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Term 3 Week 8

10 September 2020

Thought for the Week

A FIRST COMMUNION PRAYER

Come, Lord Jesus, into my heart today.

Help me always to follow Your Will, Your Word and Your Way.

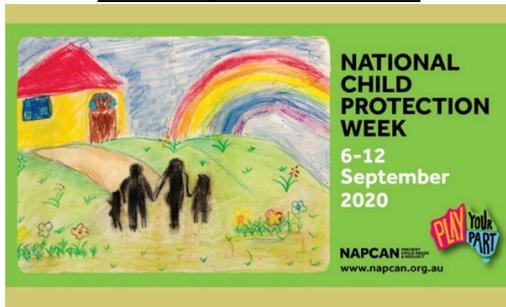
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

St Joseph's Church – This Sunday, 13 September

The excitement is certainly building for the First Holy Communion class as this special day is quickly approaching and will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church this **Sunday, 13 September**. Attendance at the First Holy Communion Mass this year is *invitation only* due to COVID restrictions. Please keep our Year 3 students in your thoughts and prayers: **Elsie Adams, Georgia Allan, Caine Bugmy, Max Fiddes, Jacob Fordham, Ashley Gilmour, Chloe Harris, Jagger Hazelton, Amity Henry, Ryder Larkin, James Lesslie, Cooper Lummis, David McIsaac, Jock Mills, Ben Mudford, Elsie Mudford, Mia Mudford, Brodie Nichols, Nikola Riley, Ruby Ryan, Joe Staggs, Tilly Tancred, Isla Volkofsky, Anna Walker, Clayton Wheatley, Baxter Whitehouse, Jeremiah Woodrow.**

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

"Putting Children First"
6-12 September 2020



This week is National Child Protection Week, running from 6 September through to 12 September and is coordinated by NAPCAN. The theme is "Putting Children First". Under this year's theme all Australians are invited to look at how they can prioritise children in their lives and communities. Putting children first means prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children. We can all speak up if we see something that is not safe for children, talk respectfully with children, value and act on their ideas, help children thrive by supporting families and create places where children feel safe to live, play and learn.

FABULOUS FATHER'S DAY STALL

Although we were unable to have parent helpers involved this year, we still managed to run a very successful Father's Day Stall at school last Friday, with thanks to the generosity of our families and the hard work of our staff. It was wonderful to be able to raise some funds for our P&F Association with most events having to be cancelled this year and also provide the children with an exciting and fun activity. The lucky winners of the raffles were: 1st prize – **Estelle & Laycee Hazelton**, 2nd prize – **Lochie, Bonnie & Amity Henry**, 3rd prize – **Ava & Sophie Lacey**, consolation prize – **Alison, Eliza & Ben Mudford**. Winners of the class raffles were: Kinder – **Beatrix Volkofsky**, Year 1 – **Parker Leven**, Year 2 – **Tom McIsaac**, Year 3 – **Anna Walker**, Year 4 – **Sailor Ryan**, Year 5 – **Stuart Wheatley**, Year 6 – **Taylor Hayes**.

INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

Everyone had a wonderful time this afternoon as our infants children participated in their mini sports carnival. There were lots of fun races culminating with some exciting tug-o'-wars. Many thanks to the staff for organising and running this carnival. Go Joey's!

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

In Week 10 we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week. This year's theme is "Always Was, Always Will Be" which recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for our land for over 65,000 years. Mr Pearce has organised lots of exciting activities to help us celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

JOEY'S 2020 ANNUAL CONCERT

We were hoping to stage our annual concert at the end of term but due to COVID-19 restrictions this is no longer possible. However, we now plan to film a small act for each class at school and then give each family a copy of the DVD. So we are going from a live show to a film. How exciting!

