



ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 2

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Thought for the Week

*What if you woke up today with only the things
you thanked God for yesterday?*

YEAR 3 IS GOING TO THE ZOO, ZOO, ZOO!

"We're all going to the zoo, zoo, zoo – how about you, you, you." Well Year 3 is going to the Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo tomorrow, Friday, 16 October. This excursion is part of their Science and Technology unit, 'From Little Things'. All the students have completed projects about an animal found at the zoo and when they go, they get to see their animal live. The children will also attend a lesson at the zoo's education centre. It should be a great day.

YEAR 1 POLICE STATION VISIT

Our Year 1 students were excited this morning when they got to visit the Police Station. Senior Constable Greg King showed the children around the station and even organised a ride back to school in the police wagon! This excursion was part of the Year 1 HSIE unit, 'Workers In Our Community'. We thank Senior Constable King for his time and showing the children the workings of the police station.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 30 October – Only 2 weeks to go!

There is only two weeks until one of our major school fundraisers, the St Joey's Annual Fete. The following stalls need donations to be successful: **CAKE & PRODUCE STALL** (Infants) Kristy Gale is the coordinator for this stall and is asking for donations. Kristy has dropped some containers into the office. Please feel free to call in and pick them up at any time. **TOMBULI** (Years 3 & 4) The Tombuli Stall is a great favourite among the children and we are looking for donations. Just simply fill a sandwich sized ziplock bag with miscellaneous items. There could be rubbers, pencils, texas, plastic toys (army men, animals etc.), hair bands, hair clips, toy cars etc., keeping in mind that the tickets for the tombuli stall will be \$2.00 each. Please send them into school by Wednesday, 28 October.

EVERYONE'S A WINNER (Years 5 & 6) This stall needs donations to be successful, because as the name suggests, whether it's a major prize or a minor prize – everyone's a winner. We are looking for prizes of all values for this stall.

CRAFT STALL Hopefully there's some crafty people out there who will be able to donate to the Craft Stall.

While the majority of these stalls are class specific they are open to donations from everyone. For any enquires contact Rochelle Godber on 0413223592.

ROSTER Accompanying today's About is a second copy of the fete roster. **We still have lots of gaps to fill!** 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 the 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 Thursday, 22 October.

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 led around the yard and if you own the square where the first dropping lands, then you win \$1,000.00! Tickets went home last term. **All sold tickets need to be returned to school by Friday, 23 October.**

COW PAT LOTTO TICKET SELLERS We will be visiting the pubs and clubs next Friday night, 23 October to sell cow pat lotto tickets. If you would like to help, please meet at the Tatts Hotel at 5:15 p.m.

OCTOBER P & F MEETING

The October P & F Meeting will be held at school next Tuesday, 20 October at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 22 October at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

KNOWLEDGE EXPLOSION

The Knowledge Explosion, for all children in Years 3 – 6, will commence next week on Friday, 23 October. It will run over three weeks in total and will continue on Friday, 13 November and Friday, 20 November. The Knowledge Explosion exposes the children to new activities that they may not otherwise have the chance to experience. This year the activities include: Welding, Woodwork, Mosaic Tiling, Performance Art, iMovies, Computers, Art, Scrapbooking and Calligraphy. A special thank you to our community and school volunteers, Michael O'Neill, Joe & Judy Shalhoub, Roy Duncan and Meichelle Schier for giving up their time and sharing their expertise in these activities.

SCHOOL BASED SWIMS SAFE LESSONS

With the swimming season just about to begin our school is once again participating in a school based swimsafe program run by Gilgandra Learn to Swim. These lessons are for children from Kinder to Year 2 and are held during school time with qualified Austswim instructors. The children will be involved in the swimming lessons for ten days from Monday, 30 November to Friday, 11 December **at a cost of \$75.00** (this does not include pool entry). Please return the enrolment form, together with the sum of \$75.00 (if paying by cheque, please make cheques payable to the school) by Monday, 2 November. We hope that through this program the children will enjoy participating and improve their water confidence and swimming skills. Enrolment forms were given to each Infants child last week.

