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Term 3 Week 9

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Thought for the Week

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them"

St Teresa of Calcutta

St Joseph's School Fete

Tomorrow, Friday, 15 September
3:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

WORKING BEE Friday from 12:00 p.m. to set up stalls, put up tents, tidy playground etc. *Many hands make light work!*

FETE ROSTER is again with today's newsletter. Thank you to everyone who has offered to help. There are still a few gaps, particularly the chocolate wheel, car wash, fete games, gladiator, mechanical bull and bungee run. If you can help out on the day, please do so. Our fete is one of our major fundraisers and one where everyone can help in some way. So while the children enjoy all the activities, maybe Mum or Dad could help out on a stall for an hour or so.

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! **Those children wishing to have a go at being dunked will need a change of clothes and a towel.**

CAKE/PRODUCE, TOMBULL, 'EVERYONE'S A WINNER' We are still looking for donations for these stalls. All donations go towards a successful fete.

AUCTION There will be an auction at this year's fete for a framed NSW Blues State of Origin Jumper signed by Andrew Ryan. We would like to thank **Wes Morris** for this donation towards our fete.

OUT-OF-UNIFORM DAY Tomorrow is an out-of-uniform day.

CANCELLATION If the fete has to be cancelled tomorrow due to the weather, an alert will be placed on the school app and the cancellation will be broadcast on Radio 98.9 War FM

MARCHING CHAMPIONS!

We travelled to Coonamble yesterday to participate in the Catholic Schools Sports Day which included St John's Baradine, St Brigid's Coonamble and of course, us. The day began with the march down the main street of Coonamble with both our infants and primary marchers being awarded first place and the trophies. Our students were fantastic, marching with incredible school spirit and pride. They were a credit to themselves, school, family and town. The rest of the day was filled with lots of fun and friendship at St Brigid's School and included war cries, class races, ball games, novelty events, relays and tug-o'-wars. Thank you to all the families and friends who travelled to Coonamble to support our school and also thank you to St Brigid's School for organising such a fabulous day.

JUNIOR RELAY TEAM WINS SILVER

Congratulations to our Junior Boys Relay Team consisting of **Ryan Ferguson, Sam Dunn, Bailey Wykes and Darcy Neeves** who won silver at the NSW Catholic Schools Polding Athletics Championships held in Newcastle on Friday. The boys came second to St Gerard's Carlingford and took three seconds off their personal best time. An amazing achievement by Ryan, Sam, Bailey and Darcy. Well done boys! Congratulations also to our other athletes, **Will Fuller** – 7th 11 years Long Jump, **Luke O'Neill** 6th Junior High Jump, **Dylen Murray** – 8th Junior Shot Put and **Darcy Neeves** – 9th Junior Long Jump who also competed superbly in their individual events.

NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS AT ST JOEY'S

Next week we will celebrate NAIDOC Week at our school. We will begin the week with a flag raising ceremony and cake cutting on Monday morning and conclude the week with a special NAIDOC Mass next Friday, 22 September at 9:00 a.m. To complete the celebrations a special BBQ lunch will also be held on Friday. Thank you to Mrs Pearce for organizing next week's activities.

JUNIOR JOEYS TO VISIT COOEE LODGE

Our Junior Joeys will pay another visit to the residents of Cooee Lodge next Wednesday, 20 September during lunch time. This is a wonderful opportunity for the students to fulfil their community outreach goals in a way that is much appreciated by the elderly residents of Cooee Lodge.

MOORAMBILLA RESIDENCY CAMPS

Best of luck to **Jack Oehm, Lilla Oehm, Paige Gilmour, Will Spora, Harry Mudford, Nick Tancred and Jett Tarrant** who attend the Moorambilla Residency Camps next week. During this time Jack, Lilla, Paige, Will, Harry, Nick and Jett will perform with other talented students from across the north west region of NSW. I'm sure it will be a marvellous experience for our talented performers.

