeing you back at Joey's soon. This week we read the story "Meanies" and wrote some very interesting

descriptions of what a Meanie looks like and what kind of mischief they get up to. We talked about Jesus and His family in Religion and enjoyed celebrating the beautiful Assumption Mass prepared by Year 3. In Maths we counted and ordered numbers to 20, practised our subtraction using counters and described the properties of 2D shapes. We made some colourful hearts in Art to display in the church when we celebrate Mass next Sunday with Year 5. Please remember to bring back your note and we hope to see as many people there as possible. Our concert is coming up soon and Kinder are very excited. A note will be sent home regarding costumes. Have a great weekend everyone.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 This week in Religion Year 1 has been reading about the Story of Joseph. We were able to watch clips from the movie "Joseph: King of Dreams" as this Disney movie is based on the story of Joseph. Procedures were our Text Type focus this week and we were fortunate to be able to make 'Frogs in a Pond'. The children then wrote a procedure before eating the yummy dessert. In Maths we practised our counting back and counting on skills, drawn top, front and side views of objects and identified dates on a calendar. Thank you to Year 3 for preparing a lovely Mass to celebrate the Assumption today.

Mrs Melinda Morris & Mrs Mia van der Walt

YEAR 2 In Maths we began trading in addition, identified different number patterns and used different problem solving techniques. Speech marks in Sentence A Day and Grammar was the main focus and in Writing we wrote a procedure on how to make a sandwich. We can't wait to eat our sandwiches on Friday using the recipes we wrote. The new Geography unit is 'People and Places' and we discussed our favourite places at home, at school and in the community. In Art we made 'Super Stegosauruses'. Have a great weekend everyone.

Miss Lisa Harvey

YEAR 3 What a lovely Mass we had this morning to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. Thank you Year 3 for preparing such a beautiful Mass. It was wonderful to see family and friends come along and celebrate with us. We have been focusing on the compensation strategy and looking at multiplication using the double and double again strategy when multiplying by 4 in Maths. During English we have looked at using synonyms and antonyms in grammar and we have completed our information reports on the Chromebooks about ourselves and have begun presenting these to the class during news. They are fantastic! Best of luck to those students participating in the Soccer Gala Day in Dubbo tomorrow. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 4 Thank you Year 3 for a lovely Mass this morning. This week Year 4 has been studying adverbs in Grammar and Sentence A Day. We have also been looking at timetables, fractions and the students enjoyed making tessellating patterns in Mathematics. In Religion we have been learning about the important events of Mary's life and we created a mural to represent Mary. We have started practising for our concert which is very exciting! Good luck to the many Year 4 students attending the Soccer Gala Day tomorrow! We hope you all enjoy yourselves and show plenty of school spirit and sportsmanship! Have a fantastic weekend.

Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 5 What a fabulous time we had on Monday and Tuesday exploring our artistic talents. Mr Quick certainly inspired us to think creatively and taught us many new skills to make our artworks come to life. The finished products look amazing and we thank Mr Quick for teaching us. Our Maths focus has had us learning about 5-digit multiplication and converting improper fractions to mixed numerals. Our diary entries are nearly finished and show some thoughtful insights into the characters of our class novel. Noun groups are our Grammar focus and we are trying to include more to enhance descriptions in our writing. Thank you to those who have indicated they are coming to our class Mass next Sunday. We hope everyone has a wonderful day at the Soccer Gala day tomorrow – go the mighty Joey's!

Mr Tim Keady, Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Nikkola Thomas

YEAR 6 What an exciting week it has been! Year 6 has had the privilege of being involved in a Christmas Art workshop run by Mr Les Quick where they created some beautiful masterpieces based on Christmas scripture passages which helped us to reflect on the message of Christmas. We congratulate Year 3 on their beautiful Assumption Mass and wish our soccer players all the best for the Gala Day in Dubbo tomorrow. I would like to personally thank the parents and students who attended the Confirmation information evening. It is a special and important time for our class and we are excited to share this celebration with our friends, family and parish community. Bottle lid count is K – 400, 1 – 408, 2 – 326, 3 – 365, 4 – 168, 5 – 446, 6 – 151, office - 804 - **Total - 3068 AMAZING!** Don't forget your footy tips!

Miss Jess Seaman

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 16 August – Sarah Adams & Rebecca Medd

Monday, 19 August – Roslyn Zell & Sue Profke

Wednesday, 21 August – Donna Wheatley & Karen Harris

Friday, 23 August – Danielle Fiddes & Amanda Hodges

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 18 August – Ethan Morris, Charlie Zell, Emily Zell

