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Term 4 Week 2

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Thought for the Week

Come Holy Spirit

Fill the hearts of Your faithful

And kindle in them the fire of Your love

CONFIRMATION

This Sunday, 19 October – 9:45 a.m.

All is ready for our Confirmation Mass that will be celebrated in St Joseph's Church this Sunday, 19 October at 9:45 a.m. Again we invite everyone to attend on Sunday to support our Confirmation class. Please keep all the Year 6 students in your prayers: **Kelly Anforth, Charlotte Banks, Liberty Barden, Harriet Beveridge, Jack Bonus-Straub, Kayla Bonus-Straub, Mitchell Carlow, Tobey Creenaune, Maddie Eason, Matthew Ferguson, Isaac Frost, Mitchell Gaff, Shari Grimshaw, Georgia Horan, Daimon Horne, Sebastian Jackson, Brock Johnston, Deklyn Lummis, Grace Lummis, Montana McGrath, Spencer McIntosh, James O'Neill, John Raglus, Noah Ryan, Caitlin Spora, John Spora, Kyle Welsh.**

CLEANING THE CHURCH FOR CONFIRMATION

A working bee for the Year 6 parents to clean the church in preparation for Confirmation will be held on Saturday, 18 October at 9:00 a.m. It would be great if as many parents as possible could lend a hand.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL FETE

Friday, 31 October – Only 2 weeks to go!

It's time to start getting organised for the fete! The following are our major stalls that 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, textas, 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, 29 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.

While these stalls are class specific they are open to donations from everyone. For any enquires contact Mel Ferguson on 0428 470303.

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, 23 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, 24 October.** The Cow Pat Lotto chart is drawn up. If anyone would like to pick their own square, call in at the office before next Friday and select your plot, otherwise all sold tickets will be written

out next Friday afternoon.

COW PAT LOTTO TICKET SELLERS We will be visiting the pubs and clubs next Friday night, 24 October to sell cow pat lotto tickets. If you would like to help, please meet at the Tatts Hotel at 5:15 p.m.

TRAIN RIDE

Unfortunately their will be no train ride at the fete this year due to mechanical problems.

OCTOBER P & F MEETING

The October P & F Meeting will be held at school next Tuesday, 21 October at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy on Thursday, 23 October. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

CRAZY BEARD DAY

There is only one more week until our crazy beard day. On Friday, 24 October everyone is invited to come to school out-of-uniform wearing a crazy beard. There will be a beard parade at 11:20 a.m. and prizes for the craziest and most colourful beards. Bring along your sponsorship forms as all money raised will be donated to the Gilgandra and District Cancer Fundraisers.

CAN YOU SHAVE THE BEARDS?

As you know on the Crazy Beard Day Mr Keady, Mr Soares and Mr Musgrave will have their beards shaved. Therefore we will need some well qualified people to clip the beards. If you are able to help out please let us know.

YEARS 5/6 CANBERRA EXCURSION EXPO

On Friday, 24 October at 2:00 p.m. we get the opportunity to relive all the thrills and spills of the Years 5/6 Canberra Excursion. There will be a DVD, photos and booklets on display. Therefore all family and friends of the Years 5/6 students are invited to join in the fun of the expo.

DIBELS TESTING

The Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (Dibels) testing will occur for all children next week. This assessment helps teachers to assess and monitor the development of the children's literacy and reading skills.

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, 1 December to Friday, 12 December **at a cost of \$65.00** (this does not include pool entry). 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. **Please return the forms and money to school by Friday, 31 October.**

GILGANDRA JUNIOR CRICKET

Junior Cricket registrations will again be taken this Saturday, 18 October from 9:00 – 11:30 a.m. at McGrane Oval. There will also be some skills and cricket activities. Junior cricket is for all children aged 4 – 15 years of age.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

WEEK 2

Sunday, 19 October - Confirmation – 9:45 a.m.

WEEK 3

Tuesday, 21 October - Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
- P & F Meeting – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, 23 October - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 24 October - Crazy Beard Day – Gilgandra & District Cancer Fundraisers
- Years 5/6 Canberra/Snowy Expo – 2:00 p.m.
- Cow Pat Lotto Selling

WEEK 4 Year 4 Reconciliation

Wednesday, 29 October - Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
Thursday 30 and Friday, 31 October - Principals' Meeting
Thursday, 30 October - St John's College Band – 9:00am
- Kinder Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 31 October - Fete
Saturday, 1 November - All Saints Day
Sunday, 2 November - All Souls Day

WEEK 5 Year 5 Reconciliation

Wednesday, 5 November - Year 6 to GHS – 2:15 – 3:05 pm
Thursday, 6 November - Years 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
Friday, 7 November - Knowledge Explosion
- AP Meeting

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **Ryder Ryan** for trying hard to 'sound out' words, **Jordan Wighton** for great participation in Mathematics, **Taylor Statham** for trying hard with her sounds, **Beatie Davis** for an excellent recount of her holiday and **Taylor Hayes** for her great skill of making words out of jumbled letters.

YEAR 1: **Audrey Carter** for painting a spectacular witch, **Jett Chandler** for diligently completing spelling work, **Alana Elsom** for top work sequencing events from "Room on the Broom", **Fletcher Jackson** for top work identifying and describing rhombuses, **Ava Meyers** for an excellent effort measuring length using metres and **Harry Mudford** for writing a spectacular recount of his holidays.

YEAR 2: **Aiden Walker** for a terrific illustration in his Religion book, **Kyzack Corcoran** for sensational work using subtraction strategies in Maths, **Dennis Gale** for writing a great recount and **Bailey Wykes** for superb sketches of 3D shapes.