PUPIL FREE DAY – Monday, 9 October

The first day of next term, Monday, 9 October, will be a pupil free day. During this day the staff will be reorganizing the computer room, old library and sports shed in readiness for our two Kinder classes next year. Therefore school will resume for all students on Tuesday, 10 October.

GO PANTHERS

Congratulations to the Gil Panthers First Grade Rugby League Team that won the premiership on Saturday going through the season undefeated. Special mention to the seven ex-Joey's players and to Sailor and Ryder's brother, Evan, and Makynli, Kenedi and Jagger's, dad, Ashley. Go Panthers!

PARISH LUNCHEON

Planning for an informal Parish luncheon at the Sporties on 15 October is underway and everyone is invited and welcome. This will be a good opportunity to wish Fr Martin a happy 80th birthday. 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.

FOUND – ONE BLACK SCHOOL BOOT

One black school boot was found on the gravel between the school and the convent on the Monday afternoon after the concert rehearsal. No one has come looking for it yet, but if anyone is missing a boot, it is in the office.

MACQUARIE CONSERVATORIUM OPEN DAY

The Macquarie Conservatorium, situated at the corner of Darling and Bultje Streets, Dubbo will hold an Open Day on Sunday, 17 September from 1:00 p.m. The day will feature a band extravaganza featuring Dubbo school bands, round-the-clock performances by students and ensembles and free come and try sessions. A schedule of Open Day activities will be available from www.macqcon.org.au

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or perhaps know someone who is interested? Then you are invited to come along to an enquiry afternoon. For more information please contact Fr Martin or Sr Robyn on 68470608.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a marriage enrichment experience for married couples – set in peaceful, picturesque surroundings, away from the distractions of everyday life. During the weekend, couples have a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh their relationship. Take time out of your busy schedule to invest in your most precious asset your marriage! It will be held from 24-26 November at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Bookings online at www.wvme.org.au or contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490774419.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Anna Walker** and **Finn Chapman** for fantastic work matching daily activities to o'clock times, **Joe Staggs** for a good effort counting back to subtract, **Tilly Tancred** for lovely presentation of all work, **Elsie Mudford** for writing a great story about 'The Monster's Party', **Lilly Hanson** for creating a lovely artwork of a fox and **Ryder Larkin** for working well in Reading Groups.

YEAR 1: **Violet Whitehouse** for thoughtful responses about King Pig, **Sailor Ryan** for great work in spelling and free choice writing, **Brooke Beaton** for improved Maths results and **Evie Peart** for always 'Giving Of Her Best'.

YEAR 2: **Darron Mulligan** and **Isabelle Mudford** for great contributions to class discussions in Geography, **Mitchell Fuller** for taking more care with spelling, **Jessica Ibe** for super dictionary work in extension spelling, **Lauren Thurlow** for trying hard in spelling groups and **Darcy Morris** for taking great pride in the presentation of all bookwork.

YEAR 3: **Ryder Ryan** for being a super classroom helper, **Trinity Zell** for a great effort in Operations, **Taylor Hayes** for wonderful work in Spelling, **Lochie Henry** for great results in Operations and **Nick Kirsop** for a super effort in Handwriting.

YEAR 4: **Chelsea Brand** for thinking of creative sentences that could use our WOW word, 'integrate', **Cameron Davis** for correctly identifying apostrophes of possession and contraction in our novel, **Nick Gale** for a fantastic effort during marching practices and **Ben Standing** for sharing fantastic insights about environments during Geography.

YEAR 5: **Daniel Kirsop** for taking care with handwriting, **Rhys Bonnington** for great work in Operations, **Sarah Temple** for contributing positively to discussions and **Emma Durrant** for a positive attitude towards classwork.

YEAR 6: **Jinda Green** for an improved effort in Maths, **Olivia McClelland** and **William Fuller** for great work with equivalent fractions and **Isaiah Gleadhill** for 'Giving Of Your Best' in Writing.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 9

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.

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WEEK 1

Monday, 9 October - Pupil Free Day

Tuesday, 10 October - School resumes for students

- Whole School Mass – 9:00 a.m.

