

# ABOUT



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Term 4 Week 1

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### Thought for the Week

*"Our children will never be rich without faith,  
and with faith they will never be poor."*

..... Blessed Giuseppe Tovini



#### **WELCOME BACK**

We welcome everyone back to a new school term. Hopefully everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break and we now look forward to an exciting and busy final term for 2016 at St Joey's.

#### **ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION**

We had some excellent results in the ICAS English Competition that was held last term. Congratulations to the following students who received their Certificates at Assembly today.:

*Distinction:* Olivia Ferguson, Jennifer Ibe, Zac Ferguson

*Credit:* Ella McAnally-Elwin, James Ferguson, Hamish Beveridge, Patrick Spora, Bradley Kildey, Marshall Fairey, Emily Zell, Kate Woollams, Molly Wilson, Oscar Spora, Layney Godber, Rhys Bonnington, Camilla Beveridge, Nick Tancred, Will Spora, Ava Meyers, Hayden Ferguson

*Merit:* Mike Raglus, Dylon Murray

Congratulations to all these students.

#### **PORTFOLIOS**

All children took home their portfolios at the end of last term with samples of their Term 3 work. Hopefully you have been able to look at and enjoy all the children's work. All portfolios need to be returned to school as soon as possible so the Term 4 work can be placed in them.

#### **PRIMARY SPORT**

Just a reminder that primary sport will be held on Thursday during Term 4. Weather permitting, all students, infants and primary, will be swimming so bring swimmers, towel and pool entry fee of \$1.00, if you don't have a season ticket. If your child does have a season ticket, they must produce their disk, issued by the pool, to go swimming.

#### **YEARS 5/6 CANBERRA/SNOWY EXCURSION EXPO**

Everyone is invited to come along and relive the thrills and spills of our Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy Excursion at our expo to be held in the computer room at 2:00 p.m. tomorrow, Friday, 14 October. You will be able to watch the DVD, peruse the photos and browse through the booklets.

#### **OCTOBER P & F MEETING**

The October P & F Meeting will be held at school next Tuesday, 18 October at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### **INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL**

All students from Kinder to Year 2 will be involved in a mini sports carnival to be held at school next Thursday, 20 October at 2:00 p.m. This fun afternoon will involve novelty races and prizes for all. We hope to see parents and friends of the Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2 students come along and show their support.

#### **ST JOHN'S BARADINE HORSE SPORTS DAY**

We have seven students representing our school at the Baradine Horse Sports to be held next Friday, 21 October. Our representatives include Emily Skinner, Abbie Skinner, Isabelle Mudford, Emma Mills, Jett Chandler, Tilla Chandler, Adison Thomas and Caity Neeves. We wish our equestrian representatives the best of luck next week and thank Kathryn Skinner for being our team representative.

#### **PUPIL FREE DAY**

There will be a pupil free day on Wednesday, 26 October. During the day Mrs Judy Brown, from the Marzano Institute, will inservice the staff in developing proficiency scales in comprehension, establish guaranteed vocabulary for each class, also in comprehension, and suggest classroom practices to support student learning of the vocabulary. As the teaching of comprehension has been a focus this year, the staff look forward to a productive day.

#### **WELCOME MR LANGES**

We welcome Mr Harry Langes who is teaching in Year 2 for the first two weeks of this term while Miss Harvey is on Long Service Leave. We appreciate Harry teaching Year 2 while Lisa is away.

#### **ORIGINAL ARTWORKS FOR SALE**

For those parents who missed out on purchasing their child's family or self-portrait at the fete, they are still available for the bargain price of \$3.00. The paintings can be purchased from Mrs Spora.

#### **UNEXPLAINED ABSENCES**

Just a reminder that if your child is absent from school, it is important that you let us know either via our school app, by phone or in writing, the reason for the absence. We are required by law to report any child who has more than 10 unexplained absences. The children have been reminded to bring in notes for absences and we would be grateful for your assistance in this matter.

