



ABOUT

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Thought for the Week

*'May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.'*

Best wishes always to our Parish Priest, Fr Martin!

FR MARTIN'S 80th BIRTHDAY

It was a wonderful morning last Friday when our whole school had the opportunity to wish Father Martin a very happy 80th birthday. Representatives from Year 6 presented Father with a card signed by each student and staff member and everyone sang a rousing rendition of 'Happy Birthday' to him. Father Martin then led the school in a decade of the Rosary. A beautiful Mass was celebrated in Father's honour on Sunday at the conclusion of which he was presented with a special Papal Blessing. The celebrations concluded with a well attended Parish Luncheon at Gilgandra Sporties on Sunday afternoon. We feel very privileged to have Father Martin as our Parish Priest and we thank him for his friendship and service, not only to the school community, but to the Parish as a whole. Many happy returns Father!

EXCELLENT MATHEMATICS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who received excellent results in the recent ICAS Mathematics Competition. Certificates were presented to these students on Tuesday:

Distinction: Eva Bonnington, Ethan Morris, Layney Godber, Emily Zell, Patrick Spora.

Credit: Blake Fairey, Charlotte Ferguson, Michael Ibe, Lilla Oehm, Brooke Woollams, Alana Elsom, Hayden Ferguson, Lucy McIsaac, Will Spora, Dylan Tobin, Elten Walker, Jennifer Ibe.

Merit: Kimbalee Gilmour, Sienna Zell, Cameron Davis, Rhys Bonnington, Chloe Mudford, Kate Woollams, Marshall Fairey, Will Gaff, Kelsey Hutchison.

Well done to all these students!

OCTOBER P & F MEETING

Thank you to those parents who attended the October P & F Meeting held at school on Tuesday evening. At the meeting it was reported that our fete raised approximately \$8,500.00 which is an outstanding result. Again, a big thank you to Rochelle Easman and all those who contributed to the fete this year. Well done! The P & F has investigated the possibility of obtaining EFTPOS facilities for the purchase of school clothing and any other P & F related purchases. We hope to have this installed before the end of the year. Our next meeting, which will be the final meeting for the year, will be held on Tuesday, 14 November at the Sporties at 7:30 p.m.

YEARS 5/6 SYDNEY EXCURSION

There are only five more sleeps until 59 Years 5 and 6 students, 3 teachers and 7 parents head off to the 'big smoke' for this year's Sydney Excursion! This is their detailed itinerary:

Day 1 – Tuesday, 24 October

Depart St Joseph's School – 6:30 a.m., morning tea at Mudgee, Scenic World Katoomba – Skyway, Railway and Cableway, Allianz Stadium and Sydney Cricket Ground Tour, Collaroy Centre, Collaroy, Evening Activity – Movie in Theatre

Day 2 – Wednesday, 25 October

Walk across Sydney Harbour Bridge, Rocks Walking Tour, Captain Cook Cruise, Opera House Tour, Parliament House, Sydney Aquarium, Dinner at Darling Harbour, Sydney Tower Eye

Day 3 – Thursday, 26 October

Madame Tussauds, National Maritime Museum, Mary MacKillop Place, Leisure swim at Sydney International Aquatic Centre

Day 4 – Friday, 27 October

Surf Safe Program – Collaroy Beach, Luna Park – unlimited rides, Dinner at McDonalds Lithgow, Arrive St Joseph's School approximately 10:30 p.m.

It's sure to be a fantastic trip and we hope everyone has an amazing and fun time.

YEAR 3 IS OFF TO THE ZOO!

"We're all going to the zoo, zoo, zoo – how about you, you, you." Well Year 3 is going to Taronga Western Plains Zoo in Dubbo next Friday, 27 October. This excursion is part of their Science and Technology unit, 'Feathers, Fur Or Leaves'. All the students are completing 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.

PRESCHOOL VISIT

The Friday preschool group will make another visit to St Joey's next week. We look forward to welcoming them and as we said last week, these visits are a wonderful prelude to our Kinder Orientation Day which will be held on Tuesday, 7 November.

ST LAWRENCE'S SCHOOL COONABARABRAN HORSE SPORTS DAY

We have received information, including nomination forms, for the St Lawrence's School Coonabarabran Horse Sports Day to be held at the Coonabarabran Showground on Thursday, 9 and Friday, 10 November. Please see Mrs Hodge if you would like your child to enter. Entries close on Thursday, 26 October.

SECOND HAND SCHOOL DESKS TO GIVE AWAY

As a result of our clean up we still have a number of second hand school desks to give away. If anyone is interested, they are stacked outside the library. Come and take a look and take away a bargain!

APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY TO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2019

Applications for entry into Year 7 at selective high schools in 2019 are now available. Parents may apply online through the NSW Department of Education and Communities – Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement Unit's website,

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>

Online applications are open between 10 October and 13 November, 2017. Late applications will not be accepted. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday, 15 March, 2018. Further information is available on the above website or may be obtained from Mrs Hodge.

BOOK CLUB

A reminder that all Book Club orders must be in no later than tomorrow, Friday, 20 October. *Mrs Kilby - Librarian*

VEGIE PATCH UPDATE

Spring has sprung so the gardening gurus have been busy maintaining our vegie patch. Some new salad vegetables have been planted and the garden mulched ready for the warm days ahead. A big thank you to Sister Robyn who watered the garden during the school holidays, it looks amazing! The sweet peas, snapdragons, petunias and lobelias add some lovely colour. Happy Gardening! *Mrs Kilby*

NEW ST JOEY'S BACKSACKS FOR SALE

We are now selling St Joey's backsacks from the clothing pool. These backsacks are made of a waterproof material with drawstrings that can be worn on the back. They would make great swimming bags or a spare bag for any extra-curricula activity. They are selling for just \$5.00. Feel free to come in and have a look!

GILGANDRA AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

The new season opened with Pointscore on Tuesday, 17 October 2017. Training starts next Monday, 23 October 2017 at 4:00 p.m. (Training days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons). Cost is \$85.00 per swimmer. Registration is now available online.

New members: <https://connect.swimming.org.au/sal-wrap-public/workflows/MEMBER.JOIN?subdomain=NSW> Renewing

Members: <https://mylane.swimming.org.au/login.php>

If you require any further information contact Club Registrar, Melissa Welsh on 0448 327 681 or bmwelsh1@bigpond.com

KIDS HALLOWEEN DISCO PARTY

A fancy dress Halloween Disco Party will be held on Friday, 27 October from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Gil Sporties Club for children aged 3 – 12 years. The cost is \$5.00 per child. Contact the club on 68472105 to register your child and pay at the door on the night. Cost includes light meal and treats. Adult supervision required. Parents to remain on the premises for duration of event and sign out children at the conclusion.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: **David McIsaac** for writing a great summary of “Clippity-Clop”, **Ruby Ryan** for writing a good recount of her holidays, **Callan Tobin** for writing a great response about why he likes the sky, **Baxter Whitehouse** for taking more care when colouring, **Nikola Riley** for great work answering subtraction questions, **Lilly Hanson** for completing all work with diligence, **Max Fiddes** for writing a good free choice story and **Ben Mudford** for reading clearly and with confidence at Tuesday morning Mass.

YEAR 1: **Ava Lacey** for thoughtful responses during Religion discussions, **Alex Cosier** for being a great classroom helper, **Alyssa Ferguson** for great work in Maths using money and **Dimity Wykes** for excellent responses in Comprehension Groups.

YEAR 2: **Lauren Thurlow** for great setting out in Problem A Day, **Stuart Wheatley** for trying hard to finish all tasks carefully, **Orlando Ryan** and **Darcy Morris** for taking great pride in the setting out of all work, **Alicia Fordham** for being a courteous student who happily helps others and **Stella Valler** for settling in well to the St Joey’s family.

YEAR 3: **Grace Tancred** for great work in Grammar, **Ella Mudford** for a super effort in Science, **Blake Fairey** for enthusiastic participation in all class activities, **Grace Jones-Copelin** for being a great helper in the classroom and **Will Youngusband** for great cooperation and group work in Maths.

YEAR 4: **Alana Elsom** for accurately identifying place value of decimals, **Ben Harland** for displaying great manners in the classroom and **Samantha Naden** for correctly identifying proper nouns in our Grammar activities.

YEAR 5: **Jerome Woodrow** for a positive and mature approach to his learning, **Bailey Wykes** for enthusiastic participation during our ‘Sydney Fast Facts’ activities, **Daniel Kirsop** for outstanding improvement in handwriting and **Rhys Bonnington** for positive contributions during group work.

YEAR 6: **William Gaff** for excellent work in Grammar, **Marshall Fairey** and **Samantha Miller** for presenting their Sydney interviews with expression and **Jessica Scholte** for consistent work in Maths Operations.

