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Term 3 Week 7

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Thought for the Week

At the Catholic Schools Sports Day we gather together for friendly competition and to give of our best as a school who is proud of what we can achieve together.

CONFIRMATION

A beautiful celebration was held at St Joseph's Church on Sunday as 10 candidates were presented to Bishop Michael McKenna and Fr Martin O'Mahony for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The whole Year 6 class completed the Confirmation program and it was wonderful to see these classmates, other members of the school community, parishioners, family and friends in church on Sunday to witness this important step in the faith journey of these young people. A celebration breakfast was held in the school hall following Mass. Our 2015 Confirmation class consisted of: **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.** Many thanks to Mrs Banks and Mrs Thomas for preparing the children for this Sacrament, to the staff and students of our school for their reverent participation at Mass and fantastic help in decorating the hall, the Year 5 parents and grandparents for serving the morning tea and the parents of the Confirmation class for working with the school during this important time.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY Tomorrow, Friday, 28 August

Students from St Lawrence's Coonabarabran, St John's Baradine and St Brigid's Coonamble will join us tomorrow for a day of fun and friendship. It would be fantastic to see lots of parents and friends attend this great day. **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:** school 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. 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	

Tomorrow the buses will be letting the children off at Hunter Park. Therefore if you normally bring your children to school could you please take them to Hunter Park. If this is not possible a teacher will remain at school to take the children to the park.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY ROSTER

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help tomorrow. The day would not be possible without your help. Attached is the list of helpers.

CAKES AND SLICES NEEDED FOR MORNING TEA

We will be setting up a table for morning tea at the Catholic Schools Sports Day where adults can help themselves. We are hoping to serve some lovely home cooking for morning tea and accordingly would be grateful of any donations. **Children are encouraged to bring their morning tea tomorrow as there won't be enough time for them to go to the canteen.**

IN CASE OF CANCELLATION

The forecast for tomorrow is 3 - 16 degrees with a 30% chance of less than 1 mm of rain. If we do get a downpour in the morning and we need to cancel the carnival a notice will be advertised on ABC Western Plains Radio 107.1 FM from 7:00 a.m.

OUTSTANDING SPELLING RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who received outstanding results in the recent ICAS Spelling Competition:

<i>Distinction</i>	- Sophie Hassall, Rebecca Gaff, Kate Gilmour
<i>Credit</i>	- Will Fuller, Bradley Kildey, Alex Beveridge, Martin Fryers, Emilie Hassall
<i>Merit</i>	- Kate Woollams

LITTLE ATHLETICS VISIT

A representative from Little Athletics will visit our school next Wednesday, 2 September at 2:00 p.m. to talk to the children. We thank Little Athletics for organising this visit.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 3 September in the Church at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome. Please bring a plate for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

FATHER'S DAY STALL - Next Friday!

DONATIONS OF GIFTS URGENTLY NEEDED!

Our Father's Day Stall will be held next Friday, 4 September. We are **very short on gifts at this stage.** Donations of gifts can be dropped in at the office at any time. There is a raffle running in conjunction with the stall. Tickets are \$2.00 each and a book of five tickets is with today's About. The raffle prize is a Bosch Combo Set consisting of a cordless drill and hand held vacuum with attachments, a screwdriver set and 3 piece torch set. All these items have been kindly donated by **GK & LH Rohr** and we thank them very much for their generosity. The raffle will be drawn at the conclusion of the stall next Friday.

WORKING BEE FOR FATHER'S DAY STALL

A working bee to help wrap presents for the Father's Day Stall will be held on Wednesday, 2 September from 9:00 a.m. Please come along and help if you can.

POLDING ATHLETICS

We wish **Grace Alchin, Ashleigh Carlow** and **Isaiah Gleadhill** the best of luck as they compete in the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Polding Athletics Championships to be held in Newcastle next week. Grace will soar in the Senior High Jump, Ashleigh will fly in the 11 years Long Jump while Isaiah will launch himself into the Junior Shot Put. Congratulations Grace, Ashleigh and Isaiah for reaching this level of competition.

