



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

*"From Mary we learn to surrender to God's will in all things.
From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone.
From Mary we learn to love Christ her Son and the Son of God!"*
Pope John Paul II

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Tomorrow, 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.

Only one more week before we celebrate 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 next Sunday to celebrate with our Year 6 leaders. Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers: **Grace Alchin, Milla Banks, Lachlan 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.**

CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR CONFIRMATION

A working bee for the Year 6 parents to clean the church in preparation for Confirmation will be held next Friday, 21 August at 3:30 p.m. It would be great if as many parents as possible could lend a hand.

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our athletes who competed at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held in Bathurst on Friday. Special mention to the following students who made finals (top six finish): **Grace Alchin** – 2nd Senior High Jump, 5th Senior Long Jump, 6th 12 years 100 m, **Ashleigh Carlow** – 3rd 11 years Long Jump, 5th 11 years Discus, 5th 11 years High Jump, **Isaiah Gleadhill** – 3rd Junior Shot Put, **Luke O'Neill** – 6th 8 years 100 m, **Rani Diggs** – 6th Junior Long Jump, **Mackaylah Ross** – 5th Junior Shot Put, **Lachlan Riley** – 5th 11 years 200 m and the Senior Girls Relay team consisting of **Grace Alchin, Lily Naden, Rebecca Gaff and Ashleigh Carlow**, came 4th. Congratulations to all these athletes. **Grace, Ashleigh and Isaiah** will now compete in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Championship to be held in Newcastle later this term. Well done!

FABULOUS RELIGION RESULTS

Recently all our Year 6 students sat the Diocesan Religion Test. Congratulations to the following students who received fabulous results: **Distinction** – Grace Alchin, Lachlan Fairey, Rebecca Gaff, Kate Gilmour, Emilie Hassall **Credit** – Alex Beveridge, Martin Fryers, Chloe Godber, James Kildey, Lily Naden, Olivia Newstead, Aiden Ryan, Marshall Ryan, Will Sandford, Harry Spora, Zoe Welsh

PUPIL FREE DAY

A Pupil Free Day has been organised for this 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. Therefore there is no school for the students on Monday.

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Thank you to those who generously donated to the Jeans for Genes charity by wearing their jeans to school last Friday. We raised over \$300.00 which we hope will help in the prevention of childhood diseases.

MELBOURNE CUP VISIT

The race that stops the nation will be stopping work at St Joey's next Friday, 21 August as we are getting a visit from the Melbourne Cup. Each year

leading up to the big race the Victorian Jockey Club selects towns for the Melbourne Cup to visit and this year Gilgandra has been selected. We thank Andrew Schier and the Gilgandra Jockey Club for including St Joseph's in the itinerary.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY

The Catholic Schools Sports Day is held each year with the participating schools including St Joseph's Gilgandra, St Lawrence's Coonabarabran, St John's Baradine and St Brigid's Coonamble. This year the sports will be held in Gilgandra on **Friday, 28 August**. The sports day is for **ALL STUDENTS** from Kinder to Year 6 and includes a march, class races, ball games, relays, novelty races and tug-o'-wars. **THE CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR FULL SPORTS UNIFORM.** Our full sports uniform includes:

Boys: School sports shirt, maroon sports shorts, school hat, school sports socks, white shoes.

Girls: Schools sports shirt, maroon sports skirt or skort, school hat, school sports socks, white shoes.

For the march, the children **MUST WEAR JOEY'S SPORTS SOCKS OR ALL WHITE SOCKS AND ALL WHITE JOGGERS.** They may change into running shoes after the march if they wish. If your child doesn't have any of these, then please contact the school and we might be able to borrow some for the day. Any spare pairs of white joggers that you might care to lend us for the day would be greatly appreciated. We have a number of spare white joggers at school. The children will be required to assemble at Hunter Park, Warren Road by 9:00 a.m. to get ready for the march which will begin at 9:30 a.m. The march will conclude in Bridge Street and students will then walk back to school for the commencement of the class races. The day will conclude at 2:00 p.m. The full program of events is as follows:

9:00 a.m.	Assemble	(Hunter Park, Warren Road)
9:30 a.m.	March Past	(Miller Street)
	School War Cry	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Class Races	(St Joseph's School grounds)
11:00 a.m.	RECESS	(St Joseph's School grounds)
11:20 a.m.	Ball Games	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Students Relays	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Staff/Parent Relays	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Novelty Races	(St Joseph's School grounds)
12:30 p.m.	LUNCH	(St Joseph's School grounds)
1:00 p.m.	Novelty Races	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Student Tug-o'-War	(St Joseph's School grounds)
	Staff/Parent Tug-o'-War	(St Joseph's School grounds)
2:00 p.m.	Conclusion	

WE NEED LOTS OF HELPERS! As you can imagine a lot of work goes into organising this day and we will need lots of helpers to make the day run successfully. Accompanying today's About is a roster for helpers. Please put your name down and help us in hosting a terrific day!

