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Term 3 Week 8

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Thought for the Week

*Before you talk....listen, before you react....think,
Before you criticise....wait, before you pray....forgive,
Before you quit....try!*

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

3 – 9 September, 2017



ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL ANNUAL CONCERT **'Joey's Australian Vacation'**

It was a wonderful evening last Thursday as our family, Clarke, Ellen, Rusty and Audrey, went on an Australian Vacation. First Kinder took us to the Northern Territory where we got to meet camels and their jockeys, crocodiles, cowboys and cowgirls and even a bull. Fantastic Kinder! Next it was off to Western Australia with Year 1. While in WA we went mining with the miners, admired the diamond girls, swam with the dolphins at Monkey Mia and surfed with the surfers at Wave Rock. Wow Year 1! In NSW we got to meet the last Blues supporter as well as visiting the Sisters in Gilgandra, Elvis in Parkes, Abba in Tullamore and danced with the Outback Club before heading to Sydney for the New Year's Eve celebrations. Unreal Year 2! It was then time to get on the boat to 'Take Us To Tasmania!' In Tassie we mingled with tourists, danced with pretty penguins, discovered the Tassie Devils and gruesome ghosts. Thankfully the ghost busters arrived! That was epic Year 3! Clarke certainly did strike some problems in South Australia with the German dancers. It was marvellous mustering and we loved the sights of the mighty Murray River. Sensational Year 4! Queensland was our next destination where we had a cracking good time with some cowboys and girls, met the magnificent Maroons and Jeff, the Hornet, Horn. We were in awe of the 'Days of Gold' singers, gymnasts and gold medal athletes. We could really feel it Year 5! Our last port of call was Victoria where we were greeted by some roaring Tigers, of the Richmond kind, remarkable Melbourne Cup jockeys, glamorous ice princesses and mad Merv Hughes. Remarkable Year 6! Finally we took a look at some of our favourite Joey's memories. Congratulations to all the Joey's students who were most definitely the superstars of the night. It was an amazing concert. A big thank you to those who helped the children with their lines, costumes and props. Many thanks to the talented Joey's staff who wrote the scripts, coached, organized props, costumes, programs, sound and lights. Thanks also to the Gilgandra High School for the use of their hall and helping with sound, lights, chairs and spare rooms, our Year 6 leaders for their superb backstage work and finally congratulations to the stars of the show, the kids from St Joey's for providing us with an awesome night.

FABULOUS FATHER'S DAY STALL

Another successful Father's Day Stall was held at school last Friday due to the generosity of our families and the hard work of our parents. Many thanks to Jessica Whitehouse who coordinated the stall and to all her helpers who helped wrap the presents and man the stall on Friday. The lucky winners of the raffles were: First Prize: Grace and Hope Jones-Copelin, Second Prize – Ethan and

Darcy Morris, Third Prize: Kelsey, Rhyana and Jacqueline Hutchison. Once again we thank those who donated our raffle prizes: **Rohr's Home Timber and Hardware**, a ten visit pass to **Gilgandra Fitness Centre** and men's health supplements supplied by **Mass Nutrition** and a \$50.00 Gift Voucher from the **Armatree Hotel**. Winners of the class raffles were: Kinder: Ruby Ryan, Year 1 – Sailor Ryan, Year 2 – Kaycee Bugmy, Year 3 – Lilla Oehm, Year 4 – Elten Walker, Year 5: Breanna Foster, Year 6 – Mason Fryers.

ST JOEY'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 15 September – Only 1 week to go!

ROSTER Accompanying today's About is a copy of the fete roster. We still have quite a few gaps to fill! The green 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, 12 September. Some people who have offered to help on a certain stall at a certain time may have been changed around. If there are any problems, please let us know.

DUNK TANK A new innovation at this year's fete is the Dunk Tank! This has been organised by Grant Zell with generous sponsorship from **Landmark, Wideland Ag and Ryan and Rankmore**. There are already some prominent people who have put up their hand to be dunked including some Joey's staff members, a prominent member of our local Police force and various other community members. So don't miss out on your chance to dunk someone you know! If any children want to have a go at being dunked it will cost them 5 tickets.

