



ABOUT

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Term 3 Week 5

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Thought for the Week

Good friends help you find important things when you have lost them...
things like your smile, your hope and your courage.

JOEY'S PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Tomorrow, 21 August 2020

St Joseph's School Grounds

Our annual athletics carnival for students in Years 3 – 6 will be held on our school grounds **tomorrow, Friday, 21 August**. The grounds look superb thanks to our groundsman, Clint Morris and Gilgandra Shire Council who marked out the oval and provided the disc cage. We are very grateful to these people because without them we wouldn't have a carnival. Unfortunately adults are not permitted on the school grounds, however you can still get a good view from outside the fence. Please adhere to physical distancing guidelines. A program of events has been sent home with today's About.

ICAS DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES & ENGLISH COMPETITIONS

The ICAS Digital Technologies Competition will be held next **Monday, 24 August** for those children who have entered this competition and the ICAS English Competition next **Tuesday, 25 August** for all primary students. Thank you to our P & F Association who generously pay the entry fee for each child for the English Competition.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next **Thursday, 27 August** at 10:30 a.m. Unfortunately adults are not allowed to attend the Mass due to COVID restrictions and as such there will be no morning tea after the Mass.

'WHAT'S YOUR DREAM JOB'

KINDER – YEAR 6 DRESS UP DAY

St Joseph's School

Thursday, 27 August – 9:00 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

We might not be able to have our fancy dress social next Thursday due to the new COVID restrictions, but we won't be beaten and Year 6 has now organised a dress up day for next **Thursday, 27 August** during school time for not just primary, but everyone in Kinder to Year 6. The theme will remain as dressing up as 'What Your Dream Job' would be. Things like a movie star, superhero, builder, train driver, doctor, nurse, teacher. But if you don't have a costume just come to school out of uniform. During the day Year 6 will be counting down the Top 20 songs. It should be a hoot! Thank you Year 6 for coming up with a fantastic compromise.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos were taken on Tuesday, however can still be purchased online until next Tuesday, 25 August, after which date a late fee will apply. The online order code to purchase photos is: 7Q9 5JT KQZ and the online link is: <https://www.advancedimage.com.au/keycode/keycodefinder.aspx?keycode=7Q95JTKQZ>.

FATHER'S DAY STALL – Friday, 4 September

Our Father's Day Stall is only **two weeks** away and will be run differently this year with no parent co-ordinator or helpers being able to attend due to COVID restrictions. The stall will be held on **Friday, 4 September** and we are asking for donations of gifts to be sent to school with your child or dropped into the office. Gifts will range in price from \$1 to \$5. As we aren't able to hold any working bees, we kindly ask that all gifts be wrapped in clear cellophane. Ideas for the stall include chocolates, keyrings, mugs, caps, pens, tools, hose fittings, car care items, beanies, socks, etc. Please ensure gifts are sourced locally (including Dubbo) and are not from COVID 'hot spot' areas. It would be wonderful if we

could have enough gifts for the children to purchase 1 gift each. Please keep an eye out for presents no matter how big or small...it all helps!

FATHER'S DAY STALL RAFFLE

There will be a raffle run in conjunction with the stall. Tickets are \$2.00 each and a book of five tickets was sent home on Tuesday. The raffle prizes are: 1st – Capino Coffee Capsule Machine, 2nd – 10-Piece Car Detailing Kit, 3rd – Arctic Air Evaporative Air Cooler.

AUGUST P & F MEETING

The August P & F Meeting that was due to take place last Tuesday was cancelled due to new COVID restrictions. All future meetings will be cancelled until further notice.

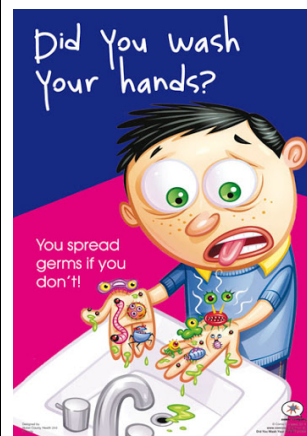
FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM

The children looked wonderful for school photos on Tuesday in their full school uniform. Well done everyone! Just a reminder that the students' school shoes need to be black, ALL BLACK.

