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Thought for the Week

*A dad is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there,
but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.*

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

DIOCESAN ATHLETICS

Congratulations to our fourteen competitors who represented the Western Region at the Diocesan Athletics Carnival held in Dubbo last Thursday. The athletes from St Joey's achieved some excellent results including our Senior Boys Relay team consisting of **Darcy Neeves, Ryan Ferguson, Will Spora, Bailey Wykes and Jack Oehm** – 2nd, our Junior Girls Relay team consisting of **Lilla Oehm, Jordan Neeves, Grace Tancred and Eva Bonnington** – 2nd, **Lilla Oehm** – Junior Long Long Jump – 1st, **Darcy Neeves** – 11 years 200m – 2nd. These students will now represent the diocese at the NSW Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Newcastle on Friday, 14 September. Well done also to the following students who secured top ten places: **Alyssa Ferguson** 5th 8 years 100 m, **Lilla Oehm** 4th 10 years 100 m, **Jordan Neeves** – 5th Junior Shot Put, **Mattea Purvis** 4th 11 years Discus, 8th 11 years Shot Put, **Will O'Connor** 4th 9 years 100 m, **Darcy Neeves** 4th 11 years Long Jump, 5th 11 years Discus, **Will Spora** 6th 11 years 800 m, **Ryan Ferguson** 4th 11 years 100 m, 10th 11 years 200 m and **Dylen Murray** 6th 11 years Shot Put. What wonderful achievements!

ICAS SPELLING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates at Assembly on Monday for their achievements in the recent ICAS Spelling Competition: **MERIT: Charlotte Ferguson, Layney Godber, Kate Woollams** **CREDIT: Alicia Fordham, Lilla Oehm.**

EXCURSION SNIPPET

*We were so fortunate to visit the Australian War Memorial during our Canberra excursion. At the memorial we saw The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Roll of Honour, Iroquois helicopter, G for George bomber, Eternal Flame and the statue of Simpson on his donkey. We also got to go inside the helicopter that had gone to war and we got to feel what it was like to be in a submarine. Lest We Forget. **Luke O'Neill, Kyzack Corcoran, Dennis Gale.***

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Tomorrow, Friday, 31 August

Our Father's Day Stall will be held tomorrow, Friday, 31 August. It's not too late to drop in some gifts if you haven't already done so. Gifts are priced between \$1.00 and \$5.00. Please send in a plastic bag with your child to take home their gifts. Thank you to our stall coordinator, Mrs Sally Beveridge, for organising the stall and all those who have helped out at the working bees wrapping gifts. **If anyone can come in tomorrow to help wrap last minute gifts and run the stall it would be greatly appreciated. Helpers can come anytime from 9:00 a.m.** There is a raffle running in conjunction with the stall. Tickets are \$2.00 each with prizes including a Grillman BBQ 3 piece tool set plus a 3D's Butchery meat voucher, a Promax tool hamper and a Workforce assortment of screws, rivets and springs. These gifts were kindly donated by **3D's Butchery, the Beveridge family, Gilgandra Mitre 10 and Rohr's Home Timber and Hardware.** The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall.

EAR BUS

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be visiting our school again tomorrow, Friday, 31 August to test children's hearing. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

KINDER/YEAR 5 SUNDAY MASS

RITE OF COMMITMENT FOR CONFIRMATION

Our Kinder and Year 5 classes are preparing the Mass for this Sunday, 2 September in St Joseph's Church at 9:30 a.m. All students from Kinder and Year 5 and their families are warmly invited to this Mass. Also during this Mass the Year 6 Confirmation candidates will be participating in a Rite of Commitment for Confirmation. During the Mass they will be stating their commitment to prepare themselves for Confirmation. Their families and the parish are asked to support and pray for the Confirmation candidates.

YEAR 2 LITURGY

Year 2 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 6 September in the Church at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Please bring a plate for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 7 September – only 1 week to go!

CAKE/PRODUCE, TOMBULL, 'EVERYONE'S A WINNER' STALLS Don't forget donations to these stalls. They can only be successful if we receive goods to sell. Hopefully we will receive lots of goodies in the week ahead! Thank you to **JB & Alison Tancred** for taking on the coordinator role for the 'Everyone's A Winner' stall.

Just a reminder there are containers in the office for parents to pick up to fill for the cake stall. Donations for the cake stall can be dropped in at school any time next Thursday.

DUNK TANK The Dunk Tank will again be at this year's fete! This has been organised by Grant Zell with generous sponsorship from **Landmark, Wideland Ag and Ryan and Rankmore.** As the Dunk Tank was such a success last year, we are again looking for volunteers to be dunked. So please come forward and nominate yourself to show your support of this wonderful stall. If any children want to have a go at being dunked it will cost them 5 tickets.

HULA HOOP CLASS We are having a hula hoop class at the fete this year which will consist of 4 x 15 minute sessions. Children can pre-book and pay for these classes prior to the fete at a cost of \$5.00. Please see Mrs Hodge or Mrs Fuller. There is a maximum number of 25 per session.

