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Term 3 Week 4

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Thought for the Week

How beautiful a day can be, when kindness touches it!

McNAMEE TROPHY – 'We Meet In Friendship'

St Joseph's and St Lawrence's Coonabarabran participated in the McNamee Trophy held on our school grounds last Friday, 31 July. Friday dawned a glorious day and we began with a beautiful Mass. Following Mass it was time for the public speaking. Congratulations to our speakers, **Alex Beveridge, Emilie Hassall and Aiden Ryan**. The speeches were certainly of a high quality. After the public speaking the sports began. These included touch, soccer, netball and rugby league. All the games were played in sensational spirit. Congratulations to all the players. The sportsmanship medals were awarded to: **Lucy Davis** (Touch), **Nash Marchant** (Soccer), **Lily Naden** (Netball) and **Harry Spora** (Rugby League). A big thank you to Father Martin and our adjudicators and referees, without who the day would not have been possible. Our officials included Harry Langes, Jenny Zell, Jasper Schembri, Will Morris, Jamie Skinner, Caitlynn King, Laura Gilmour, Luke Gale, Tom Brisbane and Blake Frost. Also thank you to our coaches and to Carol Alchin and her canteen staff. It was a wonderful day of friendship.

YEARS 3-6 FANCY DRESS SOCIAL

'Are You Joking?' was the theme for this year's fancy dress social which was held last Thursday night in the school hall. Fantastic school spirit was shown by all the students and teachers as everyone came dressed in costume and counted down St Joey's very own top 20! Thank you to the primary teachers for their organization and for providing the music and lights. It was a great night!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The staff will be participating in a Professional development activity this evening from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. During this time we will be reviewing the Quality Catholic Education Framework Elements Organising Culture, Curriculum Provision and Financial Management. The staff will identify what the school does well in these areas and also ways in which they may be improved.

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 Bathurst tomorrow, Friday, 7 August. Our competitors include: **Grace Alchin, Ashleigh Carlow, Rani Diggs, James Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Mason Fryers, Will Fuller, Rebecca Gaff, Luke O'Neill, Rhys O'Neill, Michael Raglus, Lachlan Riley, Mackaylah Ross, Marshall Ryan, Jacob Wilson, Bradley Kildey, Aiden Walker, Lily Naden, Martin Fryers, Isaiah Gleadhill.**

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

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 next Friday 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.

ICAS MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The ICAS Mathematics Competition will be held next Wednesday, 12 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.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Next Friday, 14 August the whole school will be attending Mass 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.

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, 23 August – 9:45 a.m.

The excitement is certainly building in anticipation of the upcoming celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament will be administered by Bishop Michael McKenna on Sunday, 23 August at 9:45 a.m. This is such an important event at our school and we really encourage everyone to be at church on Sunday, 23 August to celebrate with our Year 6 leaders. If your child can come to the Confirmation Mass to join the choir please return the attached tear-off slip as soon as possible. Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers: **Grace Alchin, Milla Banks, Lauchlan Bash, Alex Beveridge, Lucy Davis, Jye Day, Darren Doherty, Lachlan Fairey, Tarah Foran, Martin Fryers, Rebecca Gaff, Kate Gilmour, Chloe Godber, Emilie Hassall, James Kildey, Stuart Larsen, Nash Marchant, Lily Naden, Olivia Newstead, Aiden Ryan, Marshall Ryan, William Sandford, Harry Spora, Sinead Sutton, Zoe Welsh.**

PUPIL FREE DAY

A Pupil Free Day has been organised for Monday 17th August. During the day the teachers will be focusing on improving students reading and comprehension by analysing the reading outcomes in the English Syllabus and identifying the essential learning goals. They will then create a series of common assessment tasks to monitor student's progress. Finally the teachers will review teaching strategies to help cater for individual needs.

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Our Father's Day Stall will be held this year on Friday, 4 September. Mrs Danielle Diggs has again kindly offered to coordinate the stall. This stall is run along the same lines as the Mother's Day Stall. 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.

FAREWELL MRS KILBY

Mrs Kilby is taking Long Service Leave commencing next week for five weeks. We hope Jenny has a wonderful holiday.