COVID-19 UPDATE

School students do not need to follow strict adult physical distancing guidelines, but should follow good hygiene practices like:

- regularly washing hands;
- not sharing drinks or food;
- coughing or sneezing into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately; and
- filling water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.



Just a reminder that no parents are to go to the bag stands or into the classrooms. If your child arrives at school late please attend the office to advise us or if you are collecting your child early, please also attend the office and we will happily collect your child from his/her classroom.

NOTE: As at 17 August:

1. Do not attend school if you are unwell and get **COVID-19 tested** if you have flu like symptoms.
2. Do not return to school unless you can provide a negative test result for COVID-19 and you are free of symptoms.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Taylor Alexander** for trying very hard in Story Writing, **Archie O'Connor** for contributing information during class discussions, **Georgia Riley** for a super effort in Story Writing and **Nate Temple** for a great effort in Maths.

YEAR 1: **Regan Johnson** for a huge effort with his handwriting, **Estelle Hazelton** for working hard in Phonics, **Luka van der Walt** for beautiful handwriting and **Layla Walker** for great sounding out of difficult words.

YEAR 2: **Heidi Colwell** for writing a fantastic acrostic poem about monsters, **Bayley Dent** for using his imagination to write entertaining stories, **Eva Mulligan** for displaying great creativity in Art, **Harrison Newton** for great enthusiasm during Spelling, **Jessie O'Connor** for drawing a beautiful self portrait and **Isabelle Peart** for a conscientious effort in Maths Groups.

YEAR 3: **Jacob Fordham** for creating a fantastic Google Slide presentation on a hammerhead shark, **Chloe Harris** for outstanding results in our Comprehension test, **Ben Mudford** for creating a fantastic Google Slide presentation on a peregrine falcon and **Cooper Lummis** and **Ruby Ryan** for writing good responses to explain how 'The Bad Guys' rescue the kitty.

YEAR 4: **Violet Whitehouse** for her positive attitude towards completing all tasks to a high standard, **Dimity Wykes** for her cheerful approach to all tasks, **Olivia Westwood** for her continued focus to remain on task and **Jacqueline Hutchison**, **Brooke Beaton** and **Layla Wykes** for showing initiative to clean up the art area.

YEAR 5: **Kaycee Bugmy** for reading fluently, accurately and with great expression, **Darcy Morris** for a conscientious effort in all areas, **Abbie Skinner** for great work in Spelling and **Clodagh Luckie** for wonderful results in Comprehension.

YEAR 6: **Tahleigh Davey**, **Beatie Davis** and **Alex Gaff** for a fabulous effort drawing their tea towel portrait, **Abigail Davis** for asking clarifying questions in Mathematics, **Charlotte Ferguson** for showing great interest in Power Writing and **Jessie Riley** for making a concerted effort in Sentence A Day.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 5

Friday, 21 August - Athletics Carnival – Years 3 - 6

WEEK 6

Monday, 24 August - ICAS Digital Technologies Competition

Tuesday, 25 August - ICAS English Competition

Thursday, 27 August - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

- Whole School Dress Up Day 9:00 a.m. – 3:20 p.m.

WEEK 7

Monday, 31 August - ICAS Mathematics Competition

Wednesday, 2 September - ICAS Spelling Competition

Thursday, 3 September - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 4 September - Father's Day Stall

Sunday, 6 September - Father's Day

WEEK 8

Thursday, 10 September - Ear Bus – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00p.m.

- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 11 September - Year 6 Religion Test