CONCERT REHEARSAL

Monday, 7 September

Our one and only full concert rehearsal at the Gilgandra High School Hall will be held on Monday, 7 September. It is very important for everyone to be at school on this day so we can practise on the stage with the microphones etc. As this is a full dress rehearsal the children will need their costumes by this date.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT

Gilgandra High School Hall

Tuesday, 15 September – 5:45 for 6:00 p.m.

Our annual concert involving all students from Kinder to Year 6 will be staged on Tuesday, 15 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.

GILGANDRA JUNIOR LEAGUE & NETBALL PRESENTATIONS

The Gilgandra Junior League and Netball Presentations will be held this Saturday, 29 August at McGrane Oval commencing at 10:00 am.

GULARGAMBONE PRESCHOOL FATHER'S DAY BBQ

Gulgargambone Preschool is hosting a Father's Day BBQ on Sunday, 6 September at the Armatree Hotel from 12:30 p.m. onwards. There will be raffles, jumping castle and children's activities. For catering purposes please RSVP to the Armatree Hotel by Wednesday, 2 September.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** **Darron Mulligan** for 'Giving Of His Best' in Story Writing, **Isabelle Mudford** for being a cooperative member of Kindergarten, **Orlando Ryan** for being enthusiastic during march practice, **Jaida Tarrant** for her enthusiasm during concert practice and **Alicia Fordham** for reading with expression and fluency. **YEAR 1:** **Ryder Ryan** for having lovely manners and listening carefully to the teacher, **Nick Kirsop** for a super reading effort, **Rani Diamond** for beautiful manners and courtesy to others, **Brooke Woollams** for her enthusiastic approach to all class activities, **Lilla Oehm** for super sequencing of "The Very Brave Bear" and **Grace Tancred** for her creative artwork of a Polar Bear. **YEAR 2:** **Ryan Ferguson** for super work when using punctuation, **Nick Gale** for fantastic participation in Spelling, **Jett Tarrant** for being a polite and well mannered class member and **Jasmine Zell** for a great effort in Sentence A Day. **YEAR 3:** **Eli Fullbrook** for an improvement in effort towards set tasks, **Emily Zell** for a top effort during marching practices, **Richard Glover** for describing three different types of verbs, **Ry Heffer** for asking questions to clarify his understanding of tasks and **Layne Godber** for always having a high standard of bookwork. **YEAR 4:** **Anton Davis** for great work identifying the tense in a variety of sentences, **Harrison King** for asking questions to clarify understanding, **William Fuller** for great participation in singing practice and **William Gaff** for taking great care with his handwriting. **YEAR 5:** **Charlie Banks** for working hard to achieve improved results in Comprehension, **Ella McAnally-Elwin** for thinking creatively in writing, **Aliza Purvis** for improved confidence when recalling times tables and **Lachlan Riley** for improvement in fluency during reading groups. **YEAR 6:** **Alex Beveridge** for completing all tasks diligently and with a smile, **James Kildey** for leading with enthusiasm, **Stuart Larsen** for persevering with difficult Maths concepts and **Harry Spora** for being a fantastic Multilit tutor.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 7

Friday, 28 August - Catholic Schools Sports Day - Gilgandra – K-6

WEEK 8

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

WEEK 9 Fr Martin away

Monday, 7 September - Concert Practice
Friday, 11 September - Principals' Retreat
- Preschool Visit 10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

WEEK 10

Monday, 14 and Tuesday, 15 September - Coonabarabran Horse Sports
Tuesday, 15 September - Concert
Wednesday, 16 -
Saturday, 19 September - Moorambilla
Wednesday, 16 September - Year 1 Police Station Visit
Friday, 18 September - Last day Term 3