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! **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.**

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 let loose in the yard and if you own the square where the first dropping lands, then you win \$1000.00! **All sold tickets need to be returned to school tomorrow, Friday, 8 September.**

COW PAT LOTTO TICKET SELLERS We will be visiting the pubs and clubs tomorrow night 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 will be an out-of-uniform day for all children for the fete.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPORTS DAY

The Catholic Schools Sports Day is a day held each year with the participating schools 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, 13 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 sports socks, white shoes, school hat. For the march the children **MUST WEAR JOEY'S SPORTS SOCKS OR ALL WHITE SOCKS AND ALL WHITE JOGGERS.** They may change into joggers after the march if they wish. If your child doesn't have any of these please contact the school and we might be able

to borrow some for the day. Any spare pairs of white joggers that you might care to lend us for the day would be greatly appreciated. We have a number of spare white joggers at school. 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. **A note went home to all families yesterday regarding travel arrangements.**

PARISH LUNCHEON

Planning for an informal Parish luncheon at the Sporties on 15 October is underway and everyone is invited and welcome. The lunch will be catered and a charge of \$25.00 per person, excluding drinks, has been set. To finalise catering arrangements we will need final numbers by 11 October. If you wish to attend please leave your name and money at the school office.

LITTLE ATHLETICS

Registrations for Little Athletics are now open for the 2017/18 season. Register at www.lansw.com.au or come along to one of our registration days on 14 and 21 September from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at McGrane Oval. The cost is \$80.00. Trials for new athletes will be held from 4:30 p.m. on both days. Registration forms are also available from Peacockes Solicitors. Children must be born prior to 1 October, 2012. Hope to see you there!

GULARGAMBONE AMATUER SWIMMING CLUB **REGISTRATIONS OPENING SOON**

Gulargambone Swimming Club runs two afternoon training sessions per week from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. Coach Alana Bennet has years of swimming experience and we look forward to welcoming her pool deck this season. In addition to training sessions, Friday night is club Pointscore night, where swimmers practise their strokes under race conditions. Cost of Membership is \$68.00 to NSW Swimming (not payable for under 7 years) and \$80.00 training fees. Family discounts available. As a club member you are able to attend either or both training sessions as well as Pointscore. If you would like to register, please contact the Club Registrar, Cath Peart 0427688775 or peart5@live.com. Date for training to commence will be notified after the pool opens (usually early in Term 4).

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** Jagger Hazelton for great dancing in our concert performance, **Isabella Brand** and **Clayton Wheatley** for great work sorting 2D shapes, **Jacob Fordham** and **Jeremiah Woodrow** for including imaginative ideas in their writing, **David McIsaac** for great work identifying numbers that come before and after a given number and **Caine Bugmy** for a top effort in marching. **YEAR 1:** **Brooke Beaton** for excellent research about Western Australia, **Makynli Hazelton** for a fantastic illustration of her dad, **Poppy-Grace Newton** for super, groovy dance moves and **Georgia Tancred** for trying hard during marching. **YEAR 2:** **Lucas Fong** and **Orlando Ryan** for great extension work using 'thank tank' cards in Maths, **Jordan Wighton** and **Stuart Wheatley** for trying hard to sound out words in tricky readers and **Jaida Tarrant** and **Kaycee Bugmy** for wonderful energy and enthusiasm in the Year 2 concert act. **YEAR 3:** **Ethan Morris** for a conscientious effort during all tasks, **Alison Mudford** for great work in Comprehension, **Jordan Neeves** for fantastic sentences in Grammar, **Molly Nichols** for being super enthusiastic about reading and **Henry Purvis** for super participation during our topic on 'area' and 'volume'. **YEAR 4:** **Paige Gilmour** for thinking of some great persuasive words we could use in our exposition writing, **Ava Meyers** for producing a fantastic Religion portfolio task, **Samantha Naden** for trying hard to read with expression during reading groups and **Jett Tarrant** for trying hard to improve accuracy during Maths Operations. **YEAR 5:** **Darcy Neeves** for taking great care with his bookwork, **Breanna Foster** for great improvement in his comprehension skills, **Kate Woollams** for having a positive attitude towards all class activities and **Isaac Grimshaw** for fantastic progress in 'Typing Tournament'. **YEAR 6:** **Rani Diggs** for great work in Sentence A Day, **Finn Marchant** for excellent contributions to class discussions, **Anton Davis** for showing a positive attitude towards all class activities and **Kelsey Hutchison** for accurate work with tree diagrams.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 8