WHAT’S ON

WEEK 3 - Year 3 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 24 – Friday, 27 October
October - Years 5/6 Sydney Excursion
Friday, 27 October - Year 3 Zoo Excursion
- Preschool Visit

WEEK 4 - Year 5 Reconciliation

Tuesday, 31 October - Kinder Buddy Lunch
Wednesday, 1 November - All Saints Day Mass – Year 3 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.
- Talent Quest Auditions – 1:00 p.m.
Thursday, 2 November - Talent Quest Auditions – 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, 2 and Friday 3 November - Principals Meeting
Friday, 3 November - K-2 Literacy and Numeracy Strategies 2017-2020 Meeting

WEEK 5 - Fr Martin away on Retreat

Tuesday, 7 November - Kinder Orientation Day
Wednesday, 8 November - Talent Quest – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, 9 & Friday, 10 November - Coonabarabran Horse Sports
Friday, 10 November - Remembrance Day Communion Service – Year 5 (K-6) 10:30 a.m.
- Year 1 Police Station Visit

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER has been reading Pamela Allen’s “Mr McGee” this week. The students have enjoyed sequencing events in the story, summarising the story, completing a cloze passage and answering some written comprehension

questions. We have commenced Reading Groups for the term this week. The children have enjoyed guided and independent reading activities. We learnt about the ‘ch’ sound and next week we will be exploring the ‘th’ sound. During Mathematics we have shared objects fairly and completed some number patterns. Our PD topic for this term is ‘All About Medicines’ so we began this unit by discussing what keeps us healthy. Thanks to all those who have volunteered to help prepare the Buddy Lunch. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Smith*

YEAR 1 This week Year 1 really enjoyed the visiting concert band performance. We loved listening to the amazing instruments and joining in the singing. In Religion this term we are reading the Creation Story and discussing all the beautiful things God has created for us. In Geography we researched information about the Great Barrier Reef. We found out that it is the largest living thing in the world and astronauts can see it from space!! In Maths we have been practising multiplication, making amounts of money using coins of different value and identifying and exploring rhombuses. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Newstead*

YEAR 2 It’s been a busy week in Year 2 and we’ve enjoyed reading about the cheeky monkey in our Literature unit. During Maths we explored money concepts, parallel lines, problem solving and measurement using centimetres. Expositions are our text type focus for the next few weeks. Two topics we’ve discussed were ‘Dogs/cats make better pets’ and ‘Lollies are good/bad for us’. In Art our circus mural is taking shape and we’ve made circus tents and painted terrific tigers. On Monday we enjoyed great music from the Marist College North Shore Band. Thank you to everyone who helped with the singing at Mass on Sunday to help celebrate with Father Martin. Have a lovely weekend. *Miss Harvey*

YEAR 3 On Monday we enjoyed a musical performance by members of the Marist College North Shore School Band who are touring the local area. In Maths we investigated number patterns, hundredths and the cubic centimetre. In Grammar we discussed anagrams and comparative and superlative adjectives (eg, taller, tallest). In Science we have begun our new unit, ‘From Little Things’ and wrote an information report on balls. This week the students have been bringing in their Zoo Animal projects. We have been very impressed with the wonderful information reports the students have produced and look forward to sharing these next week with our classmates as we prepare for our exciting excursion to Taronga Western Plains Zoo Dubbo next Friday. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Schier, Miss Bourke & Mrs Morris*

YEAR 4 Weren’t Father Martin’s celebrations on Sunday fantastic? Thanks to everyone who came along to help mark Father’s special day. This week Year 4 has been spending time looking closely at fairy tales and identifying what makes them a narrative. We have begun to create our own fairy tale and they are all sounding great so far. In Maths we have spent some time using calculators to work out number patterns as well as completing a data investigation on what month the most amount of students in our class were born. During Religion we are looking at what prayer is and the power of prayer. Our Art activity has been based around us depicting an elephant similar to the one we have been learning about in “The Magician’s Elephant”. Have a great weekend. *Mr Keady*

YEAR 5 Only 5 more sleeps until we depart for Sydney! This week we have been learning about the roles of various members of parliament and exploring how parliament works using a role play. We have also learnt some interesting facts about the Aquarium and the Opera House. During Maths we have been learning to use the memory function on a calculator, using directions to locate places on maps and translating, rotating and reflecting 2D shapes. In Religion we have started our new unit on the Sacraments. Our Sydney interviews are sounding impressive and everyone seems to be getting organised ready to leave next Tuesday morning! Can’t wait! *Mrs Banks & Mrs Thomas*

YEAR 6 has had a very busy week preparing for our Sydney Excursion. We have been practising our interviews in front of the class and they sound magnificent. The students have also worked very hard to complete their excursion booklets and remember key facts about the locations that we are visiting. In Maths we have learnt about hectares, square kilometres and multiplying fractions. Our Religion activity focused on reading different bible passages where Jesus healed various people. We’re so excited for our excursion next week! Not long to go now! *Mr Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 20 October – Rees Gilmour & Sussane Gilmour
Monday, 23 October – Tanya Hutchison
Wednesday, 25 October – Helen McIsaac & Simone Beaton
Friday, 27 October – Belinda Murray & Simone Fordham

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 22 October – Jacob Harland, Jess Scholte, Will Fuller, Mason Fryers