PICKING UP CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL

A SAFETY ISSUE

Just a reminder when picking up children from school to use the Wrigley Street entrance and not the Dudley Street entrance. The Dudley Street entrance is for buses only in the afternoon and it is too dangerous for children to be ducking between buses to leave school.

WHOOPIING COUGH INFORMATION

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant

women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation. Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/Information-for-childcare-and-schools.aspx>

DRUMMING WORKSHOP

This October, to promote Mental Health Month, the Love Your Life Program is bringing Drumming Workshops to Gilgandra to promote community connectedness. Come along to explore exciting drumming rhythms from Africa South America and other world music traditions. Workshops are suitable for all ages and levels of experience. It will be held in Gilgandra at the Cooe Heritage Centre on Friday, 23 October from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 2

Friday, 16 October - Year 3 Zoo Excursion

WEEK 3

Monday, 19 October - Miss Harvey returns from LSL
 Tuesday, 20 October - Father Martin returns
 - Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:00 pm
 - P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
 Thursday, 22 October - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
 Friday, 23 October - Knowledge Explosion
 - Cow Pat Lotto Selling

WEEK 4

Monday, 26 October - Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:00 pm
 Thursday, 29 October - Principals' Meeting
 - Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
 Friday, 30 October - Principals' Meeting
 - Fete

WEEK 5

Year 4 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 3 November –
 Friday, 6 November - Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Awards at Assembly on Monday: **KINDER:** Amity Chapman for being a conscientious learner in Mathematics, Ryan Cox for contributing to discussions about 'needs' in HSIE, Riley Fiddes for extending himself in Story Writing, Alicia Fordham for her ideas about what can be transported during our Science unit and Jessica Ibe for sharing her ideas on different types of transport during Science. **YEAR 1:** Tia Allan for completing a great holiday recount, Beatie Davis for sharing interesting news about her Roman coins, Lilla Oehm for thinking mathematically to solve money problems, Rachel Ryan for completing her work with enthusiasm, Ethan Morris for being a quick thinker when finding synonyms in Grammar and Carter Chapman for showing lots of enthusiasm in our HSIE unit. **YEAR 2:** Lucy Kilpatrick for settling into St Joey's so easily, Hayden Ferguson for his confident approach to all learning strategies and Harry Mudford for a great effort in Maths. **YEAR 3:** Molly Fairey for being a kind and courteous member of Year 3, Breanna Foster for trying hard to 'Give Of Her Best', Layney Godber and Isaiah McKenzie for writing excellent holiday recounts and Sarah Temple for reading with improved fluency. **YEAR 4:** Zac Ferguson for writing a detailed and entertaining recount of his holidays, Ella Wykes for expertly reading measurements from scales, Rani Diggs for painting a lovely Remembrance Day artwork and Will Gaff for working hard during Comprehension lessons. **YEAR 5:** Ashleigh Carlow for working well in her group preparing their Sydney interview, Olivia Ferguson for fantastic bookwork in all subjects and Madison Hourigan for creating a wonderful title page for our Religion unit. **YEAR 6:** Aiden Ryan for starting the term with a positive attitude and work ethic, Grace Alchin for improvement in the quality of book work, James Kilday for seeing a need and doing something about it and Lachlan Fairey and Nash Marchant for showing great community spirit when reading their poems at the Cooe Festival.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten wrote some great stories about what they might see if they went to the zoo and also stories about going to a restaurant of their choice and what they would eat as a 'crunchy munchy' lunch. Together we made another powerpoint slide show on words starting or ending with 'ch'. Next week Kindergarten will learn about the sound 'wh'. This week we have been reading "Maisie the Cat" and we have been focusing on new words we have never seen or heard. In Mathematics Kindergarten learnt, by using wooden cubes, how many tens and ones are in numbers between 10 and 30. During our Science lesson we played a

game of statues and then discussed the different ways we could move our bodies. As part of our HSIE unit, 'What is a Need', we discussed four 'needs' that were necessary to survive. The children were given magazines to cut out a healthy food and drew a picture of a home after looking at different types of homes from all parts of the world on Youtube. Just a reminder that all students must have their school hat, particularly as it is getting much warmer now. Take care. *Miss Bourke*