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.

DONATIONS FOR FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

If anyone would like to donate a prize towards the Father's Day Raffle, could you please get in touch with Danielle Diggs or let Mrs Hodge know.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Do you know of someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, would like to deepen their Catholic faith, or perhaps even become Catholic. If so, we would like to invite you and your friend to an information session on Monday, 24 August at either 2:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. in the Church. You are very welcome. *Fr Martin & Sr Robyn*

VISIT BY ST STANISLAUS COLLEGE BATHURST

Dr Anne Wenham, Head of St Stanislaus College and Mr Geoff Melville, Director of Curriculum, will be visiting our school next Thursday, 20 August to speak to the boys from Years 5 and 6 at 3:00 p.m. The staff will then be available until 5:00 p.m. to speak to any interested parents. If you would like to take the opportunity to speak to the representatives from St Stanislaus Bathurst next Thursday at our school, could you please contact Mrs Hodge.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** **Kaycee Bugmy** for great skills in sounding out words, **Bonica Henry** for her confidence in speaking and listening, **Justin Coleman** for his knowledge in our Science unit, 'What's It Made From?', **Lucas Fong** and **Mitchell Fuller** for being super role models in group work and **Brody Heffer** for contributing to discussion during our HSIE unit, 'Places We Know'. **YEAR 1:** **Nick Kirsop** for writing a fabulous recount about his weekend, **Tahleigh Davey** for great concentration in Sentence A Day and Spelling, **Henry Purvis** for working hard to elaborate ideas in writing, **Rachel Ryan** for making excellent progress in Reading, **Indi Murphy** for writing five interesting questions to ask the polar bear, **Tia Allan** for always offering to help in the classroom and **Dakotah Gilmour** for great improvement in reading. **YEAR 2:** **Ben Harland, Sienna Marchant, Ava Meyers** and **Nick Tancred** for great note taking skills about dinosaurs. **YEAR 3:** **Molly Fairey** for carefully setting out her explanation into paragraphs, **Daniel Kirsop** for showing more confidence in his own ability, **Molly Wilson** for excellent work with similes, **Isaac Grimshaw** for trying hard to improve his handwriting and **Oscar Spora** for being a polite and courteous member of Year 3. **YEAR 4:** **Tayarna McKenzie** for top work reading times tables in Maths, **Kelsey Hutchison** for being kind and considerate to all her classmates, **Jennifer Ibe** for fantastic contributions when discussing ideas for writing tasks and **Sophie Hassall** for reading beautifully at our Mary MacKillop Mass. **YEAR 5:** **Abby Tate** for her enthusiastic participation in Maths Warm Up, **Mike Raglus** for thinking creatively during our poetry writing activities and **Tom Eason** for showing great maturity in class. **YEAR 6:** **Kate Gilmour** and **Olivia Newstead** for showing great initiative in Reading Groups, **Nash Marchant** for improvement in fluency when reading and **Jye Day** for fantastic detail in all artworks.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5 Year 6 Reconciliation

Friday, 14th August - Principal's Meeting
- Feast of the Assumption – Year 3
- Mass (K-6) – 10:30 a.m.

