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Term 3 Week 7

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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'



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

'The Amazing Race' - Gilgandra High School Hall

Tonight, Thursday, 1 September

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged tonight, Thursday, 1 September at the Gilgandra High School hall at 6:00 p.m. **All students need to be at the high school hall by 5:45 p.m. dressed in their costumes so that the concert can begin at 6:00 p.m.** Could your child please bring a water bottle and a snack with them. We hope to see lots there for a great night out. **We have decided not to have supper at the end of the concert, so please don't worry about bringing a plate.**

FATHER'S DAY STALL

Tomorrow, Friday, 2 September

Our Father's Day Stall will be held tomorrow, Friday, 2 September. 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 Danielle Diggs for organising the stall and all those who helped out today with the wrapping. If anyone can come in tomorrow to help run the stall it would be appreciated. Helpers can come anytime from 9:00 a.m. to help wrap any last minute donations. There is a raffle running in conjunction with the stall. Tickets are \$2.00 each with the prize being a camp oven, camping chair and coolpack with drinks donated by Rohr's Home Timber & Hardware, St Joseph's P & F and Mrs Roz Zell and we thank them very much for their generosity. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall tomorrow.

ST JOHN'S COLLEGE YEAR 7 PLACEMENT TESTING

Our Year 6 students who will be attending St John's College next year will attend the College tomorrow, Friday, 2 September to complete Year 7 Placement Testing.

ICAS SPELLING AND WRITING COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to the following students who received Credit Certificates in the recent ICAS Spelling and Writing Competitions: **Bradley Kildey, Kate Woollams, Layney Godber, Chloe Mudford and Dylon Murray** (Spelling) and **Cameron Davis, Jack Oehm, Kate Woollams, Emily Zell and Aliza Purvis** (Writing). Well done to our super spellers and writers!

BOOK WEEK COMPETITION

'Guess Who's Reading?' proved to be a very popular Book Week competition. The children had to guess which staff member was hiding behind a book. The Infants winners were: **Evie Peart, Lilla Oehm, Ella Mudford, Indi Murphy, Eva Bonnington, Brooke Woollams and Alex Gaff**. The Primary winners were: **Kelsey Hutchison, Ella McAnally-Elwin and Abby Tate**. The winners each received a \$10 voucher for Book Club. Thank you to everyone who entered. Mrs Kilby (Librarian)

ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Thursday, 15 September - Only 2 weeks to go!

There is only two weeks until one of our major school fundraisers, the St Joey's Annual Fete. The following are our major stalls that need donations to be successful:

CAKE & PRODUCE STALL (Infants) Kristy Gale is the coordinator for this stall and is asking for donations. Kristy has dropped some containers into the office. Please feel free to call in and pick them up at any time.

TOMBULI (Years 3 & 4) This stall 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, 12 September.

EVERYONE'S A WINNER (Years 5 & 6) This stall 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. For any enquires contact Rochelle Easman on 0413223592.***

ROSTER Accompanying today's About is a second copy of the fete roster. Thank you to those who have offered to help. As you can see **we still have lots of gaps to fill. The boxes marked in green are where we 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 the 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 Thursday, 8 September.

AUCTION There will be an auction at this year's fete for a framed signed Wallabies jumper. The jumper is currently at 3D's Butchery if anyone would like to see it. We would like to thank John Farragher for this donation towards our fete.

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! Tickets went home with the About two weeks ago. **All sold tickets need to be returned to school by next Friday, 9 September.**

COW PAT LOTTO TICKET SELLERS We will be visiting the pubs and clubs next Friday night, 23 October to sell cow pat lotto tickets. If you would like to help, please meet at the Tatts Hotel at 5:15 p.m.

PASTANCE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

All students from Kinder to Kinder to Year 6 enjoyed the musical performance Pastance which was staged in the school hall this afternoon. The performance was a journey through the diverse styles and stirring melodies of Celtic and Anglo folk traditions. Students were able to play and interact with the distinctive instruments of the genre including the harp, recorder, fiddle, Baroque guitar, lute and bagpipes. Pastance showed students the awesome power music has to tell a story.