FAREWELL MRS FORAN

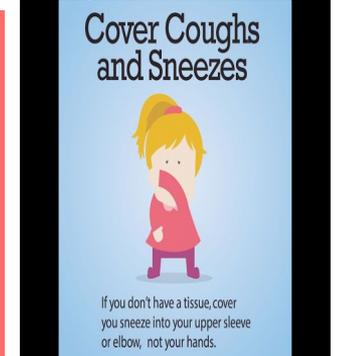
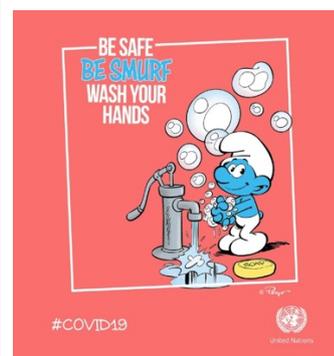
We farewell Mrs Foran tomorrow who has taught in Kinder over the past four weeks. We hope Ashleigh has enjoyed her time at Joey's and found it a worthwhile experience. Thank you for your hard work Ashleigh and best wishes.

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.

Children should not attend school if they are unwell.



Just a reminder that no parents are to go to the bag stands, into the classrooms or on the playground. 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 or playground.

NOTE:

1. **If your child has flu like symptoms please get them COVID-19 tested.**
2. **Do not return to school unless you can provide a negative test result for COVID-19 and your symptoms have resolved.**
3. **Parents will receive testing results via SMS. Please screenshot the results and email them to stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au before your child returns to school.**

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Zoe Fiddes** for sharing a great holiday diary of her trip to Darwin, **Bella Hammond** for trying hard to complete her homework, **Charlie Cruickshank** for great improvement in Reading and **Jack Howard** for sharing interesting information and ideas during class discussions.

YEAR 1: **Neve Walker** for being a kind and considerate class member, **Mack Hutchison** for a great effort in Comprehension, **Adelaide Mudford** for using punctuation correctly in her writing and **Parker Leven** for great work identifying numbers before and after a given number.

YEAR 2: **Keaghan Lummis** for making a big improvement in Spelling and Phonics, **Mackenzie Skinner** for taking care with her bookwork, **Andrew Standing** for making a big effort to be a positive and focused class member, **Indy Thomas** for using creative techniques in Art, **Harry Thurlow** for trying hard to improve his handwriting and **Ivy Zell** for making a big effort with morning reading.

YEAR 3: **Max Fiddes** for sharing fantastic memories from his recent holiday, **Jeremiah Woodrow** and **Anna Walker** for writing creatively when changing a complete sentence into a more complex and interesting one and **Joe Staggs** and **Amity Henry** for showing beautiful reverence in our First Holy Communion reflection.

YEAR 4: **Alexia Riley** for consistent improvement in Maths, **Hayden Nichols** for his determined approach to remaining on task, **Sophia Peart** for increased contribution to class discussions, **Angus Johnson** for determination to improve across all learning areas and **Mia Ferguson** for increased confidence to contribute to class discussions.

YEAR 5: **Jonas Naden** for fantastic imagery when describing a garden, **Tom Staggs** for enthusiastic contributions in class discussions, **Mac Lesslie** for a determined effort to improve his level of achievement and **Darron Mulligan** for being a polite and considerate class member.

YEAR 6: **Shane Estens** for enthusiastic participation in classroom Kahoots, **Taylor Hayes** and **Molly Nichols** for working diligently on time concepts in Maths, **Rhyan Hutchison** for always being willing to help, **Alison Mudford** for improvement in fluency when reading each morning, **Charlie Zell** for being an enthusiastic and positive member of Year 6 and **Trinity Zell** for showing a creative flair in Art activities.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 8

Friday, 11 September - Year 6 Religion Test
Sunday, 13 September - First Holy Communion