WEEK 6 Year 3 Reconciliation

Monday 17 August - **Pupil Free Day**
Tuesday, 18 August - Kinder Buddy Lunch
- P & F Meeting
Thursday, 20 August - Visit from St Stanislaus College Bathurst – 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 21 August - 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

WEEK 8

Monday, 31 August - Ear Bus
Tuesday, 1 September - Ear Bus
Wednesday, 2 September - Ear Bus
- Little Athletics Visit – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, 3 September - Father's Day Stall Working Bee – 9:00 a.m.
- Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 4 September - Polding Athletics
- Father's Day Stall

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week in Kindergarten we have been reading the story, "Splishy Sploshy" and the students have been learning about nouns. The children were also introduced to an information report. Next week's sound is 'Vv', so try to find something we can put on our sound table. In HSIE we have been discussing what we can do to keep our home and our school special. There were many great ideas shared in class. In Science and

Technology we discussed what items, in the classroom and around the school, are made from. We also brainstormed why these materials were good or bad. During Religion we learnt about Abraham and Sarah and what God's promise was to them. We also discussed what a promise is and the children had the opportunity to draw a promise of their own. In Maths we revised what shapes we know and what groups of numbers make nine. Take care. *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 During the week we looked at verbs in our writing and sentence work. We read "The Hungry Bear" and identified lots of action words in the text. To link our unit on Nick Bland's books with our writing, we discussed and then wrote an exposition titled "Polar Bears Should Not Live In The Jungle". We brainstormed many reasons why this would not be a good idea. We also read the story about a polar bear called Knut to help with our writing. In Maths we explored odd and even patterns, position of objects, addition and subtraction patterns. In Spelling we examined words that have the long 'i' sound (fly, like). We came up with a long list of words that use this spelling choice. Marching practice is in full swing (no pun intended) and the Infants children are trying really hard. Tomorrow we look forward to the Assumption Mass and we discussed the importance of Mary's final words in the bible – "Do what Jesus tells us". Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 This week we've welcomed Grace and Tarinya to our class. In Religion we are learning about the seasons of the Church year and why Fr Martin wears different coloured vestments. We've continued writing our dinosaur information reports and will publish them on the computers. In Maths we've focused on subtraction facts, views of 3D objects and the calendar. Everyone is showing great improvement in their Operations with addition and subtraction algorithms. Our practices have begun for the Catholic Schools Sports Day and the Year 2 students are being great leaders for the infants children. Don't forget the pupil free day on Monday.

Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris

YEAR 3 has had another busy week! In Comprehension we learnt about how clearing land can cause erosion. Our Grammar focus has been on homographs. In Maths we have focused on rounding, perimeter and column and picture graphs. We have learnt about making 'good choices' in PDH. Everyone has been trying very hard during our marching practices this week, keep up the good work! Year 3 has been busily preparing to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption tomorrow, we are looking forward to seeing lots of special visitors. Have a wonderful weekend. *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 This week has been busy. We have learnt about the 'or', 'our', 'ar' as in 'superior' sound in Spelling. In Grammar we have practised putting punctuation in direct speech by adding it to sentences and writing a conversation. During writing we have revised the structure and purpose of expositions and have written an exposition titled "Children should not eat ice-cream - it is not good for them" as a pre assessment. During Maths our focus has been on extended multiplication, rounding to the nearest five cents, using coordinates to locate positions on a grid and comparing graphs. In HSIE last week we defined the term federation and compared the arguments for and against federation while this week we explored the political conventions that were held. Have a nice long weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 We are already half way through the term – can you believe it? This week in Year 5 we have been spending some time publishing our fantastic poetry to be entered into the Cooee Poetry Competition and they all sound great. In Maths we have been looking at fractions of a collection as well as revising mental strategies to help us divide by 10 easily. During Religion we have been learning all about Fr Julian Tenison Woods and his role in setting up the Sisters of St Joseph with Mary MacKillop. Over the next five weeks, Years 5 and 6 will be organised into groups to complete comprehension activities based on our literature unit, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". We look forward to working with Year 6 and improving our comprehension skills. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 Our creative skills are being put to the test this week as we work on our artworks for the Christmas Art Competition. Our pictures are based on the Annunciation story or the visit of the wise men. As part of the competition we are also writing descriptions of our artworks explaining the symbolism of the images and colours we have used. During Maths we have investigated multiplying decimals, adding and subtracting mixed numerals and using tree diagrams to display all possible outcomes from a simple chance experiment. Over the next five weeks, Years 5 and 6 will be organised into groups to complete comprehension activities based on our literature unit, "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". We look forward to working with Year 5 and improving our comprehension skills. *Mrs*

Banks & Mrs Thomas

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 14 August – Cate Corcoran
Monday, 17 August – Pupil Free Day
Wednesday, 19 August – Brenda Purvis & Julie Marchant
Friday, 21 August – Paula Purvis & Mel Phillips

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday 16 August – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Jacob Wilson, Olivia Newstead