#### **DOUBLE PARKING IN SCHOOL ZONES CREATES DANGEROUS SITUATIONS**

As Term 4 resumes, Local Councils wish to remind parents and carers to exercise caution and patience when dropping off or collecting children from school. Double parking in a school zone is extremely dangerous for any passenger alighting a vehicle, let alone children who can be difficult to see and whose movements can be unpredictable. Parents and carers should take the time to find a legal and safe car park before letting children out of the vehicle and also remind children to exit the vehicle from the kerb side, not from the driver's side. Illegal parking and/or stopping in school zones creates dangerous situations and brings with it heavy fines.

## **WHAT'S ON IN TERM 4**

### **WEEK 1**

Friday, 14 October - Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy –  
Excursion Expo – 2:00 p.m.

### **WEEK 2**

Monday, 17 October &  
Tuesday, 18 October - AP Meeting  
Tuesday, 18 October - P & F Meeting  
Thursday, 20 October - AECG Meeting  
- Infants Sports Carnival  
Friday, 21 October - Baradine Horse Sports

### **WEEK 3 - Year 3 Reconciliation - Miss Harvey returns**

Wednesday, 26 October - Pupil Free Day  
Thursday, 27 October - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Friday, 28 October - Year 3 Zoo Excursion

### **WEEK 4 - Year 5 Reconciliation**

Tuesday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 2 November - All Souls Day  
Thursday, 3 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 3 and  
Friday, 4 November - Principals Meeting

### **WEEK 5 - Fr Martin away on Retreat**

Wednesday, 9 and  
Thursday, 10 November - PLC Meeting – Dubbo  
Friday, 11 November - Remembrance Day - Communion  
Service – Year 5 (K-5) 10:30 a.m.  
Saturday, 12 November - Year 2 Reconciliation – 10:00 a.m.

### **WEEK 6**

Tuesday, 15 November - Kinder Orientation Day  
- P & F Meeting  
Wednesday, 16 November - MCCL Meeting  
Thursday, 17 November - AECG Meeting  
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday, 20 November - Christ the King Mass – Year 2 –  
9:45 a.m.

### **WEEK 7 - Year 4 Reconciliation**

Monday, 21 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches  
Tuesday, 22 November - 'Wake Up and Read' Performance  
– 2:10 p.m.  
- Summer Sports Trials  
Wednesday, 23 November - Year 5 Policy Speeches  
Thursday, 24 and  
Friday, 25 November - Year 4 Wellington  
Caves/Burrendong Dam Excursion  
Sunday, 27 November - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### **WEEK 8**

Tuesday, 29 November - Summer Sports Trials Back-Up  
date  
Wednesday, 30 November - St John's College 'Hit the Ground  
Running' Program  
Thursday, 1 December - Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday, 4 December - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### **WEEK 9 - Year 6 Reconciliation**

Thursday, 8 December - AECG Meeting  
- Leaving Families BBQ  
- Social  
Friday, 9 December - Reports Home  
Sunday, 11 December - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### **WEEK 10**

Monday, 12 December - Year 6 Picnic  
Wednesday, 14 December - End of Year Mass and  
Presentations – 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 15 December - Pool Parties  
Friday, 16 December - Last Day Term 4

## **AROUND THE CLASSROOMS**

**KINDER** Welcome back to Term 4 and I hope everyone had a happy and restful holiday. This week Kindergarten has been learning about the 'th' sound. We began by brainstorming as many words as we could where we could hear 'th' at the beginning, in the middle or at the end. Next week our sound is 'sh', so start thinking and looking for things for our sound table. During reading we looked at examples of information reports. We learnt that information reports contain facts and are based on a topic. Together we completed an information report on parts of a fish. We have been reading "Share Said The Rooster" and listening carefully for rhyming words in the story. During Writing, we wrote a story about camping. Students were

encouraged to give as much detail as possible. Using the iPads, we also focused on sentences and what they should contain. In Mathematics we revised data and looked at teen numbers by counting concrete materials and matching the figures with the words. We started our Science and Technology unit, 'On the Move' and looked at the word 'transportation' and what it means. Then we discussed where we might see transportation taking place. There were many great ideas. In Geography we started our new topic, 'Special Places' and spoke about how some cultures look after their environment because it's a valuable resource for food, water and medicine. I look forward to another busy and rewarding term. Take care.