ROSTER Accompanying today's About is a copy of the fete roster. **We still have quite a few gaps to fill!** The shaded areas are where we still need help. We need mums and dads to help so please put your name down. If everyone helps out on the day for just one hour, then all gaps would be easily filled. The contributions made by the P & F to our school are so generous and every child benefits from these donations. So, come on, put your name down and please return the roster by next Tuesday, 4 September.

COW PAT LOTTO At the fete each year we have a Cow Pat Lotto. 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! **All sold tickets need to be returned to school by tomorrow, Friday, 31 August.**

COW PAT LOTTO TICKET SELLERS We will be visiting the pubs and clubs tomorrow, Friday night, 31 August to sell cow pat lotto tickets. If you would like to help, please meet at the Tatts Hotel at 5:15 p.m.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY Next Friday, 7 September, will be an out-of-uniform day for all children for the fete.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

'Joey's Greatest Excursion'

Gilgandra High School Hall

Thursday, 20 September

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged on Thursday, 20 September 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.

CONCERT REHEARSAL

Wednesday, 12 September

Our one and only full concert rehearsal at the Gilgandra High School Hall will be held on Wednesday, 12 September. It is very important for everyone to be at school on this day so we can practice on the stage with the microphones etc. As this is a full dress rehearsal the children will

need their costumes by this date.

EXCURSION SNIPPET

"Money, money, money, must be funny, in a rich man's world." At the Royal Australian Mint we saw Titan do his funky dance and the collectors' coins being made. We also watched videos about Titan and the other robots and how they help make the coins in our wallets and purses today. We saw a video about the history of the Royal Australian Mint and we got to see and learn about some of the first coins to come to Australia. We certainly enjoyed our visit and learned a lot. **Oscar Spora, Rhys Bonnington, Jack Oehm.**

PRINCIPAL'S ASSESSMENT

We have been advised by Janine Kearney, Schools Consultant with Catholic Education Diocese of Bathurst (CEDB), that the surveys for Mr Musgrave's principal's performance review have now been emailed to a random sample group of parents. This survey is open until next Friday, 7 September. Those who receive this email are encouraged to complete the online survey by next Friday. If you have any questions about the process or are unable to access the online survey, please contact Janine Kearney on 6882 7355.

THANK YOU ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NARRAWEENA

Last week we were delighted to receive letters from St John's School Narraweena offering words of encouragement to our school community during this time of drought. We really appreciate the students from St John's taking the time to contact us and all their efforts in decorating their letters and envelopes. They were fantastic! The school is even having a Flanno Friday where they will dress up as farmers and bring in a gold coin donation with the money going to Rural Aid. It's great to know that a school in Sydney is aware of the plight of our farmers. Thank you St John's Narraweena.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Harry Thurlow** for a great effort in concert practice, **Andrew Standing** for super work describing equal rows, **Thomas McIsaac** for top work learning his lines for the concert and **Heidi Colwell** for creating a pretty peacock.

YEAR 1: **Bella Brand** for good work in noun revision, **Ashley Gilmour** for a fantastic effort in Spelling, **Cooper Lummis** for enthusiastic participation in concert practice and **Jeremiah Woodrow** for super problem solving in Maths.

YEAR 2: **Mia Ferguson** for reading with beautiful expression, **Te Mana Diamond** for working hard in Problem A Day and Operations, **Angus Johnson** for trying hard to read carefully and with expression, **Hayden Nichols** for groovy dancing in concert practice and **Ava Lacy, Scarlett Chandler** and **Brooke Beaton** for great enthusiasm in concert practice.

YEAR 3: **Eliza Mudford** for dedicated application to all areas of her work, **Stuart Wheatley** and **Jonas Naden** for improved effort during Maths operations and **Brody Heffer** for a consistent effort in all areas.

YEAR 4: **Sam Dunn** and **Grace Tancred** for sharing some great ideas for creative narratives during our group writing tasks, **Nick Kirsop** for having a positive attitude towards learning during Maths groups, **Jordan Neeves** and **Charlie Zell** for showing great enthusiasm towards concert practice.

YEAR 5: **Jett Tarrant** for enthusiasm and great contributions to Comprehension Group discussions, **Ben Standing** for 'rocking it out' in concert practice, **Will Spora** and **Harry Mudford** for their enthusiasm and helpfulness during our Science experiments and **Mattea Purvis** for improvement in fluency when reading.

