



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?

ENGLISH EXCELLENCE

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates at assembly this week for their achievements in the ICAS English Competition held last term:

DISTINCTION: Jacob Fordham, Isla Volkofsky, Georgia Tancred, Eva Bonnington, Lilla Oehm.

CREDIT: Georgia Allan, Chloe Harris, Ben Mudford, Mia Mudford, Anna Walker, Scarlett Chandler, Alex Cosier, Ava Lacey, Violet Whitehouse, Hudson Duffy, Eliza Mudford, Emily Standing, Tia Allan, Kimbalee Gilmour, Brooke Woollams, Sienna Zell.

MERIT: Ashley Gilmour, Alyssa Ferguson, Jemima Harrison, Evie Peart, Vaughan Zell, Darcy Morris.

BUDDY BANQUET

The Kinder students and their Year 6 buddies had a perfect picnic in the park today. After lunch they were treated to a surprise from the pool canteen and then had lots of fun on the play equipment. It was great to see the Kindies and their buddies having a terrific time and taking care of one another.

FAR WEST CRICKET COACHING

Thank you to the staff from Far West Cricket who conducted a cricket coaching clinic for our Years 3-6 students last Friday. The children had a wonderful afternoon learning some great cricket skills.

FABULOUS FOOTY

Our very first all girls footy team returned home from Dubbo on Tuesday a little battered and bruised, but full of pride for how they represented our school at the Western Region Girls Tackle Rugby League Gala Day. The girls were sensational both on and off the field winning three of their four games. They supported each other all day and most importantly had lots of fun. Well done girls. Our team consisted of: **Eva Bonnington, Jordan Neeves, Beatie Davis, Grace Tancred, Tia Allan, Brooke Woollams, Alex Gaff, Molly Nichols, Dakotah Gilmour, Emmie Peart, Charlotte Ferguson, Lilla Oehm, Millie Spora.** GO JOEY'S!

YEAR 4 HUT DAY TOMORROW

We eagerly await the arrival of our Year 4 early settlers at school tomorrow for Hut Day. The children will tell us a little bit about their life and hut back in the colonial days. It will be amazing going back in time!

NAME PAVERS

As mentioned last term, we will be updating our Wrigley Street entrance path with more engraved pavers for those families who wish to purchase one. The cost is \$40.00 per paver. Order forms were sent home last term and are due back to school, together with payment, **tomorrow, Friday, 23 October.**

YEAR 1 LITURGY

Year 1 will celebrate a class Liturgy next **Thursday, 29 October** at 10:30 a.m. Unfortunately adults are not allowed to attend the Liturgy due to COVID restrictions and as such there will be no morning tea afterwards.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATIONS (PART 2)

In Term 1 for St Joseph's Day we celebrated Mass, had our Joey's cakes, danced on the playground and Year 6 entertained us with a dry synchronized swimming routine. Well, next Thursday we have Part 2 of the Joey's Day festivities with dancing in the pool, wet synchronized swimming and lots of fun on the ski biscuits. It's sure to be a hoot! Due to COVID we can't all go to the pool at the same time and unfortunately parents aren't allowed in the pool. Our timetable is as follows:

Kinder, Year 1, Year 6 - 11:20 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
Year 2, Year 3, Year 6 - 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Year 4, Year 5, Year 6 - 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SKI BISCUITS FOR ST JOEY'S DAY

As in the past, we will be having lots of fun on the ski biscuits at the pool next Thursday, for St Joseph's Day. If you are able to loan us a **SKI BISCUIT AND ROPE** for the day, could you please let us know.

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, 30 October.** This excursion is part of their Science and Technology unit, 'Living World Animals'. 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. A permission note went home with Year 3 yesterday. Please complete and return the tear-off slip to school by tomorrow, Friday, 23 October.

CONFIRMATION

Please keep our Confirmation class in your prayers as they celebrate the sacrament, at three separate Masses, on **Sunday, 1 November.** It is very fitting that this day is also All Saints Day. The sacrament will be administered by our parish priest, Fr Greg.

KINDER ORIENTATION & TRANSITION DAY

We are very relieved that restrictions on orientation and transition days have been lifted. Therefore our 2021 Kinder students will have four days at our school over four weeks in November. We can't wait to welcome the newest members of our school family.

SCIENCE NEWS

This week is the Aussie Backyard Bird Count. So far this week we have submitted six bird counts from school. If any families are interested in contributing to this Citizen Science Project please visit <https://aussiebirdcount.org.au/> for more information.

LIBRARY NEWS

This week is the The Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week. This event is usually run in August, but this year was postponed due to COVID. Students have been involved in Book Week activities during their Library class this week. With today's About is a "2020 Book Week Family Activity" form for families to complete with their children. See if you can name the picture books or stories using the emoji clues! Return your completed form to school by next Monday, 26 October to be in the running for a family prize.