Friday, 8 September - Polding Athletics
- Hear Our Heart Ear bus
- Selling Cow Pat Lotto Tickets

WEEK 9

Wednesday, 13 September - Catholic Schools Sports Day Coonamble
Friday, 15 September - Fete

WEEK 10

Monday, 18 September - NAIDOC Flag Raising and Cake Cutting
Wednesday, 20 September - Junior Joey's to Cooee Lodge
Thursday 21 & Friday 22 September - Moorambilla Residency Camps
Friday, 22 September - Last day Term 3 – Portfolios home
- Whole school NAIDOC Mass – 9:00 a.m.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has enjoyed learning about the 'x' sound this week. Next week we are exploring the 'z' for zebra sound. We've been reading the big book titled "The Monsters' Party". We've identified and acted out various verbs from this book. Kinder has spent time writing an imaginative story about a monster this week. During Mathematics we've been counting back to complete take away questions and making equal groups. For Religion we've read the stories of King David from the Old Testament of the Bible. In Art and Craft the children have used oil crayons to make an artwork of a fox. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 Thank you to all our family and friends who came along today to celebrate our beautiful Liturgy, "We Follow Jesus". We are going to try hard to show our love and kindness to everybody just like Jesus does, because we want to become more like Him! We completed our procedure about 'How to Build a Snowman' and answered some tricky questions related to the text. In Maths we completed our portfolio task and continued working on our number patterns. In Geography we have discussed man made and constructed features in our environment and tried to name them. Remember your white shoes for marching in Coonamble next week! Have a lovely weekend! *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Congratulations Year 2 on your concert item – you all did a sensational job on the stage last Thursday night. The students were certainly the stars of the show and should be very proud of their performance. Every class item was enjoyable and entertaining. Go Joey's! During the week we've worked hard in Maths focusing on place value, problem solving and repeated subtraction. In Religion we focused on the story of the Prodigal Son as we began our new unit called 'Reconciliation'. We discussed the importance of forgiveness and being sorry for making wrong choices. Marching is in full swing in readiness for next week's Catholic Schools Sports Day. Keep up the good work infants. Have a terrific weekend everyone. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 This week in Year 3 we have been learning about sentences. During Writing we wrote about whales and learnt the purpose and features of an information report. In Spelling we revised plurals and brainstormed other 'air' and 'are' words. We then put them into sentences. In Mathematics we investigated ways to check subtraction using addition. As part of our Geography unit we revised the states and territories of Australia and discussed their capitals. In Religion we discussed the steps in becoming a Saint and sequenced the steps in order. We hope every one has a great weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 Who can believe we are nearly finished Week 8? This week in Year 4 we have been busy finishing off our portfolio tasks ready to send home at the end of term. We still have some people who need to bring these in so please check. During English we have investigated the apostrophe of possession and contraction, identifying it in "Paper Planes" whenever we come across it. In Maths we have been looking at commutative property and data. Who could forget our trial of typing tournament in class which has been showing us quick and effective ways of typing. Our marching is looking pretty good so please check and make sure you have your white shoes for next Wednesday. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 This week in Religion we went on a mini excursion to learn about the history of our church and school. We found many plaques that helped us understand the timeline and people that helped make our school and parish what it is today. During Maths we revised area and circumference of a circle, adding and subtracting negative numbers and percentages. In History we have started a research task about the First Fleet focusing on the eleven ships and what life was like for the convicts. Thanks to those children who are all organised with their white shoes for the Catholic Sports Day next week! We are looking forward to a great day! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 Everyone's concert performances were magnificent! Joey's sure Gave Of Their Best! In the classroom we have been writing discussions titled 'Is too much money spent on toys and games?' As a class we came up with arguments both for and against the topic. We also discussed the importance of using persuasive language to engage the reader. In Maths we have learnt about equivalent fractions and completed our portfolio tasks. Our Religion activities this week have focused on the Nicene Creed and its meaning. In Grammar we have revised participle phrases and we have identified them in sentences. Year 6 is very excited for Catholic School Sports Day next week! Have a great weekend! *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 8 September – Jo Lummis & Lorraine Hutchison
Monday, 11 September – Alicia Heffer & Shiree Ryan
Wednesday, 13 September – Catholic Schools Sports Day
Friday, 15 September – Canteen closed for fete preparations

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 10 September – Isaac Grimshaw, Jacob Harland, Emily Zell, Rani Diggs