Sunday, 13 September - First Holy Communion

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week we welcomed Mrs Foran who is completing a four week placement with us. We hope she enjoys her time in Kinder! During our busy week we have been learning all about full stops and how important they are in our writing as well as helping us when we read. "Meg's Car" is our focus book this week and we really enjoyed looking for rhyming words and sight words in the text. In Maths we modelled 3D shapes using plasticine and matched them to shapes in our environment. We also used hefting to find out which objects are heavier or lighter. During Geography we discussed how places can have similar or different features. Some places have natural features like rivers, trees and animals and other places can have man made features like buildings, playgrounds or roads. We enjoyed drawing some of these features in our books. We are looking forward to coming to school next Thursday dressed as what we want to be when we grow up! Have a great weekend!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 We have been reading "Stick Man" this week and during Story Writing we pretended that we are Stick Man and have written a letter back to our family telling them of our adventures. In Grammar our focus has been adjectives and our sound in phonics is 'u' as in 'bull', 'oo' as in 'good' and 'ou' as in 'would'. We have been preparing for our class Liturgy next week. Unfortunately due to COVID no parents can attend. During Art we've painted some decorations for our Liturgy and we are also creating a 'Room on the Broom' artwork. Year 1 is excited about the dress up day next Thursday. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 has been learning about information reports this week and have developed their skills by writing one on a butterfly and a dinosaur. We have been enjoying using Reading Eggs to develop our comprehension skills and in Maths students have been learning their times tables. During Geography we looked at the history of two famous Sydney landmarks, the Harbour Bridge and the Opera House while in Art we have used a range of techniques to create some lovely artworks based on seasonal changes. Everyone has been putting a big effort into their homework and we have been pleased with everyone's enthusiasm during morning reading. It was a great surprise to hear we also can also get dressed up next week. Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 Wow, Week 5 already! Year 3 has kept up their really hard work again this week. In Religion we have continued to learn about the parts of the Mass in preparation for our First Holy Communion on the 13 September. We have focused on how we can go forth and teach others about the Word of God. In English we have been presenting our Google Slides presentation as part of our news. It has been fantastic to see and hear all about everyone's chosen animal. Well done Year 3! During Maths we focused on addition problems, fractions on a number line, rigidity of shapes and the square metre. Even though our plans for the primary social next week may have changed everyone is super excited to be having a Top 20 song count down and dress up day next Thursday. Good luck to all the primary students tomorrow in the athletics carnival. Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 Today we celebrated Mass with Father Francis. The theme for our Mass was 'Using the gifts God has given us'. It was a beautiful Mass and full of joyful moments (even without the singing!). Our Grammar focus this week has been consolidating our understanding of direct and indirect speech. Maths has involved 3-digit subtraction with trading and statistics. Our "Paper Planes" journey has developed with Dylan making the finals of the Sydney Championships whilst also dealing with the disappointment of Jack not showing up at the stadium. We are all eagerly planning costumes for next Thursday's dress in 'Your Dream Job' outfit. Tomorrow we are anticipating a fun filled day for the primary athletics carnival, even though it may be a little chilly. Good luck to all. Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 This week we began focusing on the biome of a rainforest. We investigated the four layers of a rainforest and discovered which animals can live in each layer. In Grammar we completed activities on personification and wrote a short description of a place endeavouring to use similes, metaphors and personification to enhance our writing. During Maths we identified and completed activities based on fraction and decimal number patterns while in Art we drew pictures of a guitarist in a synthetic cubism style. Hope 'Your Dream Job' costumes are going well for next week Year 5! We are all looking forward to the athletics carnival tomorrow and are ready to give of our best and earn points for our house. Go Gums!!

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 Our Writing task this week has been another poem. First we reflected on our likes and dislikes on a variety of subject matter then added descriptive phrases using alliteration, metaphors and similes. These ideas and phrases were added to a format based on the poem 'If I Were In Charge Of The World'. The final compositions are not only impressive but also a very interesting insight into what Year 6 believe to be important. 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. In Geography we have looked at the different layers of a rainforest and discovered some very interesting facts about how important rainforests are to our environment. Our Religion focus has been on the importance of Christian Scriptures. We learnt that Jesus is the 'Word of God' because he was sent by God to announce and 'make happen' the good news of God's plan for us. We are super excited about the revised version of our "Dream Job" social and can't wait until next Thursday to see everyone dressed up! Good luck to everyone at the athletics carnival tomorrow.

Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Mia van der Walt

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 21 August - Kate Luckie & Rachel Lacey

Monday, 24 August - Katherine Gaff

Wednesday, 26 August - Gai-Maree Youngusband & Amanda Chandler

Friday, 28 August - Danielle Fiddes & Amii Marchant