### **Miss Belinda Bourke**

**YEAR 1** Welcome back to our final term in Year 1! It was great listening to everyone's exciting holiday news and we would like to especially welcome back Brody who had some fantastic adventures up in the Gulf! In Religion we are reading the creation story from Genesis and sequencing the amazing events that occurred when God created the world. Our Literature focus is based around the famous author, Julia Donaldson and we have started with a real classic, "The Gruffalo". We have enjoyed completing a cloze passage, writing a description of the Gruffalo and completing a paper collage. In Maths our focus has been subtraction using word problems and finding the total value of coins. We have also tried our hand at reading maps. We have looked at the world globe in Geography and located, named and coloured the seven continents. Have a great weekend. **Mrs Alison Newstead**

**YEAR 2** Welcome back everyone. This term Year 2 will be reading, writing and creating marvellous arts and crafts based our theme, 'Circus'. We have written some wonderful recounts about our holidays and are looking at articles (a, an) in Grammar. In Art we have used a crumpling technique to create popcorn for our popcorn cups. We are very excited to be participating in the Infants Sports Carnival next week and hope many of our family and friends can come along and cheer us on. Have a great weekend. **Mrs Meichelle Schier & Mr Harry Langes**

**YEAR 3** What a wonderful first week we have had! The zoo projects have been rolling in and the Year 3 students are to be congratulated on their effort, research skills and creativity! We have really enjoyed listening to each child present their project to the class. The excitement is building for our zoo excursion where we get to observe the animals in real life! Individual reading goals have been set for this term so we look forward to seeing the children achieve their target and most importantly improve their reading and increase their enjoyment. During Maths we have learnt about the cubic centimetre and the properties of regular and irregular octagons. We started our new Religion unit, "Called To Be Saints" where we will explore the call to live a life of love and service to others. We are all looking forward to the rest of this busy and action packed term! **Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris**

**YEAR 4** Welcome back to the final term of Year 4. This is an exciting term as it includes the Wellington Caves Excursion. In the classroom this week we've learnt about noun groups as well as writing a recount of our holidays. During Maths we've revised 5-digit addition and division. We've also practised reading a thermometer and looked at a weather map to find the temperature of various cities around Australia. For Geography this term we are looking into wetlands and exploring what they are and why they are important. I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

### **Miss Phillipa Smith**

**YEAR 5** Welcome back for another fun filled term in Year 5. This week we have been spending some time in class discussing how to structure our policy speeches that will be presented in Week 7. We have also tried to come up with some very interesting and unique ways that we could start these. In Maths we have been investigating different ways to measure straight and curved surfaces as well as learning how to navigate a spreadsheet. We hope you can come along tomorrow afternoon and help us relive the highlights of our Canberra excursion. Have a great weekend.

### **Mr Tim Keady**

**YEAR 6** Welcome back! I've heard many stories about lots of holiday fun and it sounds like everyone is ready to start a busy term. In Maths this week we have learnt about prime factors, timelines and using the memory function with calculators. Our Grammar activities have focused on learning about different uses of the colon. In Geography we designed posters to inform people about the effects of deforestation across the world. Year 6 is looking forward to the Canberra Expo in the computer room tomorrow afternoon. Have a great weekend! **Mr Damien Soares**

### **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Friday, 14 October – Michelle Woollams & Amy Spora  
Monday, 17 October – Gai-Maree Youngusband & Amanda Chandler  
Wednesday, 19 October – Nikki Church & Rachel Kirsop  
Friday, 21 October – Lorraine Hutchison & Kirsty Gale

### **ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER**

Sunday, 16 October – Laura Smith, Jessica Scholte, Will Fuller, Mason Fryers

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