WRITE4FUN

The 2015 Schools Writing Competition is now open. Write4fun encourages students to read and write through these fun competitions that are easy to enter. School students across Australia will battle it out for the great cash and prizes on offer, including a \$1,000.00 cash first prize with \$500.00 awarded to their school and \$500.00 to the winning student. The quickest and easiest way to enter in online at www.write4fun.net. Stories can be on any topic and in any style. Entry is free and the closing date is Sunday, 30 August, 2015. Happy writing!

FUNDRAISING FOR RILEY

Our Year 2 student, Ryley Smith, is continuing his treatment for his brain tumour. Currently the tumour is inoperable so he is going to undergo radiation therapy in Sydney. To help alleviate the expenses some of our families have organised the following fundraising activities.

1. A sheep drive and we are asking producers who are willing to donate one or more sheep to contact us on the below details. We will collect the sheep and organise transport.
2. A wood raffle with all of the money going directly to helping Ryley receive the help he needs.
3. Make a donation directly to the school.

If you can help us with any of the above please contact Shal Chandler on 0427 483 523, Kristy Gale on 0429 780 323 or Teresa Standing on 0407 670 023.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS

St Lawrence's School Coonabaraban Horse Sports will be held on Monday, 14 and Tuesday, 15 September and is open to all school students aged 5-18 years. For further information, including entry forms, contact Mrs Hodge in the office. Entries close on Monday, 7 September.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Emily Standing** for her knowledge about patterns in Mathematics, **Molly Temple** for contributing to discussions about our Gilgandra community and **Adison Thomas** and **Lauren Thurlow** for a great understanding when counting syllables in words.

YEAR 1: **Michael Ibe** for an excellent effort during Maths Warm Up, **Beatie Davis** for trying hard to correctly spell words in story writing, **Sienna Zell** for sharing her interesting news about Thailand, **Declan Gale** for settled work habits, **Sienna Horne** for great counting in Maths Warm Up and **Emilia Peart** for an excellent effort in exposition writing.

YEAR 2: **Jett Chandler** for fabulous dramatic role playing of an old man, **Harry Mudford** for enthusiastic participation in our 'egg head helmet' experiment, **Chelsea Brand** for great work in Grammar and **Lucas Gleadhill** for a super effort in Spelling.

YEAR 3: **Rhys Bonnington** for excellent work in Comprehension, **Jacob Harland** for great results in Maths Operations, **Bailey Wykes** for completing all tasks to a high standard, **Jade Elsom** for writing an amazing explanation and **Dennis Gale** for good improvement in handwriting.

YEAR 4: **Rhys O'Neill** for a great job solving 4 digit Maths algorithms, **Finn Marchant** for top work making connections between fractions and decimals, **Laura Farragher** for excellent work using a variety of 'saying' verbs and **Bradley Gibson** for working hard to improve his spelling.

YEAR 5: **Hamish Beveridge** for always investigating Maths problems with success, **James Ferguson** for a continued effort to improve his poetry writing and **Amber Tarrant** for always 'Giving Of Her Best' in all areas of Year 5.

YEAR 6: **Lucy Davis** for asking good clarifying questions in Maths, **Olivia Newstead** for beautiful bookwork, **Sinead Sutton** for great work in Operations and **Emilie Hassall** for being a positive and enthusiastic member of Year 6.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 4

Friday, 7th August - Morrumbilla Boys Camp
 - Diocesan Athletics
 - Jeans for Genes Day

WEEK 5 Year 6 Reconciliation

Monday, 10th August - Morrumbilla Girls Camp
 Tuesday, 11th August - Morrumbilla Girls Camp
 - Mrs Kilby - LSL
 Wednesday, 12 August - ICAS Maths Competition
 Friday, 14th August - Principal's Meeting
 - Feast of the Assumption - Year 3
 - Mass (K-6) - 10:30 a.m.
 - Cooee Poetry Due

WEEK 6 Year 3 Reconciliation

Monday 17 August - **Pupil Free Day**
 Tuesday, 18 August - Kinder Buddy Lunch
 - P & F Meeting
 Friday, 21 August - Diocesan Athletics back-up date
 - Melbourne Cup Visit
 - Working Bee to clean the church for Confirmation - Year 6 parents 3:30 p.m.
 Sunday, 23 August - Confirmation