YEAR 6: **Jade Elsom** for being a kind and courteous member of Year 6, **Ry Heffer** for a top effort during string art, **Jerome Woodrow** for showing great sportsmanship and **Rhys Bonnington** for excellent contributions during class discussions.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 6 Year 5 Reconciliation

- Thursday, 30 August - Warren Horse Sports
- Friday, 31 August - Father's Day Stall
- Ear Bus
- Warren Horse Sports
- Selling Cow Pat Lotto tickets
- Sunday, 2 September - Kinder & Year 5 Sunday Mass – 9:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Candidates Rite of Commitment

WEEK 7

- Thursday, 6 September - Year 2 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
- Friday, 7 September - Fete
- Saturday, 8 September - Chill Gil Retreat – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

WEEK 8 Year 6 Reconciliation

- Tuesday, 11 September - Preschool Visit
- Wednesday, 12 September - Concert Rehearsal
- Friday, 14 September - Polding Athletics

WEEK 9

- Tuesday, 18 September - Polding Athletics back-up date
- Wednesday, 19 September - Junior Joey's visit Cooee Lodge
- Working bee to clean the church for Confirmation – 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 20 September - Annual Concert
- Friday, 21 September - Bishop Michael visit
- Sunday, 23 September - Confirmation

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week we have been reading the book "Meg's Car". We've enjoyed sequencing events from the story and completing a variety of one word answer questions about the book to demonstrate our understanding. We wrote about our dads during writing and gave some reasons why we love them. In Maths Kinder divided collections into equal groups and completed a survey of the eye colours in our class to put into a picture graph. During PDH we talked about five people we can ask for help. We have been preparing for our special Mass with Year 5 which is on this Sunday. It will be lovely to see you there. Happy Father's Day! *Miss Smith & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 1 This week we enjoyed a visit from representatives of Little Athletics NSW. All the children were enthusiastic to join up and become future Olympians! In Maths we counted coins and used a map to draw long and short pathways. During text types we wrote a class exposition on why cats are better than dogs. In Grammar we are revising verbs and are investigating the rule 'when two vowels are walking the first one does the talking'. We had lots of fun creating a card and surprise gift for our dads for Father's Day and we hope all the dads have a fantastic day on Sunday! *Mrs Schier*

YEAR 2 It has been full steam ahead with concert practices and everyone has been very enthusiastic learning the dance steps. If there are any questions about costumes please let me know ASAP. During the week in Maths we covered 3D objects and building models, subtraction and division. Grammar revision included exclamation marks, question marks and direct speech. We did some fantastic dinosaur drawings in Art and have made a gift for our special dads and pops. Happy Father's Day! Enjoy the weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 thoroughly enjoyed the visit from Little Athletics yesterday. Many have been inspired to give something new a try and learn some new skills. Narratives are our new focus in text types. We've revised the structure of a narrative and brainstormed ideas. The children then chose their own topic to write a narrative. We have some very creative writers in Year 3! During Maths we've learnt about regular and irregular octagons and revised 3 digit subtraction, 4 digit numbers and cubic centimetres. We are all looking forward to spoiling our dads and grandfathers this Father's Day. Thank you to all the helpers who are running the Father's Day stall, we look forward to purchasing gifts for our loved ones. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Morris & Mrs Colwell*

YEAR 4 students have been working really hard during concert practices and should be very proud of themselves! Our item is coming together and we are having lots of fun along the way! Students have been engaged in the use of seven steps to improve their creative writing, we have had a focus on Tightening Tension this week. We have also been studying verb tense in Grammar along with editing spelling errors in Sentence A Day. In Geography we have been looking at the reasons animals can become endangered. On Wednesday we were involved in a Little Athletics presentation in the hall which the students enjoyed. A huge congratulations to our junior girls relay team who made it through to the Polding Athletics carnival in Newcastle! Happy Father's Day to all the dads on Sunday! *Mr Keady & Miss Giffin*

YEAR 5 This week in Maths we have looked at adding and subtracting fractions, identifying the different views of 3D objects and number patterns. Our Grammar focus is similes and metaphors and we are publishing explanation texts for our portfolios. During Religion – Bounce Back, we have been focusing on the key message of "Nobody is perfect". We are realising that we all make mistakes and how important it is not to judge and criticise but to show empathy and forgiveness in our relationships. We are looking forward to our class Mass on Sunday with Kinder as we celebrate God's guiding light and pray with Year 6 as they make their commitment to prepare for Confirmation. We have made some lovely cards and treats for our dads and granddads and we wish them a very Happy Father's Day on Sunday. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 In Year 6 we have written our confirmation poems for the yearbook. Our Grammar focus has been on past, present and future tense. In Religion we have learnt about the symbols of oil and water and how they were used in the old testament and how they are still used today in our Catholic Church. Our Maths activities have focused on the addition and subtraction of fractions, chance and Roman numerals. Year 6 are looking forward to celebrating the Rite of Commitment Mass this Sunday with Kinder and Year 5. W wish al the dads a Happy Father's Day. *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

- Friday, 31 August – Sarah Adams & Rachel McMahon
- Monday, 3 September – Donna Wheatley & Emma Meyers
- Wednesday, 5 September – Paula Purvis & Chris Monk
- Friday, 7 September – Canteen Closed – Fete

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

- Sunday, 2 September – Emily Zell & Molly Fairey