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week in Kindergarten we have been learning lots of words beginning with the sound of the week and putting them into sentences. Next week's sounds are 'Xx and Yy'. In handwriting we have been focusing on the letters 'd', 'b' and 'p'. There has been a huge improvement in story writing with the students really using their

imaginations. We went to the computer room this week to learn where letters are on a keyboard and to learn the function of the 'delete' button. In Religion we wrote what we are thankful for in our families and then drew a picture. During Mathematics we learnt about groups and revised area. We used cut up squares to find the area of certain shapes. As part of our HSIE unit we have been discussing how we feel when our special places are looked after and when they are not cared for properly. Take care. *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 We are all looking forward to tomorrow and everyone has given of their best in marching practices and ball games. We hope to see lots of family and friends to cheer us on. Go Joey's! Concert practices have been in full swing and it's been lots of fun rehearsing for the big night. It's been busy in the classroom as well as we've focused on the structure of Narratives in Writing. In Maths we looked at 2D & 3D properties, identifying counting patterns and using 'counting on' strategies. In Grammar we identified adjectives in text types. Next week is our Year 1 Father's Day Liturgy and we look forward to sharing this special occasion with our family. *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Congratulations Year 6 on your Confirmation on Sunday. We hope you enjoyed your special day. In Grammar we are completing activities using an exclamation mark and revised the 'bossy e' rule in Spelling. As a class we wrote a procedure on how to make a dino fossil, complete with illustrations. We read the traditional tale of the boy who cried wolf and related this to our book, "Gigantosaurus". In Art we created spectacular snowflake pictures for our portfolios and have started learning our dances for the upcoming concert. We are all very excited about the sports day tomorrow and we hope to see you there to cheer us on. Go Joey's! *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 We have all been busily preparing for our sports day tomorrow, our war cry sounds great and our marching looks fabulous. In Maths we examined subtraction and we defined a rigid shape. We read an interesting text in Comprehension about Kieran Perkins where we learnt some facts about his life. In PDH we discussed why we need to recycle and also what materials can be recycled. Our Grammar activities focused on questions and commands this week. Year 3 is all very excited about the Catholic Schools Sports Day tomorrow, go Joey's! *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 This week we have been learning when to drop the 'y' and add 'ies' in Spelling while in Grammar we have revised how to use commas and have added commas to a variety of sentences. In Writing we continued our work on expositions by planning an exposition to encourage somebody to enter a paper plane competition. During Maths we completed mixed addition questions including adding money, revised decimal place value and compared and described pentagons and octagons. This week we have also started our new Religion topic 'One With God's Creation' by watching a presentation of God's creations and listening to the 'Cosmic Hymn of Praise'. We also listed the creations we experience with each of our senses. Hope to see you tomorrow at the Catholic Schools Sports Day. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 Left, left, left, right left – we are all ready to go for our Combined Catholic Schools Sports Day tomorrow - and our marching is looking fabulous. In class we have been looking at 3D objects as well as data surveys in Maths while in English we have begun writing our Sydney interviews and we are all eagerly researching our chosen location. I hope to see everyone come along and support us for our exciting day tomorrow. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 Congratulations Year 6 on such a wonderful Confirmation celebration last Sunday. You are to be commended on your reverence on the day and on the way you prepared yourselves – you really committed yourselves to understanding the importance of the sacrament. We are immensely proud of you all. In Maths we looked at adjacent angles, perimeter of irregular shapes and how to jump the decimal when we are multiplying or dividing by 10's, 100's or 1000's. During Art we are putting the finishing touches on our Christmas Art entries and writing the explanation that accompanies them. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 28 August – Catholic Schools Sports Day
Monday, 31 August – Michelle Woollams & Rachel Kirsop
Wednesday, 2 September – Kylie Carlow & Rosemary Larsen
Friday, 4 September – Kirstie McKenzie & Lesley Riley

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday 30 August – Martin Fryers, Charlie Banks, Lachlan Fairey, Laura Smith