YEAR 3: **Joshua Purvis** for a beautiful Science title page, **Jessica Scholte** for answering tricky questions in Maths, **Jennifer Ibe** for writing a creative sentence in Sentence A Day, **Zac Ferguson** and **Sophie Hassall** for writing amazing recounts about their holidays and **Bradley Gibson** for contributing to class discussions.

YEAR 4: **Mike Raglus**, **Charlie Banks** and **Aliza Purvis** for excellent focus on all tasks, **James Ferguson** and **Abby Tate** for their happy and positive attitude to class work and **Laura Smith** and **Amber Tarrant** for displaying good manners in class.

YEAR 5: **Milla Banks** for working hard in all classroom activities, **Lily Naden** for asking questions to clarify understanding and **James Kildey** for always using manners in the classroom.

YEAR 6: **Kelly Anforth** for a settled and mature approach to the term, **Jack Bonus-Straub** for tackling difficult words with accuracy when reading, **Brock Johnston** for being a dedicated learner and **Deklyn Lummis** for an enthusiastic approach to his learning.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER What a chilly start to our week! Kinder enjoyed reading "Mr McGee and the Big Bag of Bread" and answering some tricky questions. We completed a character description of Mr McGee and agreed that he should always do as he is told! In Maths we have explored the base ten blocks and modelled the numerals between 10 and 20. Our walk around the school reminded us of some very important rules we have in place at St Joseph's to keep us all safe. In Religion we read the creation story and completed a sequencing activity in our books. We are looking forward to celebrating Confirmation with our buddies this Sunday, so please all come along to support them. Have a good weekend. *Miss Bourke & Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 1 This week Year 1 has been learning about the 'ow' as in 'cow' sound and in Grammar we have been exploring a range of antonyms. In Writing we have continued our work from last term on narratives and have written our own narrative about the characters in "Room on the Broom". We have also written a procedure about how to make a truly magnificent broomstick. In Maths we have completed addition number sentences using the jump strategy, rounded numbers to the nearest 10 and graphed the hair colour of people in Year 1. For Religion we have begun preparing for our Liturgy by discussing the creation story and learning our readings and songs. In HSIE we have explored families and identified who is in our family. Have a great weekend and I hope to see lots of children at Mass on Sunday to celebrate Confirmation with our Year 6 leaders.

Miss Smith

YEAR 2 In Religion this week we created beautiful flames, as a symbol of the Holy Spirit, for our Year 6 class as they celebrate their Confirmation this weekend. In Grammar we are investigating the articles 'a' and 'an' and enjoyed the story of "The Paper Bag Princess" by Robert Munsch. In Maths we investigated division by using multiplication and used scales to balance blocks and pencils. For our Year 2 Royal Court we bedazzled crowns for our window display and for ourselves. We are looking forward to celebrating Confirmation with Year 6 on Sunday. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Schier & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 3 had such a great time at the zoo last Friday. When we arrived we went straight to the Education Centre where we observed lots of animals. We were able to see and touch a green tree frog, a shingleback, a blue-tongued lizard and an echidna. Then we headed into the zoo to see all the amazing animals. Thank you to Mrs Banks for joining us on our zoo adventure. In Writing this week we have been learning about how to write a procedure. We read an interesting procedure about how to observe the night sky. We have been learning about adjectives of degrees in Grammar. Keep up the hard work Year 3 and I hope to see you all at Confirmation this Sunday supporting our Year 6 class. Have a great weekend. *Mr Soares*

YEAR 4 What a privilege we have this week being able to witness and be part of the journey of our Year 6 friends to their Confirmation on Sunday. In Religion we have looked at prayer – where, when and how we can pray. We have written our own personal prayerful thoughts. In HSIE we have continued looking at National Parks and especially the Wollemi National Park and the Wollemi Pine, also known as the Dinosaur Pine. We have been fortunate to be able to feel and examine a branch of the Wollemi Pine and sketch it. It is very different to any branch and leaves we have seen before. We are looking forward to having Mrs Langes visit us and discuss the rock structure in the Wellington Caves and show us how limestone can be broken down – physically and chemically. Writing and understanding discussions has been our focus in Text Types. We have been busy formulating arguments for and against in a number of topics. Maths continues with challenging problems and looking at the order of operations. *Mr Langes*

YEAR 5 This week in Year 5 we have been working extremely hard on creating some fun, enthusiastic and engaging ways to commence our policy speeches. We have had a range of ideas from song lyrics, quotes and even the odd joke, so they are going to be fantastic when they are presented later in the term. In Maths we have spent time looking at databases as well as revising our subtraction with trading skills. Religion this term sees us looking at sacraments and this week we have taken the time to reflect upon Baptism as the first sacrament. Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered to help with the morning tea for Confirmation this Sunday - we really appreciate it. If you can come along to help us celebrate this special day with Year 6 please do so. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 6 Only 3 more sleeps until Confirmation! The big day is on Sunday and we can't wait to meet Bishop Michael and of course receive this very important sacrament. We have been putting the finishing touches on our Saints projects and will be presenting them to the class. During Maths we have looked at collecting data through surveys and presenting the results in different ways. We have also revised integers focusing on addition and subtraction of negative numbers. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sunday! May God bless you all, Year 6! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 17 October – Paula Purvis & Toni Tarrant
Monday, 20 October – Katherine Gaff
Wednesday, 22 October – Jessica Whitehouse & Emma Hayes
Friday, 24 October – Tracey Tate & Leanne Glover

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 19 October – Zoe Welsh, Kate Gilmour, Martin Fryers, Lachlan Fairey