EAR BUS

Representatives from the Hear Our Heart Ear Bus Project will be visiting our school again next Wednesday, 7 September to test children's hearing. If you have any particular concerns regarding your child's hearing, please let us know.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 8 September in the Church at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Please bring a plate for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

KINDER BUDDY LUNCH

The Kinder students and their Year 6 buddies will enjoy lunch together next Thursday, 8 September. This lunch is part of the Kinder Science unit, 'Staying Alive'. It should be a scrumptious time!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The staff will be participating in a Professional Development activity next Thursday, 8 September from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. During this time we will be reviewing the Quality Catholic Education Framework Elements, Pedagogy and Teaching Practice, Use of Resources, Facilities and Space for Learning and Religious Education. The staff will identify what the school does well in these areas and also ways in which they may be improved.

POLDING ATHLETICS

We wish Rhys O'Neill, Will Fuller and our Junior Boys Relay Team consisting of Ryan Ferguson, Aiden Walker, Bailey Wykes and Will Fuller the best of luck as they compete in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Newcastle next Friday. Rhys will run in the 11 years 800 m event and, as well as the relay, Will will compete in the Junior Boys Long Jump and Junior Boys High Jump. Congratulations to Rhys, Will, Ryan, Aiden and Bailey for reaching this level of competition.

SOCCER GALA DAY

We have fifty-three students from Years 3-6 attending a Soccer Gala Day, hosted by St Laurence's School, in Dubbo next Friday, 9 September. Everyone looks forward to a great day next Friday. If anyone can help with the coaching of these teams before and/or at the carnival, could you please let us know. The students competing include: Sienna Marchant, Lucy McIsaac, Mattea Purvis, Alana Elsom, Paige Gilmour, Grace Winter, Layney Godber, Sarah Temple, Madison Riley, Kate Woollams, Camilla Beveridge, Jade Elsom, Molly Wilson, Harry Mudford, Ben Standing, Jett Tarrant, Elten Walker, Ben Harland Cameron Davis, Will Spora, Hayden Ferguson, Lucas Gleadhill, Nick Gale, Nick Tancred, Darcy Neeves, Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Dylon Murray, Ella Wykes, Rani Diggs, Tayarna McKenzie, Kelsey Hutchison, Tylah Anforth, Oli Schier, Aliza Purvis, Heidi Purvis, Amber Tarrant, Laura Smith, Mary Westwood, Caity Neeves, Billie Buckland, Bradley Gibson, Will Gaff, Joshua Purvis, Finn Marchant, Harrison King, Jack Purvis, Lachlan Riley, James Ferguson, Charlie Banks, Jett Grimshaw, Mike Raglus, Tyler Evans.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES (PLC)

Schools in the Bathurst Diocese have begun the journey of becoming Professional Learning Communities (PLC). PLC is a data driven process that involves educators working collaboratively to enhance all pupil learning. This process involves pre-assessment, instruction and post-assessment including teacher development. It was decided that comprehension would be the focus for our school. Therefore, all students from Years 1-6 have been placed in comprehension groups. Their progress is regularly monitored at fortnightly staff meetings. The teachers believe that this process is providing many benefits for our students. Mrs Spora, Miss Smith, Mrs Schier and Mr Musgrave will be attending a PLC Meeting in Mudgee next week.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

The Catholic Schools Sports Day is a day held each year with the participating schools this year including St Joseph's Gilgandra, St John's Baradine and St Brigid's Coonamble. This year the sports will be held in Coonamble on **Wednesday, 21 September**. The sports day is for **ALL STUDENTS** from Kinder to Year 6 and includes a march, war cry, class races, ball games, novelty activities, relays, and tug-o'-wars. **THE CHILDREN ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR SPORTS UNIFORM**. Our full sports uniform includes: school sports shirt, maroon sports shorts (boys) or maroon sports skirt or skort (girls), school hat. To celebrate the Olympic year St Brigid's has requested that all students wear coloured socks and coloured joggers (if they have them) for the whole day. This means they will wear them for the march and keep them on all day. To keep in the spirit of the day we'd like all our students to wear footy socks, any colour. If you don't have any, please let your child's teacher know. The children will be required to assemble in St Brigid's School grounds, Tooloon Street by 9:00 a.m. to get ready for the march which will begin at 9:30 a.m. The march will conclude in Castlereagh Street and students will then walk back to school for the war cries and class races. The day will conclude at 2:00 p.m. **We are still waiting on a few notes to come back and when we know if we need to organise a bus for the day, we will advise you.**