WEEK 10 NAIDOC Celebrations

Friday, 25 September - Last day Term 3
- Portfolios home

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER What a fantastic day we have had in Kindergarten. We celebrated a beautiful Liturgy in our church this morning followed by our mini infants athletics carnival this afternoon. It was wonderful to see everyone so enthusiastic and enjoying life at Joey's! In class this week we have been reading "Meg's Castle" and we wrote some super stories about a knight. We have been completing our Essential Assessment in Maths along with ten frame addition. We have also been working on our portfolios and can't wait to show our family all our hard work. This week we say goodbye to Mrs Foran and thank her for helping us and being part of our school. We would like to wish her all the best for her future in teaching. A big congratulations to all our Year 3 friends who receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Enjoy your weekend!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 What a wonderful afternoon we had at our infants sports carnival today. The children certainly had lots of fun! We have been learning about Narratives this week. We read "Little Red Riding Hood" to help us identify the structure of the text type. We were able to easily identify the problem in this fairytale. We then read "Hansel and Gretel" and worked with a partner to complete a story map. "Jack and the Beanstalk" was our next fairy tale and we used this to describe the character of Jack. We discussed his appearance and used adjectives to describe his personality and feelings. In Maths we've been using money to work out the price of items and also using arrays to complete multiplication questions. We've begun preparing for our concert item and the children are very excited. I

will send a note home outlining our plans and costumes needed. We will be thinking of our Year 3 friends as they receive First Holy Communion this Sunday. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 This week Year 2 has started learning dances for our class item! Students are very excited to present the piece very soon. There will be a note coming home shortly explaining the casual clothes needed on the day of our performance. In Science the students have been enjoying conducting some fun experiments based on different materials and have developed their group work skills. Year 2 has been looking at expositions and trying hard to use strong words and arguments to convince people to agree with them! Students have been doing revision in Maths to consolidate a range of concepts they have studied during the term. Year 2 really enjoyed the infants sports carnival today and all displayed wonderful school spirit! Wishing Year 3 an enjoyable day on Sunday as they receive their First Holy Communion. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 Wow! Only 3 more sleeps until Year 3 celebrate their First Holy Communion. This week we have been busy preparing for our special celebration and we look forward to having our special family members come along to celebrate with us. Just a reminder that due to COVID-19 restrictions only those nominated will be allowed in the church. We have created some lovely chalices to display in our classroom window and we've tried ordering the parts of the Mass into the correct sequence. Year 3 has continued writing interesting and complex sentences during Text Types and using an extended vocabulary to make our writing more appealing to other readers. Our Spelling focus has been on the 'air' sound while we have been revising plurals during spelling rules. In Maths we have focused on checking answers, commutative property, drawing objects (which we found very difficult) and the kilogram. We look forward to celebrating with you on Sunday morning. Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 Pen Licences have been awarded to students who are displaying consistently excellent handwriting. All students are endeavouring to improve their handwriting in anticipation of receiving their own licence. We completed our class novel this week with the thrilling final in Tokyo. Dylan found his 'winged keel' with the assistance of Clive and whilst he won the final the class realised that he learned so much more in terms of life lessons with his father. During Religion we have been discussing Rosary Beads and the prayers involved. Our Writing task this week has been planning and publishing an explanation of how paper planes fly. Our artwork is almost complete and is looking very effective. Year 3 are in our prayers as they receive First Holy Communion this Sunday. Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 This week we are looking at direct and indirect speech in Grammar and began a research assignment to complete an explanation text in Text Types. We enjoyed utilising calculators in Maths this week as we practised using the memory button to complete complicated additions. In Geography we wrote about the impact humans have had on rainforests and used fact file cards to complete a cloze passage. For Art we drew a picture of an orangutan (an endangered species of her rainforest) and put the finishing touches on our cubist portfolio task. We wish Year 3 all the best as they celebrate their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 This week in Maths we have focused on reflecting, translating and rotating 2D shapes to make patterns and using surveys to gather a sample of data. We have started a writing activity that we are working on in pairs. The task is to research an agreed topic to present as an information report to the class during Week 10. It has been excellent to see and hear the children working together collaboratively and with enthusiasm and we look forward to their presentations. During Geography we have continued to explore rainforests and the impact of deforestation on our planet and in Science we have been investigating electric circuits. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Year 3 First Holy Communion class as they celebrate the Eucharist this Sunday. May God bless you all!

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 11 September - Simone Fordham & Sheree Staggs
Monday, 14 September - Lara Zell & Stacey Thomas
Wednesday, 16 September - Jade Zell & Simone Beaton
Friday, 18 September - Laura Jordan & Catherine Neeves