- Preschool Visit – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, 15 October - Parish Luncheon – Sporties

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER had a fantastic time at the Catholic Schools Sports Carnival in Coonamble yesterday. Thanks St Brigid's for having us. We brainstormed

a variety of words beginning with 'z' this week and we are learning about the 'q' as in queen sound next week. We also enjoyed reading the big book, "The Kick-a-lot Shoes" and writing a brief summary of this story. During Mathematics Kinder worked on their portfolio task. They also made and described equal rows and explored the ways we make 10. We are looking forward to the fete tomorrow afternoon. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Smith

YEAR 1 Congratulations everybody for your fantastic marching and outstanding school spirit at Coonamble yesterday. We were all very proud of you. Well done! This week has been another busy week in Year 1. We enjoyed reading "The Fabulous Friend Machine" by Nick Bland and discussed the important message of cyber safety. In Geography we listed natural features in our environment and compared them to constructed features. Our writing focus has been procedures and we wrote a detailed account of how we clean our teeth and we also followed directions on a map. We are all looking forward to the fete tomorrow. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 Congratulations Joey's on a mighty effort in Coonamble yesterday. It was a great day of fun and sportsmanship. Well done on your fantastic marching effort! Tomorrow is the fete and we are all looking forward to a great day. Thanks to everyone in the infants who has helped by making cakes and slices for the cake stall or donated goods to other stalls. It is greatly appreciated. In the classroom we've been busy revising compound words and homophones in Grammar and looking at 'mm', 'mb' sounds in words. Maths challenged us to add money values, identify number patterns and copy symmetrical patterns. See you at the fete – Year 2 can't wait! *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 What a fabulous day we had yesterday at the Catholic Schools Sports Day. Congratulations to everyone on the pride and enthusiasm you showed throughout the day. You all did 'Give of Your Best'. This week we've continued writing Information Reports and our topic was 'All About Me'. It's been wonderful reading everyone's reports. Our Grammar focus is 'Questions, Statements, Commands and Exclamations' and our Word of the Week is 'imagination'. In Maths we've revised addition, division problems, kilograms and enjoyed completing Mathletics activities. We are all looking forward to a fun filled afternoon at the fete tomorrow. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 Wow – how good were all the Joey's students at Coonamble? Well done to everyone on your fantastic sportsmanship and perfect marching on the day. This week in Year 4 we have been looking at division of 2 and 3 digit numbers with remainders, as well as measuring mass using grams and kilograms. During our English time we have been completing our writing assessment on expositions as well as identifying conjunctions with accuracy. Geography has seen us investigate the environment prior to and during colonisation of Australia and has thrown up some very interesting questions which we hope to investigate further in the future. There are still a couple of people who need to bring in their portfolios so please have a look at home and return these. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 Congratulations to everyone yesterday for "Giving Of Your Best" in Coonamble. We all enjoyed our day! Our writing task this week has been a narrative based on facts about an actual first fleet convict. Some students chose to write in a diary format similar to our class novel "A Banner Bold". Our Grammar focus has been conjunctions and abbreviations and in Spelling we are exploring the many spelling choices for 'er'. In Maths we have been looking at number patterns using fractions and decimals. Students have also been invited to participate in the CWA project competition. The country of study is Nepal and an information sheet went home on Tuesday. If anyone has any questions please let us know. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 It sounds like everyone had such a great day in Coonamble yesterday for the Catholic Schools Sports Day. Joey's students sure gave of their best! In Maths this week we have learnt about addition of decimals and multiplication of tens. Our Grammar activities have focused on direct and indirect speech. In Writing have reviewed the structure and language features of an explanation. Our History lesson this week has been on the Gold Rush in Australia. We located different towns and cities with an atlas of different locations where gold has been found in the past. Keep up the great work Year 6! *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 15 September – Canteen closed for fete preparations

Monday, 18 September – Shalyn Chandler & Sally Temple

Wednesday, 20 September – Meryl King & Greg King

Friday, 22 September – Nikki Church & Jessica Whitehouse

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 17 September – Dennis Gale, Rhys O'Neill, Will Fuller, Mason Fryers