ST JOHN'S BARADINE HORSE SPORTS DAY

We have now received the full information, including nomination forms, for the St John's Baradine Horse Sports Day to be held at Baradine Showground on Friday, 21 October. Please see Mrs Hodge if you would like a copy. Entries close on Friday, 14 October.

HEAR OUR HEART WOOL DRIVE

Hear Our Heart (HOH) is a not for profit, non-government funded program which relies on donations and fundraising to operate. It provides ear health education, targeted hearing testing and access to ear specialists for Gilgandra's children. They are holding their annual wool drive again. So if anyone has wool available to donate, you may leave it at Ag 'n' Vet in Warren Road with your contact details or contact local nurse audiometrist Rachel Kirsop on 6848359. Wool is sold through MacDonald and Company and a tax receipt will be available post sale. Thank you for supporting our local children.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Toni Ford and Sophia Peart for their enthusiasm during concert practice, Kenedi Hazelton for writing detailed stories, Riley Hutchison for improvement in learning his sight words, Ava Lacey

for asking interesting questions during News and **Hayden Nichols** for giving of his best when sounding out words in Story Writing.

YEAR 1: **Darcy Morris** for trying hard to use expression when reading, **Adison Thomas** for writing some great sentences using adjectives, **Lauren Thurlow** for trying hard in spelling groups and **Emma Mills** for subtracting numbers with speed and accuracy.

YEAR 2: **Ella Mudford** for great contributions to class discussions about dinosaurs, **Molly Nichols** for improvement in Spelling and Sentence A Day, **Trinity Zell** for a consistent effort in Problem A Day and Operations, **Carter Chapman** for a super effort in Maths and **Nick Kirsop** for fantastic accuracy and fluency when reading.

YEAR 3: **Mattea Purvis** and **Billie Allan** for creating a great PowerPoint slideshow, **Alana Elsom** for writing elaborate sentences in Spelling and **Ben Harland** for working hard in Grammar.

YEAR 4: **Kyzack Corcoran** for a great character profile of Dylan Webber, **Emma Durrant** for writing a great exposition about why you should try tacos, **Madison Riley** for working hard to complete her Operations in a timely manner and **Bailey Wykes** for using a variety of strategies to effectively solve addition and division problems.

YEAR 5: **Tylah Anforth** for working hard to improve accuracy during Maths Operations, **Will Fuller** for thinking critically when writing an explanation on how something works, **Isaiah Gleadhill** for having a cheerful approach towards all learning activities and **Jessica Scholte** for being a kind and considerate member of Year 5.

YEAR 6: **Heidi Purvis** and **Laura Smith** for showing great enthusiasm during concert practices, **Thomas Durrant** for excellent work when adding and subtracting fractions and **Aliza Purvis** for having a positive attitude towards all class activities.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7

Thursday, 1 September	-	Concert – 5:45 for 6:00 p.m.
Friday, 2 September	-	Principals Meeting
	-	St John's College Year 7
	-	Placement Testing
	-	Father's Day Stall

WEEK 8

Tuesday, 6 September	-	PLC Professional Development
Wednesday, 7 September	-	PLC Professional Development
	-	Ear Bus – 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, 8 September	-	Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
	-	Kinder Buddy Lunch
	-	QCE Professional Development
Friday, 9 September	-	Soccer Gala Day - Dubbo
	-	Polding Athletics
	-	Preschool Visit
	-	Selling Cow Pat Lotto Tickets

WEEK 9

Wednesday, 14 September	-	Junior Joey's visit Cooee Lodge
	-	MCCL Meeting
Thursday, 15 September	-	Fete