MACQUARIE VALLEY DRINKS AVAILABLE IN SCHOOL CANTEEN

With thanks to a Year 6 initiative we now have 200ml Macquarie Valley drinks available to purchase for \$2.00 in the school canteen. The flavours available are: orange passio, orange mango, orange (no added sugar) and apple (no added sugar). The small Berri juices will no longer be available for purchase, however we will still have poppers. Thank you Year 6!

CANTEEN HELPERS NEEDED

With the busy harvest season upon us affecting many of our families, we are short on canteen helpers this term. We are in desperate need of helpers on **Friday, 6 November** (we have NO helpers!) and **Friday, 20 November.** If you can help out in the canteen on either of these dates, please phone the school office on 6847 2828 or email stjoeysgil@bth.catholic.edu.au. If we are unable to source workers for Friday, 6 November we will have no choice but to close the canteen for the day.

COVID-19 UPDATE

- Anyone who is unwell, child or adult, should not come to school.
- Non-essential adults are still not permitted at school events or on school grounds.
- If your child arrives late, please drop off at the office.
- If you are picking up your child before 3:00 p.m., do so via the office.
- Wash hands regularly.
- No sharing drinks or food.

- Cough or sneeze into your elbow, or a tissue which should be discarded immediately.
- Fill water bottles from bubblers rather than using the bubbler directly.
- Kinder transition activities are now permitted.
- Interschool activities may recommence.
- Excursions within NSW may recommence, without parents.
- External providers to support the delivery of curriculum are allowed.

MERIT AWARDS

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

KINDER: Taylor Alexander for great counting to 30, Rose Howard for being a kind and helpful member of Kindergarten, Archie O'Connor for trying hard in concert practice and Beatrix Volkofsky for working hard in Religion to recall the story of Creation.

YEAR 1: Neve Walker for terrific use of speech marks in her writing, Clancy Larkin for writing a terrific story in free choice writing, Regan Johnson for working quietly in class and Layla Walker for working hard in MiniLit.

YEAR 2: Bayley Dent for working well in Problem A Day and Operations, Ellie McArd for trying her best in all learning tasks, Jessie O'Connor for using neat handwriting to present her bookwork in a tidy manner, Lucas Riley for making improvements in Problem A Day and Operations, Peregrine Volkofsky for good work in Sentence A Day and Spelling activities and Lucy Zell for being an independent and conscientious worker.

YEAR 3: Brodie Nichols, Nikola Riley and Anna Walker for fantastic improvement in their Literacy Pro lexile levels and Elsie Adams and Max Fiddes for writing detailed recounts of their holidays.

YEAR 4: Mia Ferguson for continued improvement in her Lexile level, Violet Whitehouse for her determination and focus on all tasks, Alex Cosier for his continued focus on extending himself across all curriculum areas and Te Mana Diamond for his positive attitude and continued effort to complete tasks.

YEAR 5: Darron Mulligan for great participation in Comprehension groups, Darcy Morris for fantastic fraction and decimal patterns, Mac Lesslie for a conscientious effort in Spelling and Riley Fiddes for being a kind and polite class member.

YEAR 6: Tahleigh Davey for having a cheerful and optimistic attitude, Shane Estens for showing initiative and leadership in keeping our playground clean, Charlotte Ferguson for being a dedicated and encouraging reading tutor, Kimbalee Gilmour for having a beautiful smile and positive attitude, Millie Spora for showing empathy towards others and Sienna Zell for increased participation in class discussions.

WHAT'S ON

WEEK 2

Thursday, 22 October - Kinder Buddy Lunch (Picnic)
Friday, 23 October - Year 4 Hut Day
- Year 4 – concert filming

WEEK 3

Monday, 26 October - Year 1 – concert costumes due
- Year 4 – concert filming
Tuesday, 27 October - Kinder – concert filming
- Year 2 – concert filming
- Year 5 – concert filming
Wednesday, 28 October - Year 1 Liturgy – 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, 29 October - St Joseph's Day celebrations at the Pool – Sport
Friday, 30 October - Year 3 Zoo Excursion
Sunday, 1 November - Confirmation
- All Saints Day

WEEK 4

Tuesday, 3 November - Kinder Orientation Day
Wednesday, 4 November - Year 6 – concert filming
- 'Puff & Blow' Music Demonstration
Thursday, 5 November - Year 4 Mass – 10:30 a.m.
- Principals Meeting
Friday, 6 November - Fete

AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

KINDER This week is flying by very quickly in Kinder! Today we had a fantastic time with our Year 6 buddies enjoying a picnic lunch in the park! It was great to see everyone having fun and spending time together! In class this week we read our first "Mr McGee" book by Pamela Allen and during Art we coloured and painted a portrait of him. In Maths we sequenced numbers to 30 and practised subtraction number sentences along with following directions using simple language like "left", "right", "forwards" and "backwards". Our Science unit this term is called "On the Move" and we are looking forward to completing lots of fun activities. **Next Tuesday we will be filming our concert item**, so please remember to send in your child's costume tomorrow or Monday so we will be all ready for Tuesday's performance! Have a great weekend!