WEEK 7

Wednesday, 26 August - Preschool Visit - 10:15 - 11:00 am
 Friday, 28 August - Catholic Schools Sports Day - Gilgandra - K-6

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week in Kindergarten we have been reading the story "The Kick-a-lot Shoes". We discussed what the story was about and what the students thought about the kick-a-lot shoes. We have been continuing to improve our handwriting, paying close attention to hanging letters such as 'p' and 'g'. Next week we will be revising all the sounds we have learnt so far. In HSIE we have been discussing what makes our home and school so special. During Science and Technology we divided into groups and made collages about things made from glass, metal, plastic and wood. In Religion we have been focusing on the importance of the

Holy Family and learning about Mary MacKillop. Maths has had us investigating subtraction and ordering numbers from smallest to largest. Take care. *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 It's been another busy week in Year 1. During the week we enjoyed reading another Nick Bland book "The Very Hungry Bear". We wrote questions to ask the polar bear in the story and focused on rhyming words used in the story. Expositions have been the focus in Writing and Year 1 came up with terrific reasons why children should go to school. Today we enjoyed a beautiful Mass to celebrate Saint Mary MacKillop. Mary was a kind and loving follower of God and we discussed the importance of treating others kindly in our everyday lives. In HSIE we identified important people in our community who have special roles and responsibilities and we then discussed the roles of people within our school community. Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Information Reports are our text type focus. We've discussed the structure of a report and identified key elements. As a whole class we took notes about the stegosaurus and then wrote an information report about the stegosaurus. In Comprehension we've continued with interpreting information and completed activities about "The Beekeeper". We've been celebrating the great work of Mary MacKillop. Thank you to Year 4 for preparing a lovely Mass today. Don't forget to wear your jeans tomorrow and bring a gold coin donation for 'Jeans for Genes' day. Enjoy your weekend. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 This week in Writing we have been working in small groups to write our explanations, they sound great so far! In Comprehension we read a letter to the student council and most of us agreed with the arguments throughout the text. Our Grammar focus this week has been on similes. We have written our own creative sentences using similes to enhance our writing. In Maths we have learnt about multiplication facts, temperature and rounding to the nearest 5. Good luck to everyone going to the Diocesan Athletics Carnival tomorrow! I'm sure everyone will 'Give Of Their Best'! *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 A big thank you to all those who came to Mass today and helped us celebrate St Mary of the Cross and the Transfiguration. In Year 4 this week we have been learning about adverbial phrases and the 'au', 'aw', 'oor' and 'or' sound. We have also been busy learning about the correct layout of a letter and have composed a letter from the main character of "Paper Planes" to his father. In Maths our focus has been on 4-digit subtraction with trading, finding and representing fractions of a collection and reading and making simple timetables. In Creative Arts the students have been given their roles for the concert and we have begun practising our performance. I hope you enjoy your weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 What a week we have had! After a great end to Week 3 with a successful day at McNamee we are now back in the classroom working hard at identifying techniques that improve poetry. We have now become experts at identifying the beat and rhythm of a poem, which is excellent. In Maths we have been working on improper fractions as well as understanding tree-diagrams and their uses when making decisions. In Science we were all lucky enough to complete another fun experiment with Mrs Colwell as we looked closely at the important role yeast, sugar and water play. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 We have continued our Confirmation preparation by looking at the importance of the Sacrament of Confirmation and what it means to us in developing our faith as we become older. We have written letters of petition to the Bishop explaining how we have been preparing for Confirmation and why we think it is a significant step in our lives. During Maths we have revised equivalent fractions, 24 hour time and geometrical patterns. Today we celebrated the feast of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross and remembered why she is so important to us here at St Joseph's. We wish our athletes all the very best in Bathurst tomorrow! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 7 August - Amy Spora & Kristy Gale
 Monday, 10 August - Danielle Diggs & Claudina Ryan
 Wednesday, 12 August - Leanne Stephens & Briony Mills
 Friday, 14 August - Cate Corcoran

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday 9 August - Martin Fryers, Charlie Banks, Olivia Newstead and Laura Smith