WEEK 10

Wednesday, 21 September	-	Catholic Schools Sports Day – Coonamble
Thursday, 22 September	-	AECG Meeting
Thursday, 22 –	-	
Saturday, 24 September	-	Moorambilla
Friday, 23 September	-	Last day Term 3
	-	Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten has been reading “Will You Play?” and we continue to learn about question marks, exclamation marks, speech marks and commas. During Story Writing we wrote about rock stars. Some students even imagined they were in a rock band! In our sound work, we have been reading and listening to words beginning with our sound of the week. Next week our sound is ‘Xx and ‘Zz’ so start looking for things for our sound table. In Science and Technology we continue to discuss what things are made of and in Geography we explored different features in different locations. During Mathematics we organised numbers from 15 to 20 and compared numbers in groups while in Religion we read a prayer about Moses. The Kindergarten children have been practising hard for our concert tonight so we hope you enjoy the show. I would just like to wish all fathers a very happy day on Sunday and hope you enjoy your day. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 is looking forward to entertaining everyone tonight at our fabulous St Joey's concert. We can't wait to see all our family and friends there to support us. We are also preparing for our Father's Day Liturgy which will be celebrated next Thursday morning. Once again we invite all our family and friends to come along and ask you to please bring a plate to share for morning tea. “King Pig” is our next Nick Bland book. We have enjoyed reading the book and locating the adjectives and verbs in the story. We also discussed the valuable lesson ‘King Pig’ learnt about being kind to the sheep. In Maths we have focused on 3D shapes and reading calendars. Have a great weekend.

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 2 Wow – what an amazing show it should be tonight! Everyone is looking forward to the concert. Congratulations Year 2 on all your hard work in the lead up to the big night and thank you everyone for helping with the costumes. It's Father's Day on Sunday so we've been busy making some special things for our dads and pops. Happy Father's Day to all the dads this weekend. Enjoy your weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Miss Lisa Harvey*

YEAR 3 is very excited about the Concert tonight! Our dance moves are looking slick and we can't wait to perform for our family and friends on the big stage! We have also been busy in Maths creating and interpreting grid maps to show position and collecting data. During English we have started to write an information report on reptiles and are concentrating on using scientific language to enhance the detail in our writing. During Religion we have continued to look at the Pentecost story focusing on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. We have made some lovely cards for our dads and granddads and we wish them a very happy Father's Day on Sunday. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 is very excited to perform for you tonight at our annual St Joseph's School Concert. Thank you for organising your child's costume and I hope you enjoy the show tonight. In the classroom this week, aside from perfecting our performance, we've been learning about changing the ‘y’ to and i before adding ‘es’ when making plurals and the use of commas. We have also written a response exposition from the lead character of our class novel, “Paper Planes”, to his father arguing why he thinks his Dad should attend the World Paper Plane Championships with him in Tokyo. During Maths we've completed a mixture of addition questions, revised decimal place value and examined pentagons and octagons. For Geography we've discovered the importance of vegetation. See you tonight! *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 The night is finally here and we are all super excited to present the ‘Amazing Race’ to you all. Our concert item is looking fantastic and after practising with our costumes on Monday we are all ready to go. In class this week we have been finishing off our explanations on how things work while in Maths we have been revising multiplication strategies. During Religion we have begun looking at our new unit, ‘Creation: A Change of Heart’. We have also completed a fun science experiment with Mrs Kilby using balloons and yeast, water and sugar. I can't wait to see you all tonight. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 This week we have finished putting our final touches on our discussions titled ‘Is too much money being spent on toys and games’. It was great to see Year 6 effectively using emotive language to enhance their texts. In Grammar we have been learning about participle phrases and identifying them in sentences. Our Maths activities have focused on perimeter, angles and two dimensional shapes. In our Geography unit we looked at the value of water to indigenous peoples. We all can't wait for our school concert tonight! Keep up the enthusiasm Year 6! *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 2 September	–	Phillipa Saunders & Kristy Gale
Monday, 5 September	–	Amii Marchant & Danielle Diggs
Wednesday, 7 September	–	Lexine Mallison & Sally Temple
Friday, 2 September	–	Nikki Church & volunteer required

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 4 September	–	Charlie Banks, Jett Grimshaw, Laura Smith, Amber Tarrant
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