Mrs Alison Newstead

YEAR 1 This week we have been reading "Princess Smartypants" by Babette Cole. Princess Smartypants is not your traditional princess and we've had a good laugh at her antics. We've also read the book, "Eat Your Peas" and written an exposition titled 'You Must Eat Your Vegetables'. The children came up with some great

reasons why eating vegetables is good for you. It's a pity they don't always eat them all without complaint! Our Grammar focus has been revising when to use a question mark and in Phonics we are learning all the different spelling choices of the 'er' sound, such as 'ir', 'or', 'ear' and 'ur'. We have continued working in our Essential Assessment Maths Groups twice a week. Just a reminder that all concert costumes need to be at school by **Monday, 26 October** as we will be filming our concert item next week. We will also celebrate our class Liturgy next Thursday. Unfortunately parents are still unable to attend. Have a great weekend!

Mrs Melinda Morris

YEAR 2 did a fantastic job in the dress rehearsal for the class item on Friday! We are so excited to be able to film it next **Tuesday, 27 October** and show off our talents. It is really important that your child is at school on the day of filming. Please let us know if they are going to be absent. In Religion we've been working hard on our Reconciliation booklets whilst in Grammar we revised noun groups, verb tense, adjectives and adverbs. We have been learning about subtraction strategies, money and using maps in Maths. Our theme for this term is the circus and in Art we painted groovy lions and terrific tigers. We have commenced swimming for sport and the students have had a great time developing their skills at the pool. Have a fantastic weekend!

Miss Lisa Harvey & Miss Prue Giffin

YEAR 3 Excitement is building as we prepare to go to the zoo next Friday. We have continued to do some research for our zoo projects which are due in Week 4 and will be presented as part of our news. During our Literature unit we began reading a book from the 'Hot Dog' series written by Anh Do. In Maths we have focused on number patterns, introducing hundredths and describing shapes in Maths Plus and we focused on multiplication and division in Essential Assessment. We have also started saying our times tables to some groovy Maths Rockx tunes. **Today we filmed our class item** which was lots of fun and we look forward to sending it home for everyone to watch in the near future. Thank you for sending in the costumes. During Science we began our new unit on 'Earth, Space and Sun' by creating title pages using Lucidpress. Year 3 is very excited to find out more interesting facts about the planets in our solar system. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Donna Colwell & Mrs Phillipa Haling

YEAR 4 Week 2 has been jam packed with preparation for our upcoming Hut Day celebrations. All huts are at school and look incredible. Well done everyone. A reminder that early settler outfits need to be worn to school tomorrow, **Friday, 23 October**. We are filming part of our concert performance tomorrow so it is important that students wear their costumes please. **The final part of our performance will be filmed on Monday** and requires students to wear their summer uniforms. We have started our new Religion unit, 'Prayer: Being with God'. Our Grammar focus this week is verb tense. Mathematics has involved consolidating our knowledge of division and 4-digit subtraction and addition. Have a fantastic weekend everyone.

Mrs Jacquie Clark

YEAR 5 This week we have commenced research on some of the tourist attractions we might visit in Canberra. Each group is given a specific place of interest and will present a dynamic information interview about this destination in our excursion film. In Maths we solved 2-digit multiplications and used stopwatches to accurately measure periods of time. In Geography we investigated plants of Antarctica and how they are an important part of the food chain. During Art we completed a collaborative artwork of Ned Kelly which was originally painted by Sidney Nolan. **Next Wednesday** Year 5 will be filming their concert item so could all students please bring in their costumes on Monday for a rehearsal. Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Meichelle Schier

YEAR 6 What a wonderful picnic we had at Hunter Park with our buddies today! We all enjoyed eating and playing together and even a special treat from the pool canteen! Preparation for Confirmation is in full swing and this week we are learning about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the signs and symbols of the sacrament. During Maths we revised describing the likelihood of various outcomes, practised how to multiply mixed fractions and investigated strategies for finding percentages of whole numbers. During English we are enjoying reading our class novel "Chinese Cinderella" focusing on vocabulary and learning more about the main characters. Our concert item is looking good and we are planning on filming on **Wednesday, 4 November** therefore all costumes need to be ready by Week 4. Let us know if you have any problems!

Mrs Dominica Banks, Mrs Nikkola Thomas & Mrs Mia van der Walt

CANTEEN ROSTER

Friday, 23 October - Sarah Adams & Rebecca Medd
Monday, 26 October - Grant & Penny Zell
Wednesday, 28 October - Jade & Simone Beaton
Friday, 30 October - Rachel McMahan & Amii Marchant