YEAR 1 This week Year 1 has started preparing for our Liturgy, "God Our Creator". We hope that many of our family and friends can join us for this special celebration next Thursday. "The Gruffalo" is still our literacy focus and we have enjoyed writing a description of what the Gruffalo eats and some questions we would like to ask him if we ever met him in the deep, dark woods! Multiplication, money, exploring rhombuses and measurement using a metre ruler are all the topics we have covered this week in Maths. We are also trying some challenging number problems. In HSIE we surveyed how many children there are in each family. We discovered that the majority of our Year 1 families have 3 children! We will also be researching our family tree and sharing some more photos from the past. Our new Science unit is called 'Water Works' and we are looking forward to finding out all about this valuable resource. A huge thank you to Senior Constable King for allowing us to visit the police station today and showing us all around. We certainly found it very interesting and lots of fun! Have a great weekend. *Miss Harvey & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 During Religion we've been reading the parable of 'The Prodigal Son'. We've learnt that parables are stories that Jesus told and in this parable God is like the forgiving father who will always forgive us. We've read the book "Chitty, Chitty, Bang, Bang" and we're very impressed by this magical car. We've begun writing an advertisement for the car. We think it would be awesome to own! In Maths we've practised division, multiplication, ordering numbers and 2D shapes. We created title pages on the computer for our new HSIE unit, 'Wet and Dry Environments'. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 has enjoyed presenting their animal projects this week during News and it's great to see everyone so excited about going to the zoo tomorrow. In the classroom we wrote our own procedures about how to clean our teeth. Our Maths activities have focused on fractions, chance and adding four digit numbers. In PDH we discussed safe places to cross the road around our school. We had lots of fun in Science where we viewed and discussed the changes of chocolate when it is melted. In Grammar we have been learning about adjectives of degrees. Keep up the great work Year 3! *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 has been working on the 'ion' sound this week in Spelling and 'tense' in Grammar. We have also been focusing on comparing and contrasting in Comprehension while in Writing we revised the purpose and structure of narratives and began planning a narrative based on a series of pictures related to an event. During Maths we have revised five digit addition and division. We also learnt about temperature and read the temperature from thermometers. In HSIE we explored the various ways we use national parks and in Religion we examined different verses from the Bible. A note about the Tombuli Stall at the fete also went home this week. Hopefully we can get lots of donations from Year 4. Have a nice weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 5 Wow, Week 2 is nearly over already! We have been super busy in class this week preparing for our excursion by looking at the life of St Mary of the Cross as well as the particular roles of people within State Parliament. In Writing we have been spending time drafting our policy speeches and making them as individual as possible so that we create a memorable piece of work. In Maths we have been looking at budgets as well as fraction patterns. We have also taken time in Religion to learn some key information about the Sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist and Reconciliation. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 This week Year 6 has been working hard in Maths. We revised prime and composite numbers, practised how to multiply mixed fractions and learnt how to use the memory function on the calculator. During English we have been focusing on using complex sentences and a higher level of vocabulary in our writing. We have also started to read our new class novel "I Am David". In Religion we have continued to look at the features of the Bible and how we can use the Bible to help answer questions and solve problems that we may experience throughout our lives. Our Sydney excursion preparation is continuing as we design our booklet covers and practise our interviews. *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 16 October – Paula Purvis & Mel Phillips
 Monday, 19 October – Penny Zell & Danielle Bonnington
 Wednesday, 21 October – Lesley Riley & Kirstie McKenzie
 Friday, 23 October – Roz Zell & Donna Wheatley

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 18 October – Kyle Welsh, Zoe Welsh, Jacob Wilson, Charlie Banks