

ABOUT

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Term 4 Week 2

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Thought for the Week

"Spread love everywhere you go.

Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier"

..... St Teresa of Calcutta



INFANTS SPORTS CARNIVAL

Everyone had a great afternoon today as our infants children enjoyed their mini carnival. There were lots of fun races culminating with some exciting tug-o'-wars. Many thanks to the staff for organising and running this carnival and to all the parents, family and friends for coming along to cheer on the children. Go Joey's!

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 \$8,249.00 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! Our next meeting, which will be the final meeting for the year, will be held on Tuesday, 15 November at the Tatts Hotel at 7:30 p.m.

ST JOHN'S BARADINE HORSE SPORTS DAY

We have seven students representing our school at the Baradine Horse Sports to be held tomorrow, 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 and thank Kathryn Skinner for being our team representative.

PUPIL FREE DAY

There will be a pupil free day next Wednesday, 26 October. During the day Mrs Judy Brown, from the Marzano Institute, will inservice the staff in developing proficiency scales in comprehension, establishing 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.

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next Thursday, 27 October at 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea which will follow the Liturgy.

JUNIOR JOEY'S VISIT TO COOEE LODGE

Our Junior Joeys have been invited to a Grandparents Day celebration at Cooe Lodge next Thursday, 27 October. There will be a sausage sizzle at 12:00 p.m. followed by a game of bingo with the residents. We look forward to celebrating with the everyone at Cooe Lodge and thank them for their kind invitation.

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 next Friday, 28 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.

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.

FOOTY JUMPER WASHING

Thank you to Amanda Shalhoub-Purvis for washing all the footy jumpers that the boys wear at lunch time. Your efforts are much appreciated Amanda.

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.

GILGANDRA HIGH SCHOOL RESPECTFUL ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

Those Year 6 students who will be attending Gilgandra High School next year were given a Respectful Achievers Program application form on Monday. I encourage all parents of Year 6 students to discuss this program with their child. Completed forms need to be returned to school by Friday 28 October. All our Year 6 students have been attending Gilgandra High School on a Wednesday afternoon as part of their transition to high school. This will continue for the next three weeks. We thank Gilgandra High School for providing this opportunity for our students.

APPLICATION FOR YEAR 7 ENTRY TO SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS IN 2018

Applications for entry into Year 7 at selective high schools in 2018 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, www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement. Online applications are open between 11 October and 14 November, 2016. Late applications will not be accepted. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday, 9 March, 2017. Further information is available on the above website or may be obtained from Mrs Hodge.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Violet Whitehouse for a terrific and interesting information report on cats, Lara Younghusband for her knowledge on what is required in an information report, Vaughan Zell for his mathematical knowledge on data and teen numbers and Sailor Ryan for his beautiful handwriting in Story Writing and Sentence A Day.

YEAR 1: Ryan Cox for an excellent effort in Reading, Brody Heffer for completing a fascinating journal about his holiday, Jordan Wighton for thoughtful responses to 'The Gruffalo' comprehension and Tom Staggs for writing a terrific narrative – "In the deep dark wood"

YEAR 2: Blake Fairey for fantastic work in Sentence A Day, Kimbalee Gilmour for a wonderful holiday recount, Eva Bonnington for outstanding work in Comprehension, Lilla Oehm for 'Giving Of Her Best' in all areas, Will Younghusband for an improved effort in the presentation of his work and Charlie Zell for being a great classroom helper.

YEAR 3: Chelsea Brand for thoughtful responses in Religion, Casey Gaff for excellent work in Operations, Paige Gilmour for trying hard in Handwriting, Lucy Kilpatrick for dedication to reading and Samantha Naden for being an organized and conscientious student.

YEAR 4: Ry Heffer for sharing fabulous news about his trip to the Cape, Dennis Gale for a great effort completing a variety of division problems, Kate Woollams for writing a thoughtful review of "Paper Planes" and Luke O'Neill for a great result in our weekly Maths assessment.

YEAR 5: Bradley Kildey for working well independently during Writing, Finn Marchant for reading with confidence, Olivia McClelland for creating a wonderful title page for our Religion unit, Tayarna McKenzie for always having a positive attitude towards activities in class and Jack Purvis for working hard during class operations.

YEAR 6: Laura Smith and Jacob Wilson for writing detailed and well structured recounts about their holidays and Olivia Ferguson for excellent work with prime factors.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 2

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.

- Junior Joey's to Cooe Lodge

Friday, 28 October - Year 3 Zoo Excursion

- GHS RAP Forms due

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

- Year 1 Police Station Visit

- Junior Joey's to Cooe Lodge

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.

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week Kindergarten learnt a new song to help with the sound 'sh'. We practised writing the letters and brainstormed as many 'sh' words as we could. Next week's sound is 'ch'. During Story Writing, we wrote a story together about Kindergarten going to the beach and finding a sparkly and colourful shell with a crab living in it. In Mathematics we revised 'area' and discussed different words that mean subtraction. We completed some subtraction stories together. Our book this week was "Mr McGee and the Big Bag of Bread" and we discussed what the story was about, what the problem was in the story and how the problem was resolved. As part of our Geography unit, 'Special Places' we looked at different maps and answered questions about what we can see from these maps. In our Science unit, 'On the Move' we went on a small excursion around the school to see what moves in our school yard and outside our

school. Then we looked at what moves in our classroom. We organised this information into a table. During Art we made tall ships and in Religion we read a story about how the world was created and after looking at pictures in magazines, we decided what was created by God and what was created by humans. Take care. *Miss Belinda Bourke*

YEAR 1 This week we have been busily preparing for our Liturgy, 'God the Creator'. We would like to invite all our family and friends to come and join us next Thursday for our celebration. "The Gruffalo" is still our literacy focus and we have enjoyed creating some interesting foods for Gruffalo to eat and writing about our favourite part of the story. Contractions are our Grammar focus and we have played a fun matching game and used them in our Sentence a Day. In Maths we have enjoyed using problem solving strategies to work out addition and multiplication problems. 'Water Works' is the title of our Science unit. We are looking at where water comes from and how we use it wisely. Thank you to everyone who came to cheer us on today at our Infants Sports Carnival. We had a fantastic day. Enjoy your weekend! *Mrs Alison Newstead*

YEAR 2 This week in text types we began work on expositions and have brainstormed some great ideas about why it would be fun to join the circus. As we begin our preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we have been looking at the stories of Jesus in the Gospel according to St Luke. In Art we have painted paper plates to create a lion's face and coloured clown faces for our class display. We had a fantastic time at the Infants Sports Carnival today. Thank you to all our family and friends for coming along. Have a lovely weekend. *Mrs Meichelle Schier & Mr Harry Langes*

YEAR 3 We've continued reading "James and the Giant Peach" and are enjoying following James and his companions on their amazing journey. Everyone enjoyed our Science investigation to see what animal groups live in leaf litter at school. We conducted the investigation, gathered and analysed our data and presented our findings. We also wrote a procedure about how to conduct this investigation. In Maths we've focused on chance, subtraction and commutative property. Readings have gone home for our All Saints Day Mass on 1st November. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Dominica Banks & Mrs Melinda Morris*

YEAR 4 Permission notes for the Wellington Caves Excursion went home this week. Year 4 is very excited about the trip so please make sure notes are returned as soon as possible. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. For Grammar this week we've identified the tense of various sentences and chosen the right verb to complete sentences in the correct tense. Our Writing focus is narratives, so we have explored the fairy tale genre and have planned and begun writing our own fairy tale. During Maths we've related square numbers to multiplication and tenths to hundredths. In order to develop our understanding of wetlands we visited the Frog Hollow Wetlands in Chelmsford Avenue and completed some fieldwork tasks. Have a great weekend. *Miss Phillipa Smith*

YEAR 5 This week in Year 5 we have been powering ahead with the writing of our upcoming policy speeches and it has been fantastic to hear all the creative ways people have chosen to start their presentations. In Maths we have been using compasses to draw and label the different elements of circles and also investigated the use of budgets in our world. During Geography we used the computers to create posters convincing people that deforestation has a negative influence on our environment. Our knowledge of the sacraments in Religion is also improving as we have spent this week investigating Confirmation and Marriage. Have a great weekend. *Mr Tim Keady*

YEAR 6 This week Year 6 has been learning about coordinates, angles and probability in Maths. In Grammar we have focused on the semicolon and its correct use in sentences. We learnt about natural resources that can be harvested from rainforests in Geography and how these renewable resources can support the economy of different communities. Yesterday we had our second visit to Gilgandra High School where we learnt about writing narratives. *Mr Damien Soares*

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 21 October – Lorraine Hutchison & Kirsty Gale

Monday, 24 October – Katherine Gaff

Wednesday, 26 October – Pupil Free Day

Friday, 28 October – Roz Zell & Alicia Heffer

ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

Sunday, 23 October – Zac Ferguson, Jett Grimshaw, Rani Diggs, Ella McAnally-Elwin

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